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### **PHOTO CALL**

**12.15PM, SATURDAY 4 JULY, 2015  
DOOR 2, USHER HALL  
LOTHIAN ROAD, EDINBURGH EH1 2EA**

### **MND campaigner Gordon Aikman receives honorary degree**

A motor neurone disease (MND) campaigner who has raised more than £300,000 for research funding will receive an Honorary Degree from the University of Edinburgh tomorrow (Saturday, 4 July).

Gordon Aikman, who successfully lobbied the First Minister to publicly fund and double the number of specialist MND nurses across Scotland, will receive a Doctor honoris causa at a ceremony in the Usher Hall, Edinburgh.

Mr Aikman, who is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, was diagnosed with the neurodegenerative disease last year. He is being recognised for his contribution to improving research and care for patients.

The University of Edinburgh's Euan MacDonald Centre seeks to improve the lives of patients living with MND through fundamental discovery research as well as a growing portfolio of patient-centred research projects.

*There will be a chance to take photographs of Mr Aikman after the ceremony – approximately 12.15pm. Photographers should go to the Door 2 of the Usher Hall.*

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