

International Women's Day in Edinburgh 2013



International Women's Day will be marked in Edinburgh with many events throughout the week. This is not a comprehensive list so if we have omitted your event then tell us! Add it in the comments section below or email us theedinburghreporter@gmail.com

A Lecture will be given by **Ailsa McKay**, Professor of Economics, Glasgow Caledonian University. You can find a brief outline of the Lecture [here](#).

Introduced by Deputy First Minister **Nicola Sturgeon MSP**

Chaired by EIS President **Susan Quinn**

Musical Interlude : Nancy Nicolson

Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh

Thursday 7 March 2013

6.30pm – 8.30pm

Followed by a drinks reception

To register interest in attending this prestigious event please contact Sheila Harris sharris@eis.org.uk 0131 225 6244

Tickets are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.

Rotary International are holding an event on Friday evening

Date: 8th March 2013

Time: tba

Venue: Braid Hills Hotel, 134 Braid Road, Edinburgh, EH10 6JD

Cost: £12

Speakers: **Shonaig Macpherson** – Chairman, The Royal Lyceum Theatre Company & Former Chairman of PSYBT – a Prince's Trust Charities who support over 600 people aged 16-25 in setting up businesses or entering into self employment.

Audrey Park – the first female Governor in charge of HMP Glenochil.

For more information, please contact Keith Best on 07882 641 958 or email keithgrahambest@gmail.com

The Edinburgh Interfaith Association and Women's Aid are holding an interfaith creative project at St John's Church on Saturday 9 March 2013:-

Fiona Buchanan. Information Administration Worker

Fiona has been the Information Administration Worker at Scottish Women's Aid since August 2009, and since 2010 has been working on the faith strand of our 'together we can stop it' campaign. She has also worked with Girlguiding UK and She is the Scottish National Coordinator of the Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women,. Fiona is an organist and choir director, and loves seeing people building their confidence through music.

To mark International Women's Day 2013, the Edinburgh Interfaith Association and Scottish Women's Aid are collaborating on an interfaith creative project, which aims to enable women to celebrate their achievements in an accessible, fun and imaginative way. Through a celebratory event on the 9 March, our goal is to provide a safe space where you can express your passions and concerns through creative exploration, and be part of a global network of projects and events that aim to inspire women and celebrate

*their successes. Come along to **St. John's Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh at 1pm on Saturday March 9th***

The Arts connect us all – anywhere, anytime

The Global IWD Women's Arts Initiative celebrates the collective creative ability of women. The initiative began in 2011 as a way of marking the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day, with the result being the '100 Women, 100 Artworks' and '100 Women, 100 Stories' project.

This remarkable collection of art work (paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs, drawings, sketches, collages) and stories was created by diverse women from around the world to inspire, challenge, entertain and provoke thought from a gender angle. The stories are of celebration, hurt, triumph, shock, humour, anger, remembrance and question – but are ultimately an illustration of the artistic grace of women.

This initiative has now been extended and we hope to upload our creative output from the interfaith "Celebrating creativity" event to the [Global IWD Women's Arts Initiative website](#), and be part of a global web of rich and diverse local activity that connects women throughout the world.

So come along and celebrate – make a difference, explore your passions, concerns and hope for the future! Help to make every day International Women's Day. Do your bit to celebrate but also to ensure that the future for girls is bright, equal, safe and rewarding.

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| Date & time: | 09 March 2013 10.00 |
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| End date: | 29 March 2013 17.00 |
| Event: | PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION ON BODY IMAGE |
| About: | An new exhibition on the theme of Body Image |
| Venue: | Tollcross Community Centre, 117 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh |
| Organisation: | Women In Focus In Edinburgh: Women In Focus In Edinburgh (wifie) is an independent photography for women of all ages and abilities living in Edinburgh |
| Date & time: | 09 March 2013 1.00 to 1.45 |
| Event: | EIFA'S INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AWARD CELEBRATION |
| About: | A celebration to honor local and global women whose work is inspired by great heart and spirit, courage and strength. |
| Venue: | EIFA invites all to come to St. John's Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh to honor and celebrate this year's chosen women., Edinburgh |
| Organisation: | The Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association (EIFA): EIFA promotes religious diversity and equal opportunities in Edinburgh and its wider environs by bringing together faith communities in deeper dialogue leading towards mutual understanding, trust, respect, and peace. |

The Scottish Storytelling Centre are running a series of events throughout the day on Friday 8 March 2013 to mark International Women's Day.

International Women's Day has been observed since in the early 1900s, a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies. In celebration we decided nothing could be more perfect than a good Claire McNicol old

Tea Dance Stomp in the evening after a series of free workshops on storytelling, singing and creative writing on Friday 8 March!

[More information here](#)

✖ Edinburgh University are also staging a talk on Friday evening:-

The University's annual lecture series to celebrate International Women's Day includes 'inspiring women speakers' of international reputation.

Following the success of the 2010, 11 and 12 Lectures, the fourth of the series of annual lectures being held on 8th of March 2013, which is International Women's Day, is currently being progressed.

The lectures are open to the public and to all staff and students.

Our 2013 speaker is Professor Lesley Yellowlees, University of Edinburgh, who the is Vice-Principal and Head of the College of Science and Engineering.

Lesley also holds a Personal Chair in Inorganic Electrochemistry and is the President-Elect of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Further details of this and [how to book here](#)

✖ Edinburgh University Business School are running **Enterprising Women: International Women's Day Event**

Dates

5 March 2013 18:30 – 20:45

Duration

2 hours and 15 minutes

Speakers

Tanya Ewing (co-founder of Tayeco and inventor of Ewgeco), Kirsty Burnham (co-founder of SoLoCo), Norma Corlette (Founder of Corlette Consulting and Co-founder of Communities Online), Rachel Jones (founder of Totseat), Dr Omaima Hatem (Event chair – Early Career Fellow in Entrepreneurship & Innovation, UEBS)

Venue

Business School, 29 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh

Room

Auditorium, University of Edinburgh Business School

Contact

Alumni Team (alumni@business-school.ed.ac.uk)

The University of Edinburgh Business School is celebrating International Women's Day 2013. We are hosting a panel discussion and Q&A session with women who are successful entrepreneurs. The conversation will be wide-ranging and reflect on the successes of women in entrepreneurship as well as look at any gender issues that pose challenges in the entrepreneurial world.

This event is open to everyone, and there is an excellent opportunity to network after the event.

Timings

*6pm: Registration, tea/coffee and artisan shortbread**

6.30pm to 7.30pm: Panel Discussion and Q&A

7.30pm to 8.15pm: Networking & drinks reception

**The artisan shortbread will be provided by entrepreneur and UEBS alumnus, Jennifer Hunter, founder of Pinnies & Poppyseeds.*

Tweet about it! #UEBS_IWD

The Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh are holding this event to Mark International Women's Day:-

7 March 2013 6-8 pm: Dissecting Edinburgh Event

Medical Women: License to Practise

Explore the changing perception of women in medicine during the nineteenth century, and learn about Edinburgh's unique place in this history through the words of Sophia Jex-Blake, Olive Schreiner, and Arthur Conan Doyle.

The University of Edinburgh was the first UK university to open its doors to women studying medicine. Learn about the Edinburgh Seven, listen to the story of one of the UK's first female doctors, Sophia Jex-Blake, and find out about Olive Schreiner's experience training as a nurse here in Edinburgh. With additional readings from short stories by Arthur Conan Doyle, this event will illustrate the changing roles for women in medicine during the nineteenth century, and Edinburgh's unique place in the history of medical women.

[Details of how to book here](#)

For a different kind of event you could go along to Chocolate Afternoon Tea at [The Caley](#)

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| Date & time: | 08 March 2013 12.00 to 17.00 |
| Event: | CHOCOLATE AFTERNOON TEA |

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| About: | On International Women's Day, women will enjoy complimentary Chocolate Afternoon Tea in Peacock Alley (Applicable with at least another adult paying full price) |
| Venue: | Peacock Alley at The Caledonian, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Edinburgh, EH1 2AB |
| Organisation: | The Caledonian, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel – Peacock Alley: |