

Thursday in Edinburgh – things to do today

☒ THURSDAY – it's the busiest day again

Untaught to Shine – see Friday. Ticketed performance at 7.30pm *only* today (ie no free pop-up): prices and contact details as Friday. National Portrait Gallery, Queen Street.

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Portrait Gallery Insights: Making History. Imogen Gibbon. 5.30-6pm at the National Portrait Gallery. Free but limited places, so booking essential on 0131 624 6560

The Drawing Room: Artist-led workshop exploring contemporary drawing practice. Booking required: 0131 624 6410 or email education@nationalgalleries.org 5.30-6.45pm, Gallery of Modern Art ONE.

Tradfest and Blackwell's Edinburgh present Dilys Rose: Pelmanism. Dilys Rose, Scottish poet, fiction writer and teacher of Creative Writing at Edinburgh University introduces her new novel, *Pelmanism* – 'a razor-sharp portrait of mental illness and its impact on those around you.' To obtain your free ticket, visit Blackwell's front desk or call 0131 622 8218.

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At **Looking Glass Books**, **Annie Donovan**, prize winning author of *Buddha Da*, will introduce her new novel, **Gone Are The Leaves**, 'an enchanting story of friendship, betrayal and growing up.' 6.30pm. More details from the bookshop on 0131 229 2902.

Local singer/songwriter **Catherine Lomax** plays folk & acoustic covers plus her own original material. Part of Tradfest. 7-10.15 pm at the Ensign Ewart Bar, 52-523 Lawnmarket. Free

and unticketed.

A Lovely Way to Burn. **Louise Welsh** discusses her latest novel with the BBC's Serena Field. *A Lovely Way to Burn* is the first book of *The Plague Trilogy* and takes the reader on a terrifying journey into the depths of London in the grips of a pandemic. 6pm at the National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge. Booking essential: call 0131 623 3734 or visit www.nls.uk/events/booking.

University of Edinburgh Centre for South Asian Studies: **'Seeing Like a Feminist.'** A public lecture by Professor Nivedita Menon (Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi and Singhvi Visiting Professor, University of Edinburgh). 4-6pm, Conference Room, David Hume Tower, George Square.

'Reporting Europe' – University of Edinburgh Europa Institute (supported by the Office of the European Commission in Scotland): a panel of journalists (Lesley Riddoch, Alex Massie, Paul Gillespie, Dr Simon Usherwood and John Palmer) will discuss the role and responsibility of the media when it comes to 'reporting Europe.' 6-7.30pm, St Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street. Free but booking essential via [eventbrite](#).

For other events this week read our [full list here](#).