Monday in Edinburgh — things to do today

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MONDAY — start your week with art and song, and clear out your bookshelves for Christian Aid

Arusha Gallery's new exhibition at St Mary's Cathedral, 23 Palmerston Place, features paintings and sculpture by an exciting group of artists, including Aliissa Hyslop, Ingrid Nilsson, Elizabeth Rollins-Scott, Trina Bohan, Andrea Maguire, Inge Horup, Alice Boyle, Carl Melegari, Kate Walters, Benet Houghton, Rosemary Patterson and Joss Cameron. Ongoing till 29th June.

Scottish Women's Hospitals in the First World War: a talk about the women who braved disease, deprivation and war to care for the wounded in Serbia, Russia, and on the Western Front. Stockbridge Library, 6.30-7.30pm. To book call the library on 0131 529 5665 or email stockbridge.library@edinburgh.gov.uk Words & Deeds Exhibition: Women in Warfare will be on display at the library 1-30 May.

Tradfest: Allan Ramsay 'Reviving Scots Song' — Fred Freeman demonstrates the contribution of Ramsay ('the genial agitator of Scots culture') to Scotland's national music. 5-6pm, National Library of Scotland. Free but ticketed, contact the Scotlish Storytelling Centre Box Office on 0131 556 9579

Trad Hall of Fame: the Scottish Traditional Hall of Fame is dedicated to giving recognition to musicians and pioneers who supported and influenced the development of Scottish traditional music. Scottish Storytelling Centre, free and unticketed (ongoing till 11th May.)

Street Life of Victorian Edinburgh: the Colourful World of Ned Holt. Holt, a showman in Victorian Edinburgh, painted the colourful street characters among whom he worked. Exhibition accompanied by poems specially written by Edinburgh's Donald Campbell. Ongoing to 20th June, 10am-5pm, Museum of Edinburgh, 142 Canongate. Free and unticketed.

Christian Aid Appeal Book Sale with Art & Collectables – starts Saturday but donations for the sale may be brought to St Andrew's and St George's West Church, George Street today, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9am-9pm.