

Wednesday in Edinburgh – things to do today

☒ **WEDNESDAY** – a new exhibition at Bon Papillon, and even more talk of independence..

In the Outdoors is a new exhibition of paintings by [Leo du Feu](#) and **Susan Smith** at the Bon Papillon Gallery, Howe Street. Leo and Susan (his mother) share a passion for landscape, and the animals and birds of Scotland. Ongoing until 2nd June: open 10-5 Wednesday to Sunday, closed Monday and Tuesday.

Tradfest: Revolution by the Pen: Scotland's Literary Renaissance – a talk by **Donald Smith**, author and storyteller. 12.45-1.30pm Hawthornden Lecture Theatre, Scottish National Gallery, The Mound.

Tradfest and Blackwell's Edinburgh present Gerry Hassan 'Caledonian Dreaming – the Quest for a Different Scotland.' Hassan examines the state of contemporary Scotland, the independence referendum and its wider consequences. 6.30-7.30pm. Collect your free ticket from Blackwell's front desk or call 0131 622 8218.

Reviving and Bereaving: Walter Scott & the Ballads. Kaye McAlpine and Lucy Macrae explain Scott's love of the Border ballads and demonstrate their lasting power and emotional appeal. National Library of Scotland, 6-7pm. Free tickets from The Scottish Storytelling Centre Box Office: 0131 556 9579

☒ **Ruskin & Geddes: A Natural Revival?** Writer Tom Hubbard and artist Kenny Munro lead a journey 'from natural source to artistic stream', showing how the arts & crafts movement and the Celtic Revival grew together in Scotland, rooted in the natural environment. 2-3.30pm, National Library of Scotland; free, book via the Scottish Storytelling Centre Box Office:

0131 556 9579. Part of Tradfest.

University of Edinburgh: Scotland's Religious Future.

Professor Mona Siddiqui, Professor of Islamic and Interreligious Studies at the School of Divinity in conversation with Mike Russell MSP, Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning. The event will address the changes Scottish independence could bring constitutionally and to the church in Scotland, as well as covering the position of faith communities, and religious and cultural identity. 6-7pm (doors open 5.30pm), George Square Lecture Theatre, George Square. Free but booking essential via [eventbrite](#). Further information from Julia.Woolman@ed.ac.uk

Collective Gallery, City Observatory, 38 Calton Hill – an informative tour of the exhibitions led by gallery staff. Drop in, no booking required. 1pm every Wednesday.

If you would like to know what is happening the rest of this week then [read more here](#).