
Re: FAO James Crawford, Chair, EIBF

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To: Ethel Writes <ethelmwrites@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 15, 2026 at 9:40 AM

Dear Susan and Lucy,

I am responding to your letter on behalf of James Crawford, who is on holiday, in my capacity as Vice Chair of the Edinburgh International Book Festival.

We appreciate you taking the time to reach out and share your perspective with the board. As ever, we welcome engagement from the public and our many stakeholders around the world.

With more than 180,000 books published in the UK each year, we are unable to include all of them – or their authors - in our programme and we understand not everyone will agree with our decisions. We take accountability for the spaces we create and the judgements that we make.

Our Programme Principles make up the foundation of how we choose what is included the Festival, in line with our charitable purpose, and I would encourage you to [review this publicly available document](#) to learn more about that process and the guidelines that underpin it.

We do not share external correspondence sent to us with our Chairs directly however the team does a thorough and excellent job of briefing everyone who takes the stage in August to ensure they are fully aware of the depth, complexity and context of all of the subjects on our programme, particularly those that are sensitive. We take great care to do so with all of our events, including the one you refer to in your letter.

As you are aware, all of our public events are available to anyone who would like to purchase a ticket and be part of the discussion. We do hope you will join us at the Festival this year in the spirit of creating a public space for ideas and discourse.

Thank you again for engaging with us in constructive dialogue, and we wish you the best.

Alisha Fernandez Miranda, Vice Chair

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Subject: FAO James Crawford, Chair, EIBF

We attach a letter and one attachment for the attention of Mr Crawford. We would be grateful for an initial acknowledgement that this email has safely reached you.

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