

What's on in Edinburgh this week? 18th April 2011

Monday 18th April 2011

George Square Theatre at 19.00 – 21.00

We hear and read much about Scotland's leading renewable technologies and about our historic Climate Change Act but what does this mean for us as individuals, communities and business and how will what we do impact sustainable development in Scotland?

Our expert panel will give us an insight in to the strides that are being made in Scotland and further afield in sustainable development but also how we can be part of the solution. Chaired by the wonderful Lesley Riddoch whose diverse journalistic and broadcasting career makes her the perfect chair for this evening.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for £7 at <http://www.firstfoot.org.uk/a-sustainable-scotland-is-this-our-opportunity.html> (tickets will be available for purchase on the door at £10. Profits from our events will go to support The First Foot charities)

Part of [The Edinburgh International Science Festival](#) takes place at The National Museum Scotland

Go Go Gadgets!

Mon 18 – Fri 22 April

11:00 – 12:00

15:00 – 16:00

Free (Drop-in) limited places at any one time

Bring out your inner inventor and make some cool contraptions and great gizmos from everyday stuff you find at home!

This programme has been developed by National Museums Scotland in memory of Jen Simpson, Learning Manager, whose creative spirit, imagination and enthusiasm encouraged people of all ages to engage with science.

Discover Science with the University of Edinburgh at the Museum

Wed 13 – Fri 22 April

10:00 – 17:00

Free (Drop in)

Meet real scientists and find out what's happening in the changing world of science and technology. Come and take part in a workshop or just drop in to get hands on! This year's highlights include:

Hunting the Higgs Boson!

13 – 22 April

Drive your own particle accelerator, catch cosmic ray muons and understand the Higgs Boson!

Earth Matters

18 – 22 April

Our Earth's environment is important to all of us. See what is being done to preserve it.

Bio-discoveries

18 – 22 April

Find out about recent biology research at the University of Edinburgh, and do some hands-on stuff yourself!

Pop-up Engineering

18 – 22 April

Make pop-ups – ingenious engineering mechanisms where flat cardboard shapes are designed to spring into exciting 3D models.

Medical Detectives

17 – 22 April

Find out what medical and veterinary scientists are doing to keep people and animals healthy

Please note that some activities may not be suitable for very young children. For the full programme visit www.sciencefestival.co.uk.

Tuesday 19th April 2011

Spring is the time of year that all gardeners enjoy – the nights are getting longer and the weather warmer – leaves return and colours start to bloom. What better time to find answers to those questions you have been looking for; this evening is for all gardeners who want to know how to make their own garden (or allotment) as sustainable as it can be. That may be growing your own fruit and vegetables, planting for wildlife or managing insects then our expert panel will have the answers for you.

Chaired by the excellent David Mitchell, Curator at RBGE, our panel will give you all the advice, tips and ideas you need to take home with you and put into practice.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for £7 at <http://www.firstfoot.org.uk/sustainable-gardeners-question-time.html> (tickets will be available to buy on the door for £10. profits from our events go to support The First Foot charities)

At The Usher Hall at 13.10pm [Get Organised](#)

Homage to Bach

A programme of music which pays homage to the greatest composer for the organ. We will hear fugues on B-A-C-H by his pupil Krebs and by Schumann; Mendelssohn's Prelude and Fugue in G; a short prelude by Francis Jackson; Alec Templeton's Bach goes to town for light entertainment; and Bach himself paying homage to an earlier composer in his monumental Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor. We also pay tribute to the late David Sanger who was consultant for the restoration of the Usher Hall organ by including his rousing Marche Européenne.

Tickets £3

Duration approx 40 minutes

Wednesday 20th April 2011

Edinburgh comedy club The Stand is holding a [Benefit in Aid of MacMillan Cancer Research](#) tonight.

The event is hosted by Bruce Devlin. Performers include Jo Caulfield, Stu Murphy & Garry Dobson and Vladimir McTavish.

Tickets are £10 on the door which opens at 7.30pm.

The Social Enterprise Fair is in Edinburgh today at the Corn Exchange.

This is the Fair's sixth year and aims to give social enterprises in Scotland a platform from which to trade, participate in workshops, network and make new business connections.

To find out more information or to book an exhibition stand on the day, visit <http://www.s2sfair.com/>.

Thursday 21st April 2011

Bonhams are selling [Scottish Art](#) today at 11.00am.

Friday 22nd April 2011

At The Scottish Mining Museum they are putting on a puppet show. Part of the puppet animation festival at 22nd April at 11.00am and 14.00pm

“Under your feet lies a secret, a place full of shadows and memories, the home of a forgotten soul, The Last Miner.

For years one man has lived underground in the place he used to work, hiding from his memories and the constantly changing world above. But as the roof of his home begins to collapse and his past comes flooding back, he’ll be left with a choice. Should he stay down below? Or come back up into the world he left so long ago?

Using puppetry, light and an innovative soundscape, The Last Miner is an immersive, original tale remembering an amazing life amongst the coal dust.”