

Five things you need to know today



At the Botanics today

Early bird tickets for the Airshow

So you want to be a Zombie?

Wildflower Survey

Local Development Plan

[Children's Flower Painting and Face Painting](#) at The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Come along to learn about Chinese flower painting, and get your face painted. FREE event no booking required.



You have to get your tickets soon for the airshow if you wish to get them at the cheapest prices. The airshow takes place on 26 July 2014 at East Fortune. It provides a great spectacle above the East Lothian skies and this year the Red Arrows will be there.

Scotland's National Airshow at the National Museum of Flight, East Fortune, is a spectacular day out for all the family and 2014 is no exception. The Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team the Red Arrows will headline the summer spectacle. Synonymous with precision flying, dramatic formations and loops and rolls, the Red Arrows celebrate their 50th flying season this year.

[Full details of the event are here.](#)

Have you got what it takes to be a zombie? The Generation of Z hurls you head first into a world ravaged by the undead. The survivors will fight for their future as they journey through a battle against extinction. Set within a maze-like security containment depot swarming with zombies, the audience are in the thick of it until the bitter end, be it rescue ... or death. Inspired by the movies and video games of the zombie genre, The Generation of Z is a multimedia horror play on steroids that takes a chainsaw to the fourth wall

After two hugely successful seasons in New Zealand , Royale Productions are bringing their fully interactive immersive Zombie Horror experience to the Edinburgh Festival.

The Generation of Z is a site-specific, immersive, theatrical event set within the maelstrom of a zombie apocalypse. There are no seats, no stage, no niceties and definitely no "fourth wall". As a zombie you'll play an integral part, you are in the thick of it from the first gunshot to its violent and thrilling finale. You will be made up in Hollywood style zombie make up and trained on how to be a zombie by our friends at ScareScotland. You will be trained by some of the best professional scare actors in the country at the Undead Academy.

All zombies will be volunteers, and we can guarantee you a whole lot of fun as you scare the audience witless.

We ask that you attend the "Undead Academy" on the 20th July(venue tbc) and fill in the registration form that will be emailed to you.

No performance experience is required. This event will be running for three weeks from the 31st of July/25th August with two performances a night. We don't expect you to be able to take part in the full run, but to perform when you can. The more you perform the more fun you can have.

Interested: then contact Stevie Douglas of ScareScotland at fellinidays@hotmail.com and a registration form will be sent to you with the time, date and venue of the Undead Academy.



7th July Meadows Yard Wildflower Survey

Help survey the wildflowers in the Meadows Yard Local Nature Reserve, a place of special local natural interest. No knowledge or experience needed-you'll learn it on the day!

Meet: Fillyside Road (opposite recycling centre)

Time: 1.30-3.30pm

Bring: Sturdy footwear and waterproofs

Booking: Essential. Phone 0131 529 2401 or email naturalheritageservice@edinburgh.gov.uk

1:30pm to 3:30pm Monday 7 July 2014

Details of how to get there on [Edinburgh Outdoors.](#)

The Local Development Plan was approved at the recent planning committee meeting and you can have a look at it in electronic form by clicking [here](#). The important thing to note is that this is a second draft and you will have the opportunity of making representations between 22 August and 3 October 2014. Even if you have made a representation before you must make it afresh as this is a whole new plan (even though some of it is the same as the first draft).

