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## About

### **The Holyrood Garden Party and Awards 2020 - September 17th, Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh**

A week is a long time in politics so by the time it gets to summer recess, everyone is ready to let down their hair and have some fun.

In June 2018 Holyrood magazine launched the 'Holyrood Garden Party and Political Awards', a new annual gathering bringing together the body politic and its followers to have a good time, a temporary ceasefire in political hostilities. An event which went on to win 'Event of the Year 2018' in the annual Scottish magazine industry awards.

This end of term event is an irreverent evening of politics, comedy and song celebrating the people that occupy our political landscape and those that engage with it and was voted 'Event of the Year' in the annual Scottish magazine industry awards.

The former political advisor turned comedian, Matt Forde, will once again be MC for the evening with MP4, the rock band made up of four MPs, providing some toons...

The format will be a pre-dinner drinks reception and networking, tables for dinner, and a sprinkling of political awards and chat throughout that take a more satirical view of how politics is conducted and reported within the Scottish Parliament. Now followed by the Editor's Club after party, open until 2AM for music and dancing with guest DJ, Stuart Cosgrove, so expect some serious soul.

The Holyrood Garden Party & Political Awards has already become an unmissable fixture in the Scottish political calendar for politicians, their staff, political journalists, the business community and the public affairs sector.

### **Nominations**

Nominations will be open to everyone that works in the parliament including parliamentarians and their staff along with readers of Holyrood magazine. A long shortlist will be given to the judging panel.

Nominations will be made by way of a short testimonial from the nominee on why this person should be considered for the award. Please limit your nomination to two paragraphs and, where applicable, images or supporting evidence may be uploaded.

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