

Saturday in Edinburgh – what's on today

✖ SATURDAY 14 JUNE 2014

Tynecastle High School Summer Fair: coconut shy, assault course, sponge the teacher, buskers, Beat the Goalie, cafe, bike servicing, nail bar, face painting and lots more. 12-3pm, [Tynecastle High School](#), 2 McLeod Street. £1 entry, under-18s free. Part of [Gorgie Dalry Gala Week](#).

[Gorgie Dalry Gala Day](#): live music, Gorgie City Farm, face painting, health tent, Zumba, wrestling, giant slide, fairground rides, children's races, entertainers, Lothian & Borders Fire Service, belly dancing, magic, community cafe and lots more. Free entry. 12-5pm, Murieston Park

✖ **Greening the Old Town – Planting Day.** If you live in the Old Town and want to make it greener, join your neighbours for a morning of planting and learn how to grow things yourself. With Jim Carlyle, head gardener from the [Inch Nursery](#). Bring your own planters ready to fill or buy them ready-filled at cost price. Learn about the many types of gardens in the Old Town and their history from Jean Bareham of [Greenyonder Tours](#). Organised by the [Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust's Patrick Geddes Gardening Club](#) & supported by Edinburgh City Council. 11am-1pm, [South Bridge Resource Centre](#), Infirmary Street. More information on 07598 323440 or www.eotdt.org

St Martin's Community Resource Centre: help celebrate the opening of the newly-transformed building. Open from 11am for public viewing. 3.30pm Ribbon Cutting by the Right Hon the Lord Provost of Edinburgh. Refreshments available. 232 Dalry Road. Part of [Gorgie Dalry Gala Week](#),

✖ **John Byrne – Sitting Ducks.** An exhibition exploring and

celebrating Byrne's highly innovative and richly varied portraiture. Byrne was born in Paisley and is one of Scotland's most accomplished artists and writers. Today until 19th October 2014, [Scottish National Portrait Gallery](#), 1 Queen Street. Free admission.

[Edinburgh for Under Fives Launch Party](#): children's activities within Ocean Terminal Shopping Centre, including face-painting, singalongs, crafts and storytelling. The new edition of the Edinburgh for Under Fives Guide will be available for sale. 2-4pm, [Waterstones Ocean Terminal](#). For information call 0131 554 7732

[Dr Neil's Garden](#): one of the most remarkable gardens in Scotland today, sometimes called Edinburgh's Secret Garden, is open for [Scotland's Gardens Scheme](#) this weekend. It is beside the 12th Century [Duddingston Kirk](#), where the lower slopes of Arthur's Seat meet Duddingston Loch. 2-5pm, Duddingston Village EH15 3PX. Disabled access. Plant sales and teas available. £3.

[Edinburgh Badges](#): in the past people wore badges to tell everyone what their job was – come to this **free drop in session for families** and make a badge that tells the world all about you. 1.30-3.30pm, [City Art Centre](#), Market Street. No booking needed.

[Wildflower Survey](#) – help conduct a survey on the Union Canal for [Plantlife Scotland](#)'s [Wildflower Count](#) project. 10.30am – 1pm, meet at [Water of Leith Conservation Trust](#). More information from Anna Canning (anna@blueyounder.co.uk) or Alan Forrester (alan@scottishwaterwaystrust.org.uk)

[Bike Curious Family Workshop](#). 10am-12 noon, Sciennes Primary School, 10 Sciennes Road. No booking, just turn up. Family bike ride to the Meadows at 12 noon. Experienced cycling families on hand for advice. Try out a range of equipment, from baby seats to trailers and tag-alongs. **Cycle ride**

tutor on hand. **Dr Bike** in attendance to check over any cycles you bring along. Plenty of caffeine and cake. Bike friendly crafts to try out. Part of [Edinburgh Festival of Cycling](#).

Crafts for children – every Saturday at 3pm, [Fountainbridge Library](#), Dundee Street. No need to book, free.

Garvald's 70th Birthday Summer Fair – come and celebrate [Garvald](#)'s birthday. Garvald is a provider of residential care and creative day opportunities for adults with learning disabilities. Bouncy castle, pony rides, music, ice-creams, face painting, barbecue. Free entry. 2-5pm, Garvald, Dolphinton, West Linton – on the A702.

[Free Family Try-Athon](#): try 15 Commonwealth Games sports in a single location. All sports will be delivered by leading coaches from across the country. Scottish sporting greats on hand to give tips and encouragement. See the Queen's Baton arrive! 10.30am onwards, [Meadowbank Sports Centre](#). No booking required, just drop in, suitable for all ages. Organised by [Edinburgh City Council](#) as part of the **Commonwealth Games Celebrations**.

[Queen's Baton Relay Evening Celebration](#). Two hours of free live music, dance and the arrival of the Baton itself. Ross Grandstand, Princes Street Gardens. 5.30pm-7.30pm (approx.) Gates will open at 4.30pm. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** via [Usher Hall Box Office](#). See [website](#) for more information.