

What's on in Edinburgh this week? 16th May 2011

16th May 2011

[Walk to School Week](#) starts today.

This is the first full week of the [Shadows of the Divine art exhibition](#) which runs until Saturday 11th June at New College, The Mound, Edinburgh, EH1 2LX. At the heart of this exhibition is a selection of outstanding works of religious art on loan from the Methodist Church Art Collection, one of the most significant collections of modern religious art in the world of its kind. The collection features works by Sutherland, Rouault, Aitchison, Frink, Howson, Heron and Gill, among others. Mon – Sat 10.00 – 17.00. Admission is free.

Why not try something completely different? Laughter Yoga club returns tonight at Leith Community and Education Centre, Newkirkgate (up the stairs by Lidl) 7pm-8pm (£4/£3 or whatever you can afford.) Laughter Yoga is all about laughing for no reason, without relying on comedy or jokes, forgetting all logical thinking and rational thought and laughing purely as a form of exercise for the body and mind. Laughter exercises are childlike and playful, and when practised in a group with eye contact, soon turns into real and contagious laughter! It has been scientifically proven that your body does not know the difference between real and fake laughter, our motto in laughter clubs is, 'Fake it, until you make it!' Contact information can be found [here](#).

A 7-week dog training course begins tonight at North Middleton Village Hall between 19:30 and 20:30. Learn the basic handling skills and improve your communication with your four-legged friend. Fun, friendly and effective methods are taught, that can be used by all the family. Personal one-to-one training is

also available. Booking and contact details can be found [here](#).

✘ Anne Watts trained as a nurse and midwife and then joined the Save the Children Fund. She was posted to Vietnam in 1967 and has written a memoir about it. She is coming to [Stockbridge Library](#) tonight to talk about her book. The talk starts at 6.30pm.

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This morning head to The Scottish Storytelling Centre with your little ones to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Enjoy tales of leprechauns and spirits from over the Irish Sea, with Sheila Kinninmonth, accompanying adult goes free. 11am (50 mins) recommended for ages 2-5, tickets £6.

Click [here](#) for more information about this and other events or call 0131 5569579.

Sheila Stewart presents an evening of songs and stories from her rich Traveller heritage at **The Scottish Storytelling Centre**, promising a journey to Ireland and back through the music and traditions of her people. Begins 7pm, tickets £9, £7 concession.

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18th May 2011

The St Columba's Hospice Celtic Challenge Edinburgh to Iona Cycle Challenge Wednesday 18th to Sunday 22nd May 2011

Cycling from St Columba's Hospice in Edinburgh, this 200 mile challenge event will take in the scenic sights of Scotland from coast to coast. Covering the Water of Leith, the cycle team will spend the first day cycling to Glasgow. Following this, the team will take in the beautiful views of Loch Lomond before embarking on the remainder of the five day challenge taking in the sights of Oban and the beautiful landscapes of Mull, finishing in tranquil Iona. This five day cycle will be a great challenge for you to share with friends, family or

colleagues. Over a long weekend your fitness will be challenged as you cross some of the most stunning landscapes in Scotland. Your target is to raise £1,200 (this includes your deposit of £150) for the Celtic Challenge, to help rebuild St Columba's Hospice.

For this you will receive the following support package: • Accommodation and meals to cover the event • All energy snacks and drinks • Tour guides and support vehicles • Training Guide and Support Pack • Support from the fundraising team Participants must bring their own bikes and helmets, which will be transported back to Edinburgh following the challenge. St Columba's Hospice needs your help. We desperately need to completely rebuild the Hospice to continue providing first class care for our patients and support for their loved ones. We need to raise £7 million to rebuild our Hospice and give our patients the dignity, privacy and choice they deserve and only with your support can we succeed. Join the St Columba's Hospice Celtic Challenge and help us make every minute count for our patients and their families.

Start Time: May 22, 11 08:00:00AM

End Time: May 22, 11 03:00:00PM

Where: EH5 3RW

Category: Mass Participation/Sportive

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<http://www.stcolumbashospicefundraising.org.uk/get-involved/sports-challenges/celtic-challenge-17-169.aspx>

19th May 2011

As part of three days of St Patrick's Day events, The Scottish Storytelling Centre presents the **Tall Tales Oscar** competition in which storytellers compete to tell the tallest tale. Judge and vote for your favourite story and a trophy will be awarded to the best tall tale spinner. The competition commences at 7pm and lasts 2hrs 30mins, recommended for ages 14+ Tickets are £8, £6 concession.

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Citizen participation: how legitimate is it? Who is accountable?

Speaker(s)

Councillor Barry Turner (East Lothian Council); Nicola Cotter (Voices Scotland Lead for Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland); Stephen Elstob (University of the West of Scotland)

19th May 2011 17:00 – 18:30

Location 6th floor, Chrystal Macmillan Building, 15a George Square

The series on citizen participation continues. [In this session](#) we discuss issues around legitimacy and accountability in participatory processes. How legitimate is to involve citizens directly in shaping the policies of institutions and organisations? Who is accountable for such processes? To get the conversation started we have a mixed panel including a local policy maker, a practitioner, and an academic.

Attendance is free but please sign up by email to Nicola Bryce at ppn@ed.ac.uk. The venue is accessible. All welcome.

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21st May 2011

22nd May 2011