

What's on This Week? – 20th September

☒ Sustainable events all weekend 25th -26th September at The Out of the Blue Drill Hall on Dalmeny Street just off Leith Walk. Organised by www.transitionedinburgh.co.uk

If you are interested in history then there is a meeting of the Leith Local History Society on 21st September at Leith Community Centre on Kirkgate at 7.30pm. More details [here](#). They have a talk by Simon Fraser about Fisherrow.

On 24th September there is to be an event at Word Power Books starting at 6pm. Alex Miller is one of Australia's best loved writers, and will be in Edinburgh to discuss and read from his fantastic new novel *Lovesong*, which has just won the Age Book of the Year prize at the Melbourne Writers' Festival.

He is twice winner of the prestigious Miles Franklin Literary Award, Australia's premier literary prize, and his book *The Ancestor Game* was the overall winner of the Commonwealth Writers' Prize. More details [here](#).

At The Scottish Storytelling Centre on 21st September there are two events for children at 10.00 and 11.30am. An entertaining morning for wee ones to discover the joy of tales, with raconteur Grace Banks. Age 6 months to 3 years, accompanying adult free. Child ticket is £5. More details [here](#).

Darden Smith, a man with his musical roots in Texas, is on at The Village, 16 South Fort Street on 22nd September. More details and tickets [here](#).

Portobello Village Show takes place at Rosefield Park on Sunday 26 Sep 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm Details on their [website](#)

At [The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh](#) there is an evening lecture about Edinburgh in Arabia and the creation of the Oman Botanic Garden by Leigh Morris.

The National Library of Scotland is hosting an evening to highlight The Faded Map by Alistair Moffat. This takes place on 22nd September at 18.00. To be followed by a book signing. More details [here](#).

On Saturday 25th September enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the Herbarium & Library building at [The Royal Botanic Garden](#). It houses one of Europe's largest botanical libraries and a collection of around 3 million preserved plant and fungi specimens supporting RBGE's global research, conservation and education programmes.

Waterstones West End are hosting celebrated science fiction author Peter F. Hamilton who will be in the store reading from 'The Evolutionary Void'. This takes place on 23rd September at 18.00. More details from the Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature website [here](#).

Also at [The Botanics](#) Patrick Hickey from NIPHT Technologies will demonstrate the phenomenon of bioluminescent fungi and showcase how technology has made it possible for Patrick and musician Yann Seznec to create music from the patterns of falling mushroom spores. Not to be missed! 1-4pm at The John Hope Gateway.

You could help raise money for charity by packing bags at Marks & Spencer on the 25th September. More details [here](#). And then when you've finished that you could have champagne afternoon tea at The Hilton Caledonian Hotel on the 26th. Details on the same fundraising website.

Don't Stop Believin' – A tribute to Glee and other gleeful tunes is on at The Festival Theatre, from Sunday 26th – Wednesday 29th September

And then there is Lainey's Fashion Show on the 30th at The Ghillie Dhu. Details [here](#).

Remember the [Farmers' Market](#) this Saturday from 9am till 2pm on Castle Terrace.

Phew! And we probably don't have your event – so why not email us now? theedinburghreporter@gmail.com