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May Day concert mix-up is nothing to Bragg about

A FREE concert by Billy Bragg as part of Edinburgh's May Day celebrations has been scrapped after an alleged mix-up.

Event organisers said they had only secured a verbal agreement that the left-wing singer would perform the open-air gig at the Meadows on Saturday April 29.

And they claimed there had been a breakdown in communications which meant Bragg was not available after all. But now they hope he will take part in next year's May Day festivities.

They had hoped his appearance would draw an extra 1000 people to the traditional May Day march and rally, which this year also marks the 80th anniversary of the 1926 General Strike.

The free concert was announced in February, but Scottish Socialist Party leader and Lothians MSP Colin Fox, who is president of the Edinburgh May Day committee, said today there had been a mix-up over the arrangements.

He said: "He has not been aware his schedule contradicted his ability to do a gig in Edinburgh. But he has given us a commitment he will do everything he can make sure he is here next year."

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