

The Edinburgh Reporter Guide to What's on in October 2011

1 October 2011

Edinburgh Napier University [are holding an open day](#) today. So if you are interested in enrolling for some studies then get yourself along to one of the three campuses to find out what they offer.

☒ Rugby in the sun could be an enjoyable day out – at least for the spectators! Edinburgh Accies play Hawick at Raeburn Place today in the Scottish Hydro Premiership Division One, Currie are at home to Heriots, and Stewart's Melville FP are heading for Hamilton . You can follow them on Twitter [@StewMelRugby](#) (Photo from [John Preece](#) who will no doubt be reporting from one of the main matches on in the capital for us this weekend)

2 October 2011

[The Bupa Great Edinburgh Run](#) takes place today and The Reporter is taking part! Look out for number 51...but no heckling please! (A lot of training has gone into this effort.) There will be thousands of fun runners and other more professional types pounding the city streets on Sunday. The route starts and ends in Holyrood Park this year. There is no parking available at the start/finish area so you should just put your jogging shoes on and walk down there. All the runners are advised to be there about an hour before they are due to start. Good luck to everyone!

[The Scottish Indian Arts Forum](#) will be holding the Dusherra Festival on Calton Hill today with entertainment, food and activities for children as well as fireworks in the evening.

3 October 2011

You can try out learning [British Sign Language](#) today at Deaf Action's offices at 49 Albany Street all part of Deaf Action Week.

The [Gorgie and Dalry Community Council](#) meet tonight at St Martin's Church, 232 Dalry Road, between 7pm and 9pm. All residents are invited to come along but The Edinburgh Reporter will have a full report incase you cannot make it.

4 October 2011

[Zumba classes](#) at the Bongo Club tonight at 6.15 and 7....

The Council's [Policy and Strategy Committee](#) meet today at the City Chambers at 10a.m.

5 October 2011

Colum Sands appears at [Edinburgh Folk Club](#) tonight at the Pleasance Cabaret Bar. "A member of the internationally renowned Sands Family from County Down, Colum established his reputation as a songwriter with the release of his first solo album, Unapproved Road in 1981. Songs like Whatever you say, say nothing, and Almost every Circumstance were soon in the repertoire of artists from Billy Connolly to Maddy Prior and June Tabor."

6 October 2011

✘ [National Poetry Day](#) is being celebrated at the Scottish Poetry Library. They said:-"Games is the theme of National Poetry Day and games is what we've got lined up! Cup of tea, Scrabble, Cunning Couplets and Poetic Justice are all on the cards..."

7 October 2011

[Portobello Book Festival](#) takes place this weekend. A packed programme is promised with writers workshops as well as appearances by authors such as Janice Galloway.

No Excuses Networking Informal social/business networking Friday 7 October, 6-8pm More info/book at info@noexcusesedinburgh.com LinkedIn group No Excuses Networking [Facebook.com/NoExcuses Networking](https://www.facebook.com/NoExcusesNetworking) Twitter [@noexcusesedin](https://twitter.com/noexcusesedin)

8 October 2011

Event: Charity fundraising concert in aid of Love Oliver charity to raise money for research into children's cancers.

Time & Date: 8.00 pm on Saturday October 8th

Venue: Thomas Morton Hall, Ferry Road, Leith

Tickets: £12.00 from <http://www.eventelephant.com/liveinleith>

Appearing: 4 great Edinburgh bands, hosted by Donald Forsyth : The Story So Far; Alex MacDonald and Band; JG Hymns; The Southside Kitchen Band

From today there will be a new exhibition at Collective Gallery on Cockburn Street.

New Work Scotland Programme 2011

Gordon Schmidt | Rhianna Turnbull

Amelia Bywater & Christian Newby

8 October – 6 November

Gordon Schmidt studied Sculpture at the Emily Carr Institute, Vancouver and was an exchange student in the Environmental Art Department at Glasgow School of Art. Gordon's practice is

concerned with the understanding of the correlation between the performance and the document or the experience of the individual and the group. His artworks, which include video, collage and sculpture reference culturally significant events that he could not have experienced first hand. Recently Gordon has focused on the development of new video works which draw upon found television and news footage from post-war Britain.

[The Edinburgh Appathon](#) takes place at The Informatics Forum today. Part of SVC2UK events across the UK. This is what they say will happen:-

✘ *This weekend event will bring together student developers and recently released government data sets in order to build applications on well-known consumer facing platforms. We'll have support available from the platform providers and also the government data guys.*

1. [Nine UK participants will win](#) a trip to tour top Silicon Valley tech companies, followed by a visit to [SXSW in Austin](#).

1. Ten regional winning teams will be invited to a [TechCity](#) gala dinner at [Ravensbourne College](#) and other events in London for [Global Entrepreneurship Week](#).

Would you like to canoe from Glasgow to Edinburgh? Well today you get your chance. There is a two day event arranged by the [Scottish Canoe Association](#) who are running a two day challenge.

9 October 2011

A family event at the [Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh](#) when you can all learn about Plants and Fungi from 1-4pm.

10 October 2011

[Numberjacks](#) comes to Edinburgh today.

Festival Theatre, Edinburgh Mon 10th – Tues 11th Oct

An award winning television series running on BBC TV's CBeebies since 2006, the animated *Numberjacks* help young children learn about numbers, shapes and sizes in a fun and imaginative way. The Numberjacks are ten superheroes who live inside a sofa, but now they are emerging from their home and TV screen for their first live show!

11 October 2011

University of Edinburgh are running a [Careers Fair](#) today. Recent graduates and students all urged to go along and learn about placements, permanent jobs and other opportunities.

Adam House Chamber Street Edinburgh

12 October 2011

✘ [Bonhams](#) are holding a whisky auction today. The auction will include “old and rare single malt whiskies from Scotland’s famous distilleries in Speyside, The Highlands, The Orkney Islands, Island of Islay, Campbeltown and Lowland malts, limited edition releases which commemorate various anniversaries such as Centenaries and other events relating to the Scotch Whisky Industry as a whole.” It was Bonhams who sold the 70 year old Glenlivet for the victims of the earthquake in Japan.

13 October 2011

At The Festival Theatre something to attract those of a certain age. **Para Handy – A Voyage Round the Stories of Neil Munro is on until 15 October.**

The irrepressible captain of **The Vital Spark** and his ramshackle crew have become some of Scotland’s best-loved characters since they first appeared in 1906. Now, this major

new stage version presents a 21st century take on Neil Munro's beloved tales.

The adventures of Para Handy, his mate Dougie, engineer Macphail and cabin-boy Sunny Jim, travels from Clydeside breakers yard to the lochs of the Highlands. With a cast lead by **Jimmy Chisholm** as the eponymous captain, and fantastic, foot-tapping live music, Para Handy's journeys are as engaging and entertaining in now as they were more than 100 years ago.

[Booking details here.](#)

The West Port Book Festival starts today. More details [here.](#)

14 October 2011

Edinburgh Zoo is holding a fundraising fire walk challenge on Friday 14 October and is inviting supporters to take part in this exhilarating test. Are you brave enough to walk across 20 feet of burning embers to raise funds?

A number of the Zoo's veterinary team and staff will take part, and the money raised will go towards buying specialised veterinary equipment, including a small animal ventilator, ECG machine and a flexible gastroscope.

Anyone interested should get in touch with Louise Dickson on 0131 314 0334 or ldickson@rzss.org.uk for further details and to sign up.

Edinburgh schools are on holiday from today until 24 October. Details of the school holidays in the city are [here.](#)

15 October 2011

[The Adventurists](#) are coming to Edinburgh. They invite you to join them at the Royal College of Physicians to take Afternoon Tea.....with a difference! Tim FitzHigham will be speaking at the event. He has had an adventurous past including rowing [The Channel in a bath](#)....They say:-"As well as a talk from Tim there shall be the usual lashings of Hendrick's gin, as well as an array of delectable tea and cakes." Free to members but £13.87 for anyone else...

The Cameo are hosting another [All Night Horror Movie Madness](#) featuring 'Halloween', 'Pieces', 'Blue Sunshine' and 'Evil Dead'. Starting at 11pm, this event is sure to sell out soon so get your £15.80 (£14.80 concessions) tickets today.

16 October 2011

Men's [Health Survival of the Fittest](#) is being competed for today in the city. The course is all over the city centre: Princes Street Gardens, Grassmarket, The Royal Mile and very close to Arthur's Seat....

Are you planning a wedding soon? Then there is an event on this weekend which might interest you. [La Novia](#) the city centre bridalwear boutique are hosting a special offers afternoon on Sunday 16 October when they will give you a staggering 20% off shoes, jewellery and veils.

17 October 2011

Edinburgh Rugby are repeating their successful, free training session for kids from P4 to S2.

Following on from an earlier session that several kids from Penicuik attended and enjoyed, Edinburgh Rugby are running a second free training session on the 4G pitch behind Murrayfield Stadium. More details [here](#).

18 October 2011

Comedy at the Playhouse tonight of the highest calibre in our view. [Reginald D Hunter](#) appears on stage at 7pm.

19 October 2011

You can [donate blood](#) at Currie High School on Dolphin Avenue this afternoon and evening.

20 October 2011

[The Swiss Ambassador's Concert](#) tonight at 7.30 at St Cecilia's

Hall.

Lionel Cottet, an acclaimed young cellist born in Geneva, has won many prestigious awards and has performed as a soloist with distinguished orchestras such as the Academy of St Martin in the Fields. He has a special interest in contemporary music and particularly enjoys performing in chamber ensembles. He plays an 1852 Jean-Baptiste Vuillaume violoncello.

Louis Schwizgebel-Wang, an acclaimed young pianist also born in Geneva, has won many prestigious awards and enjoys performing as a chamber musician. As a soloist he has appeared at fine international venues such as the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall in New York and Wigmore Hall in London.

The Swiss Ambassador's Award Concert was established in the UK in 1999 with the aim of presenting talented young Swiss musicians in a concert at Wigmore Hall in London. Due to its popularity and musical excellence, the annual event now also tours in Manchester and Edinburgh. The concerts are organised by the Swiss Cultural Fund in Britain and the Embassy of Switzerland, in collaboration with the Swiss Consulates in the UK.

21 October 2011

[The Scottish Storytelling Festival](#) gets going today for the next 9 days. Far too many things to tell you about for our wee list so have a look at the programme [here](#).

No Excuses Introduces

Continuing the conversation started at No Excuses

Combines networking with introductions

Friday 21 October, 3.30-5.30pm

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22 October 2011

[Blacknight](#) Wordup Unconference takes place today. This is for WordPress designers to present their new themes. We run The Edinburgh Reporter on WordPress and will be looking out for any new themes.

[Edinburgh Larder](#) have an Autumn Feast tonight. They promise high end food at reasonable prices.

23 October 2011

[Big Fun Run for Muscular Dystrophy](#) being run today at Holyrood Park. (Oooh there's a thought! – could we do two runs in one month...?)

24 October 2011



The Stevenson
leading light from
The National
Museum of Scotland

Dr Alison Morrison-Low speaks tonight at the [Edinburgh Writers' Club](#). "As a child, Alison was fascinated by the Shipping Hall and Lighthouse Gallery in the Royal Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, little knowing that one day she would be responsible for the material in it. Now Principal Curator, Historic Scientific Instruments and Photography, at National Museums Scotland, she drew on the Museum's archives, and on the artefacts themselves (some of which were donated by the Stevenson family of engineers) to write Northern Lights: the Age of Scottish Lighthouses, published to celebrate the 200th anniversary this year of the building of the Bell Rock

Lighthouse. She will talk about writing and researching Northern Lights.” They meet at the Eric Liddell Centre at Holy Corner.

25 October 2011

The Council’s [Economic Development Committee](#) meets this morning at the City Chambers.

26 October 2011

[Jessie J](#) is playing tonight at the newly refurbished Usher Hall but the venue tells us that the tickets are already sold out...

27 October 2011

Meeting of the [Full Council](#) today at the City Chambers.

Fund-raising event at Tigerlily which will take place tonight. The charity is Childline, and the event is an evening of cocktails and jewellery from 6.30pm to 9pm.

28 October 2011

[Edinburgh v Leinster](#) tonight at Murrayfield at 7.35p.m.

Then you could go over the road to the zoo where they are having a [Haunted Hallowe’en Sleepover...](#)if you dare!

 A great Edinburgh band [The Machine Room](#) are playing tonight at the Edinburgh Book Trust on Trunk’s Close. Of course we [previewed their single](#) for you back in May...

29 October 2011

[Saturday Night](#) is on at The Traverse.

***Saturday Night:** Going out night, fun night ... or are you staying at home?*

We are watching through the windows of a house, with a garden: different rooms, different people. What unfolds within is a mystery to be pieced together. Who is the young couple recently moved in? What is he doing in the bathroom? Who is that strange presence up above? And what is it that's moving in the garden?

Saturday Night is the darker, dreamier and more surreal companion piece to Vanishing Point's innovative and award-winning show, *Interiors*.

30 October 2011

[British Sea Power](#) at Liquid Room tonight at 7p.m. "British Sea Power are a six-piece band based in Brighton. They play emphatically melodic guitar pop mixed with angular British indie rock. The group originally formed in 2000 and released their first album, *The Decline of British Sea Power*, in 2001 to critical acclaim. Following numerous national tours and appearances at festivals such as Glastonbury, Reading and Leeds, T in the Park and Bestival, the band scored their first top 10 album in 2009 with *Do You Like Rock Music?*"

31 October 2011

Hallowe'en. Need we say more. Look out for witches and wizards.

Rob Brydon appears at [The Traverse](#) tonight...to tell us about his new book, and hopefully make us laugh!