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Featuring International Change Agent Mr. Eddie Friel OBE

Art Gallery of Hamilton's TNT (Thursday Night Talks) presents:
CREATIVE CITIES: Can the Arts Save Hamilton?

Cities everywhere are looking for ways to regenerate themselves. Join us on **Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 pm** as the **Art Gallery of Hamilton's TNT (Thursday Night Talks)** presents **Creative Cities: Can the Arts Save Hamilton?** at the AGH, 123 King Street West, downtown Hamilton.

Culture and the arts have been identified as vehicles for rejuvenation and growth, as expounded by such gurus as Richard Florida. But what does fostering a Creative Community mean? Does it work? This thought-provoking exchange, chaired by **Terry Cooke**, features a panel of prominent guest speakers, and asks the important question, *can the arts save Hamilton?*

Our panel for this evening includes:

Professor Eddie Friel OBE

Mr. Friel was appointed the first Chief Executive of Greater Glasgow Tourist Board and is credited with helping transform Glasgow from a perceived decaying industrial city to a major tourist destination. He led Glasgow's bid to become Cultural Capital of Europe 1990 and is credited with being the first to recognize the role of cultural tourism as a driver of economic regeneration.

Jeremy Freiburger, Executive Director, Imperial Cotton Centre for the Arts

For Hamilton, the Imperial Cotton Centre for the Arts serves a vital role as a catalyst for creativity in our city, not only in the arts but also in other areas of innovation where creativity is key.

Tickets are \$10 for AGH Members and \$15 for Non-Members. Tickets may be reserved by calling 905-527-6610, ext. 272, at the Gallery's Front Desk during Gallery hours or online at www.artgalleryofhamilton.com.

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