

## Port of Leith Dazzles this Summer

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**PRESS RELEASE**

### Port of Leith is home to the striking Dazzle Ship for the summer

The Port of Leith is enjoying a dazzling visitor this summer as the brilliantly coloured contemporary ‘Dazzle Ship’ is berthed in the port as part of the WW1 Centenary celebrations. The impressive floating artwork is a visual connection to the hundreds of Dazzle Ships that crossed the seas during the First World War.

Titled *Every Woman*, the ship has been created by the Turner Prize-nominated artist Ciara Phillips. Ciara has ‘dazzled’ the MV Fingal, owned by the Britannia Trust, with her own unique spin on the amazing camouflage patterns that adorned battle-ready ships in the Port of Leith one hundred years ago.

Commenting on the new project, Port Manager, Fiona Doherty said: “We are delighted to berth the Dazzle Ship here in Leith. It’s been fascinating watching the ship transform into this striking composition and she certainly brings a lot of colour to the port. We wish Ciara and the project every success.”

Talking about the Dazzle Ship project, Ciara Phillips said: "*Every Woman* focuses on the lesser known role of

women artists in the creation of the original Dazzle ships and pays tribute to them. It's an artwork that refers to a historical legacy, whilst also offering a contemporary message of empowerment to women everywhere. She sits extremely well within the context of The Port of Leith, a site of important historical significance and an active environment today and I am extremely thankful to Forth Ports for the support we have been offered during *Every Woman's* creation. I hope her presence in the Port draws many visitors to Leith in the coming months."

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