

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Edinburgh Mountain Film Festival – RSA New Contemporaries – February Fun at South Queensferry Library – National Museum competition – Scotland's Gardens

[The Edinburgh Mountain Film Festival](#) is offering three films this morning all for £7 according to their website. You can buy tickets on the door as online bookings have now closed. And there are more films later as well as Sunday....

Honnold 3.0 (33 mins)

Alex Honnold's solo ascents of some of the hardest rock faces in the world have taken the climbing world by storm. So what can he dream up for his next big challenge?

The Beinn Ghlas Project (12 mins)

With a blend of archive and stunning contemporary footage, this is a journey to the birthplace of Scottish skiing, going right back to the Scottish Kandahar Ski Race in the 1930s.

Snowfall & the Inner Child

(5 mins)

Sometimes we all need to escape the trials of city life and head to the mountains, as this film beautifully illustrates.

Crossing the Ditch (56 mins)

Shortly after Australian adventurer Andrew MacAuley died while attempting to kayak from Australia to New Zealand ('Solo' screened at EMFF 2012), James Castrission and Justin Jones, two young adventurers, made their own attempt. This incredible documentary charts their momentous adventure.

The RSA open a new exhibition at the foot of The Mound today. New Contemporaries will show off work by new artists and architects. The show has its roots in the RSA Annual Student

Exhibition first held in 1976.

The first Fleming-Wyfold Bursary will be granted in 2014, making this a special year for emerging talent in Scotland. The bursary offers £10,000 with an additional £4,000 towards project production costs. Some of the works from New Contemporaries will be sent to London to the Fleming Collection in Mayfair.

Art from 62 graduates will be on show throughout the gallery's 13 spaces and will include paintings, sculpture and photography.

There are some events being staged at the same time as the exhibition:-

CREATIVE CONVERSATIONS

Come along and hear a selection of exhibiting artists discuss their work and practices with Friends' Board Member and artist Jenny Smith.

Thursday 20 February, doors open 6.30pm, talks 7-8pm

All RSA Galleries | Free but ticketed

GALLERY TOUR

With Exhibition Convener Alan Robb RSA

Wednesday 26 February. Meet in the Friends' Room 2.30, tour 3-4pm

£6 includes coffee | Friends only

EVENING GALLERY TOUR

With Exhibition Convener Alan Robb RSA

For those who are unable to attend daytime events. Hear about the selection process and tour highlights of the work from last year's graduates.

Wednesday 26 February. Doors open 6.30, tour 7-8pm.

£9/Friends £8 includes wine

SPRING LECTURE by Moira Jeffrey

Recent trends in contemporary art in Scotland including

reflections on RSA New Contemporaries.

Moira Jeffrey is a journalist and writer based in Glasgow. She regularly writes on the visual arts and comments for broadcast media. She is currently art critic of the Scotsman newspaper. In 2004 she wrote and presented the BBC Scotland documentary Hanging in Parliament on the visual art programme conceived for the Scottish Parliament building. Moira teaches journalism at Glasgow Caledonian University and has taught writing workshops for artists at Valand School of Art, University of Gothenburg. Moira is a former solicitor with degrees in Art History and Politics and Scots Law from the University of Glasgow.

Tuesday 4 March, RSA Galleries. Doors open 6.30pm, lecture 7-8pm. £12/Friends £10/Students £8 includes wine

South Queensferry Library is putting on February Fun from Monday to entertain children on half-term. [There are details on their Facebook page.](#)

If you need to know more about the library then [check out our information page here.](#)

The National Museum of Scotland has a competition running to win two tickets to the next event in its very successful series of late nights at the museum. [You can enter here.](#)

If the weather is good enough you might fancy having a look at someone else's garden today. Scotland's Gardens open up on certain days, but also by appointment.

There is a mature well stocked medium sized town garden at Hunter's Tryst which will open in July but [otherwise you can contact the owner](#) to make an appointment. It may be that there

is not much to see in February of course but you can always ask! Otherwise you may hot foot it to the Botanicus where the hothouses offer some protection from the weather and ensure that there is always something to see.