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### **Big screen alliance has joint working as its focus**

The University of Edinburgh is to strengthen its ties with the film industry by forming a new partnership with the Centre for the Moving Image (CMI).

It is to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with CMI – which incorporates the Edinburgh International Film Festival and Filmhouse – that underlines a commitment to greater joint working.

The new agreement will be celebrated at an event in the University's Playfair Library ahead of the opening of the Edinburgh International Film Festival tomorrow evening (17 June).

The Memorandum seeks to extend the intellectual and artistic reach of both organisations through collaborations involving programming, research and outreach initiatives.

Ken Hay, CEO of the Centre for the Moving Image, said: "This new agreement is fantastic. It cements our existing relationships with the University of Edinburgh, and demonstrates our joint ambition to raise the profile and understanding of film and the moving image with audiences, academics and industry."

The University has enjoyed a flourishing relationship with the Centre for the Moving Image since it was founded in 2010, building on its longstanding relationships with Edinburgh Filmhouse and the Edinburgh International Film Festival.

Academics are regularly involved in public events at Edinburgh Filmhouse and the Edinburgh International Film Festival – curating specialised programmes and hosting public events.

Work by animation and film students will also be showcased during the Film Festival, while other students will curate a programme of short films as part of their course.

The Principal of the University of Edinburgh, Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea said: "We are delighted to build on our existing relationship with the Centre for the Moving Image. We look forward to a greater number of collaborations across the disciplines to support academic endeavour and public engagement."

*A freelance photographer will attend the ceremony on 17 June. Images can be supplied free of charge. Please email any requests to [kathryn.dunlop@ed.ac.uk](mailto:kathryn.dunlop@ed.ac.uk).*

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