

International Women's Day 8th March 2011 – What's on in Edinburgh?

- ✘ Tuesday 8th March 2011 marks the centenary of International Women's Day.

There are some events taking place in Edinburgh to mark the day – some on the day and some ahead of it – if you know of any then please let us know! Add them in the comments section below.

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| Date & time: | 05 March 2011 13.00 to 16.00 |
| Event: | CELEBRATE – AN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT |
| About: | An event not to be missed. Community Learning & Development in Leith working in partnership with Women onto Work. This is shaping up to be a great fun filled event and an appropriate way to celebrate a number of anniversaries:- 100th International Women's Day, 90 years of education at Duncan Place Resource Centre, 21 years of Women onto Work and 40 years of Stevenson College. An event open to all. Free Workshops, stalls, refreshments, food and live music |
| Venue: | Duncan Place Arts and Education Centre Duncan Place Leith, Edinburgh |

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| Organisation: | Women Onto Work and Community Learning Development: WOW runs pre-vocational courses for women who have been unemployed for at least 6 months. WOW courses include: careers guidance, job-seeking skills, self-presentation, confidence building, stress management and assertiveness training. As part of the course each trainee undertakes a work placement and a mock interview. |
| Date & time: | 08 March 2011 11.00 to 14.00 |
| Event: | PUBLIC DANCE DISPLAY |
| About: | Our event involves learning a simple dance routine (no dance experience required) which will be performed flash mob style in Dalkeith. Rehearsals are taking place now, you only need to attend one. |
| Venue: | Contact Julie or Jillian at Midlothian Women's Aid to register and details will be provided., Dalkeith, EH11 |
| Organisation: | Midlothian Women's Aid: Midlothian Women's Aid Working to end domestic abuse Changing lives – Challenging attitude |
| Date & time: | 08 March 2011 1.00 |
| End date: | 03 April 2011 21.00 |
| Event: | MOTHER, à LA CARTE |
| About: | An insightful and uplifting play about the mother and daughter relationship. Join us for an afternoon or evening of feasting and theatre. |
| Venue: | Word of Mouth Cafe 3a Albert Street, Edinburgh EH7 5HL Performances: 1pm and 7pm on 8th March and 3rd April Running time: 45 minutes Tickets: £6 (£5 conc), Edinburgh, EH7 5HL |

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| Organisation: | Strange Theatre: Strange Theatre is a Community Interest Company. We create challenging and uplifting performances that promote debate and bring people together. |
| Date & time: | 08 March 2011 7.00 to 9.00 |
| Event: | WHAT A STITCH UP! – GIRLS, NEEDLEWORK AND MATHS EDUCATION |
| About: | An event to celebrate the centenary of International Women's Day. Based on her research Madeleine Shepherd presents a historical look at the links and differences between maths and needlework in the education of young women. There will be a short talk followed by discussion and workshop activities on the various crafts and ideas presented. £5 (£3 for members) to cover room hire, materials & refreshments |
| Venue: | The Library, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge , Edinburgh, EH1 1E |
| Organisation: | Craft Reactor: We aim to provide a friendly, constructive & creative environment for the promotion of craft in Edinburgh. |
| Date & time: | 07 March 2011 9.00 |
| End date: | 01 April 2011 21.00 |
| Event: | PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION – NEW WORK BY WIFIE |
| About: | Photographic exhibition displaying the work that has recently been produced by members of the women's photography group WIFIE, to coincide with International Women's Day. |
| Venue: | Tollcross Community Centre, 117 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, EH3 9QG |

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| Organisation: | WIFIE (Women In Focus In Edinburgh): WIFIE is a collective for women interested in photography who live in and around Edinburgh |
| Date & time: | 08 March 2011 18.00 to 19.40 |
| Event: | CAT AND MOUSE |
| About: | A Stellar Quines Theatre Co Rehearsed reading of Cat and Mouse by Ajay Close. A play about the treatment of Suffragettes in Perth Prison. Directed by Muriel Romanes. Followed by a discussion of the issues raised by the play. |
| Venue: | Lyceum Theatre, Grindlay Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9AX |
| Organisation: | Stellar Quines Theatre Company: |
| Date & time: | 08 March 2011 18.00 to 19.15 |
| Event: | THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LECTURE BY DR IRENE KHAN FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL |
| About: | Please join us for our International Women's Day lecture, presented by Dr Irene Khan. Dr Khan, international human rights expert and former Secretary General of Amnesty International, will speak on "Gender equality and women's empowerment: the unfinished revolution". The public lecture will be chaired by journalist and broadcaster, Sheena McDonald. |
| Venue: | Assembly Hall, New College. 1 Mound Place, Edinburgh, EH1 2LU., Edinburgh |
| Organisation: | The University of Edinburgh |
| Date & time: | 08 March 2011 6.00 to 20.00 |
| Event: | INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CENTENARY NETWORKING NIGHT |

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| About: | Celebrate 100 years of International women's day with some of the third sectors most dynamic women. This will give you the opportunity to not only hear from, and network with, some of Scotland's most inspiring women but also to celebrate current equalities and inspire further change. The event is a unique opportunity to network with likeminded people over a lovely glass of wine and some nibbles. |
| Venue: | The Melting Pot 5 Rose Street – Click the link below for directions http://www.themeltingpotedinburgh.org.uk/HowToGetHere/tabid/130/Default.aspx , Edinburgh, EH22PR |
| Organisation: | The Melting Pot: The Melting Pot is a unique place in the heart of Edinburgh. We provide spaces for individuals and organisations to work, connect, meet and hold events. The only facility of its type in Scotland, The Melting Pot is a not-for-profit social enterprise that aims to inspire and support people to realise their ideas for a better |

And we have already told you about [The Eleanor Macdonald Lecture](#) being delivered by Susan Rice on 8th March.

The number of women in top jobs at the City of Edinburgh Council has approximately doubled since 2004 according to a recent report published by The City of Edinburgh Council.

Nearly 40% of its senior managers are now female, as the Council continues its efforts to ensure that its staff profile is a closer match for the population it serves.

There has also been significant progress towards making sure that Council decisions and services are fair towards all sections of society, including people who are disabled or are living in deprived areas.

Councillor Jenny Dawe, the Council Leader, welcomed the news: "The diversity in our communities is an asset and something to be celebrated. But it also brings challenges in how we take account of the needs of different groups and how we respond to those.

"While we have legal requirements we have to meet, I believe a Council also has a moral responsibility to make sure it is inclusive. And a capital city, of all places, should lead the way in creating a fair society. We can always do better, but I'm pleased to see that we are going from strength to strength in this area. It's also important we keep sight of these

issues in difficult economic times.”