

# Suzanne Lofthus

## Cutting Edge Theatre



### BACKGROUND

Suzanne Lofthus has been serving the Lord in the arts for two decades. Normally based in Edinburgh she fronts the Cutting Edge Theatre Company which examines social issues through the use of theatre to make a difference to people's lives.

Suzanne enjoys producing large open air performances of the passion play with high security prisoners! Some recent productions include men from the largest prison in Italy at Milan and women from a nearby prison in Bollate with similar productions in Brazil and Louisiana, USA. Suzanne returns to Italy this year to oversee a new project in Rome.

It's incredible reading how the prisoners "journey" from being poor actors who are barely interested, to incredible players able to bring real emotion and "passion" to the play. Many are touched by the message of the play and the central message of Christ's sacrifice and forgiveness of sins. Photos from the project are [here](#).

### OTHER PRODUCTIONS AND PROJECTS

- A new play in 2016 called "Downs with Love", about a young woman who has Down's Syndrome, and her struggle to be accepted in society
- Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the largest arts festival in the world which takes place every August for three weeks. In 2016 Suzanne ran a great programme and productions.
- Suzanne is also involved in providing opportunities for people with additional support needs through her "Inspire" initiative. In 2016 two of her tutors were "inspired" to leave and train as full time teachers with a new tutor in place.

Unfortunately, Suzanne's father had a very serious stroke in 2016 and is now in a nursing Home. Suzanne has had to curtail some of her initiatives to be in Aberdeen at the weekends. However, this does mean that Suzanne is around GSBC more than usual.

### PRAYER POINTS

1. Give thanks for Suzanne's dedication to showing His love through performing arts
2. Pray for continued strength and ability especially in trying to juggle her work with her family commitments.
3. Give thanks that her passion plays have been so successful especially in bring the gospel to the folks in prison as they act out their parts.
4. Pray for continued success through the Rome project in 2018.
5. Pray for Suzanne's father that he will be comfortable and content in the nursing home, and that his health may improve.

