

Edinburgh Filmhouse officially up for sale

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The Edinburgh Filmhouse is now officially up for sale, following its [shock closure](#) last month and campaigners fighting to save it.

Administrators entered the iconic Lothian Road cinema onto the market this morning (Thursday 3rd November) after it shut with immediate effect on 6th October.

Savills Estate Agents have [listed](#) the property as a "category B listed cinema, suitable for a range of uses subject to achieving the relevant consents."

The advert states: "88 Lothian Road comprises a sandstorm former church building which has been converted to a cinema that was most recently trading as the Filmhouse. The property was originally constructed in 1830 and still retains some beautiful features including the 12-panel segmental ceiling in the principle cinema screen (Cinema 1)."

A [campaign](#) has been launched to try and reverse the decision to shut down the historic film theatre, with over [23,000 signatures](#) appearing on an online petition and a £50,000 welfare fund target being set to support former Filmhouse employees.

Staff who had undergone less than two years of work at the Filmhouse are not entitled to redundancy pay and the closure of the venue has led to hundreds of jobs being lost.

An online petition titled "Save Edinburgh International Film Festival [EIFF], Filmhouse and Belmont" states: "A film is nothing without its audience and EIFF, Filmhouse and Belmont provide crucial exhibition spaces for cinema. We must save them before it's too late.

We are signing to declare our support for the organisations, the staff and the culture of these three cinematic institutions, and to lend our collective power to any steps that may reverse the effects of this decision."

Offers are open to buying the Filmhouse until Wednesday 7th December at 12 noon.

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