


# The West Port Book Festival – Emily Dodd



Emily Dodd is an Edinburgh poet and published author who is quietly gaining an appreciative following in the capital and beyond. She is appearing on Thursday 13 October 2011 at The West Port Book Festival and she is introduced by [The West Port Book Festival](#) programme to her slot at Edinburgh Books in this way: -

*8.30PM Emily Dodd*

*Storyteller, podcast/film maker, scientist, entertainer, singer and poet, there's no-one quite like puffin-loving banana fan Emily Dodd and her magical blend of song, story and poem. Edward Lear, Dr Seuss and A. A. Milne collide in what promises to be a joyous hour for the young and young at heart alike.*

This list really hardly does her justice in some ways. She  is really much more than any one of these bald titles portray, (and in any case she is an artist too as you can see on the right). Among all of her various activities, Emily remains an avid environmentalist and can be heard on [Greener Leith](#) producing podcasts for them. The reference to bananas is the name of her book which is called [Banana me Beautiful](#), and which takes the reader on a journey from Banana Slug to Beautiful Bug....and of course being the modest type of person she is, she completely forgot during the interview to tell us anything about the awards which she has won for her writing. For example most recently, she wrote a poem called Switch, and

this won the [World Book Night Science Poetry Competition on Communicate Science](#) in March 2011

We spoke with her earlier this afternoon to find out what she has been up to and to hear a little taster of what is in store for those attending the Book Festival..

[Interview with Emily Dodd before the West Port Book Festival \(mp3\)](#)

And finally we are allowed to tell you that in her performance tomorrow night there will be a world exclusive, never performed reading of a poem which Emily has written. Tell your friends...and go along to the West Port Book Festival...