

# What's on in Edinburgh this week? 7th March 2011

**7th March 2011**

Weekly hoop jam session at [Forest Café](#). Bring your own hoop or even one more to share and join a fantastic hoop party!

Forest Café ( 3 Bristo Place, EH1 1EY) | 6-7 pm | free

## **Monday Night Murder Club**

A brand new book group from Edinburgh City Libraries. And this one's a bit different...Rather than concentrating on a specific book each month, we'll focus instead on a different theme, all based round the genre of crime fiction. So one month we might be concentrating on American detectives, another time it might be Edinburgh crime novels or historical sleuths.

Share your thoughts on your favourite crime authors, the best detectives, favourite tales and the most shocking twists. Enjoy a coffee and get new recommendations from staff and other crime fans.

You can come along each month or just attend when we're discussing a topic that particularly interests you (contact us for details of what we'll be discussing when).

We'll meet at Sighthill Library on the first Monday of each month at 6.30pm, (starting 7th March). Come along and interrogate us!

**8th March 2011**

[Transmission Meditation](#) is a form of group meditation with a focus upon openness and friendliness for novices to the ancient spiritual practice. "When practiced regularly meditation can enhance emotional balance, well-being and spiritual growth. Transmission meditation is a combination of

two yogas: Karmic Yoga and Laya Yoga and was introduced to the world in 1974 by Benjamin Creme, now there are hundreds of Transmission Meditation groups across the world." Introductory workshops take place once a month, they are free and involve a group meditation. Go along and meet like-minded folk. Tonight 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the Theosophical Society, 28 Great King Street, Edinburgh EH3 6QH. Telephone: 0131 443 9862 Email: [newlight@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:newlight@hotmail.co.uk)

The next meeting of the [Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership](#) will take place on Tuesday 8th March at Blackhall Mosque.

Tours of the Mosque and one to one surgeries will be available from 6.30pm and the meeting will take place between 7pm-9pm.

For more information contact Elaine Lennon on 0131 529 5270 or email [elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk)

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.

Head to The Library at the [Augustine United Church](#), 41 George IV Bridge between 7pm-9pm.

£5 (£3 for members) to cover room hire, materials & refreshments

For information and bookings please email [hello@craftreactor.com](mailto:hello@craftreactor.com)

The University of Edinburgh's International Women's Day Lecture.

The topic of the lecture 'Gender equality and women's empowerment: the Unfinished Revolution' will be presented by

Irene Khan, former Secretary General, Amnesty International. The lecture will be chaired by the journalist and broadcaster, Sheena McDonald. Doors open at 5.30pm. Booking may be tricky as it is [sold out](#) but you could always try [emailing](#).

## 9th March 2011

[Marchmont & Sciennes Community Council](#) meet tonight at St Catherine Argyle Church Community Hall, Grange Road at 7.30pm.

✘ Fashion Show at Kakao by K on Thistle Street.

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45 Thistle Street  
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Café Voices at the **Scottish Storytelling Centre**. A relaxed evening for all, exploring how stories and song, poems and art influence our lives. Hosted by Mary Kenny, to coincide with her exhibition at the Centre. All are welcome to contribute if you have a poem or song to share.

[Scottish Storytelling Centre](#), 43-45 High Street, EH1 1SR Tel. +44 (0)131 556 9579 | 7pm | +14 years old | £4

**A PLAY, A PIE & A PINT**. The Traverse Theatre hosts a season of contemporary Latin American theatre, as always a pie and a drink from the bar are included in the ticket price!

Wed 9th-Sat 12th March, 1.00pm: A Dead Man's Dying, By Esteban Navajas Cortes (Columbia). Adapted and directed by Davey Anderson

Don Tino, the wealthy ranchero, is dead. Let the funeral commence in true Colombian style, where booze and tales of the deceased go hand in hand.

A party is not truly a party without a corpse!

More information and tickets available [here](#).

## **10th March 2011**

V-Day presents a charity production of the famous play **The Vagina Monologues**, a creative event aimed at raising awareness and money for anti-violence organisations for women and girls. This world-reknowned play written by Eve Ensler and directed by Hayley Roberts features a wonderful Edinburgh-native cast and delves into the excitement, mystery, pain and humour of women's experience. Three performances will be on the 10th, 11th and 12th of March at The Bongo Club: 37 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8BA. Tickets are available [here](#) or contact 0131 558 7604 for more information.

Do Women Matter?

**Zero Tolerance** is pleased to announce that the guest speakers to this event will be:- Denise Mina, Author and Playwright; John Watson, Director of Amnesty International Scotland; Kelley Temple, Women's Officer: National Students Union.

This is a free event and a brilliant opportunity to engage in discussion in the influence and importance of women in the arts, human rights advocacy and politics.

The event will take place on Thursday 10th March 2011 at 6pm in The Melting Pot, 5 Rose St., Edinburgh EH2 2PR.

This is an open event, so feel free to invite friends or anyone you feel may be interested. RSVP: [diane.prayle@zerotolerance.org.uk](mailto:diane.prayle@zerotolerance.org.uk)

Bring something to sew or knit to the **Portobello Knitting and Sewing Group**, held at the Portobello Library every Thursday evening from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, call 01315295558 for more information. Go to [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/libraries) for details of this and the many other activities available at Portobello

Library.

Swish into Spring with **Friends of The Earth!**

If your wardrobe is ready for a makeover, this is the event for you. Bring along up to 5 items (clothes, bags, shoes, jewellery, anything else fabulous) which you would be proud to pass on and swap them for something new (to you).

Held at [The Voodoo Rooms](#) (19a West Register St, EH2 2AA) | 6.30 -11.00 pm | £6.50 (in advance) | all the profits will go to for supporting FoE campaigns

**11th March 2011**

**Conservation Stories: Making the Lights Shine** at National Museum Scotland

Time tbc Free Book on 0300 123 6789

“Join us for a discussion about the conservation work that went into our Shining Lights exhibition, including maps and prints, paintings, and of course the lenses themselves. After the illustrated talk the group will then visit the exhibition.”

**Edinburgh University Dance** performance will be a must-see event of this academic year. During the course of the evening jazz, hip-hop, contemporary, swing and many other dancers will present a fast moving and exciting show. This will be a sell-out event, so you should get your tickets early!

Pleasance Theatre | 7.30 | price: £10\£7.50 (students)\ £5 (children) | tickets available from the Pleasance Sports Centre Reception (46 Pleasance, tel. 0131 650 2585)

Head to the [Scottish Storytelling Centre](#) at 7pm for a performance of **The Petal Garden** by Peter Chand and Shona Leigh, two of Britain's most well-known storytellers. This play lasts for 1hr 30mins and is recommended for ages 12+ Tickets are £8 or £6 concession.

Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, EH1 1SR Tel. +44 (0)131 556 9579)

### **12th March 2011**

Saturday will be the second and the last chance to see an Edinburgh University Dance Performance!

Pleasance Theatre | 7.30 | price: £10\£7.5 (students)\ £5 (children) | tickets available from the Pleasance Sports Centre Reception (46 Pleasance, tel. 0131 650 2585)

Bloodhound Racers – balloon powered cars! at [National Museums Scotland](#) Sat 12 – Sun 13 March 12:00 – 16:00 (Drop-in) Free  
Break your own land speed record in this fun workshop as we take part in National Science and Engineering Week 2011.

Scottish Motorcycle Show (12 & 13 March) – is the only place to go for top-class live action as well as displays of the latest bikes and an extensive retail village. For more information please visit [the website](#) For tickets please call 0871 230 1108.

### **13th March 2011**