

A Night out at The Museum



RBS Museum Lates

Friday, 11 November 2011, Doors Open 6.30pm

National Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh

A brand new addition to the Edinburgh events calendar has been unveiled, giving people a chance to see one of the city's best known and loved spaces in a whole new light at the first *RBS Museum Lates* event on Friday 11 November at the National Museum of Scotland.

Supported by The Royal Bank of Scotland Group, the first of the new *RBS Museum Lates* events will give visitors the chance to explore the galleries, relax with food, drink, DJs, live music and even a silent disco in the Imagine gallery, which is more normally a daytime space for children.

The beautiful, soaring Grand Gallery will be the hub of the event, with pop-up bars and music throughout, featuring Edinburgh based experimental pop act *Found* with support from Glasgow based *Ben Butler and Mousepad* and Hip-hop producer and

DJ *S-type*. MC and DJ for the evening will be BBC Radio 1 DJ Ally MacRae, who recently took over from Vic Galloway as host of *Introducing ... in Scotland*.

The Museum reopened to the public in July following a £47 million transformation, and the new galleries will be open, covering themes such as the Natural World, World Cultures, Discoveries and Science and Technology.

The *RBS Museum Lates* event will give people the chance to see objects in this setting and enjoy some of the interactive displays more usually occupied by children during the day, from Formula One racing to comparing your weight to various animals. There will be some surprises in the galleries as the evening progresses, including some close up creepy crawly encounters and plenty of opportunities to get creative.

Participants will be encouraged to get busy on the night with their phones and cameras, tweeting pictures, live-blogging and talking about the event.

Stephen Allen, Head of Learning and Programmes at National Museums Scotland said,

“The Museum is an amazing, unique place at any time of the day, and so we’re confident that people will have an amazing and unique night. We know that our visitors keen to see the Museum in a more informal and social context – having fun in a museum isn’t just for children but for adults too. The line-up is sure to bring in new audiences and tickets are already

selling really well.”

Andrew Wilson, Head of Group Communications at RBS said:

“RBS Museum Lates is a superb way for us to play our part in supporting an outstanding Scottish institution. The programme will inspire more people to learn about Scotland’s history and its contribution to the world. We love the whole venture and are privileged to help make it happen.”

This is the first in the series of *RBS Museum Lates*, which will be held quarterly in the Museum. Future *Lates* will be themed with the next in the series coinciding with the Fascinating Mummies exhibition in February.

The event runs from 6.30 to 10.30pm, and tickets are on sale now at www.nms.ac.uk