

Saturday in Edinburgh – what's on today



SATURDAY 12 JULY 2014

✘ **Giving Nature a Home:** hop along to the Botanic and take part in a range of family focused weekend wildlife activities. RSPB staff will help you discover more about the range of wildlife that makes the garden its home, from minibeasts and birds through to mammals. 11am-4pm, [Royal Botanic Garden](#) – ask at reception for venue. Free, all ages, no booking required. Also available on Sunday.

Little Artists: meet **Debi Gliori**, author and illustrator of the *Mr Bear* and *Witch Baby* series, *The Tobermory Cat* and many more, as she introduces the magical *Dragon Loves Penguin!* Story time, plus a chance for children to pick up pencils, crayons or paints (all supplied) to create their own magical characters. Parents can have a cuppa whilst their children enjoy the fun. For ages 4-7. 11am, [Golden Hare Books](#), 102 West Bow. Story time is unticketed, but tickets *must* be obtained in advance for the art session. Sign up in store or email: mail@goldenharebooks.com.

Bruncheon! featuring the songs of Neil Young. On the same day that Neil headlines in Hyde Park, some of Scotland's finest will be performing their own renditions of his classic songs. The musical line-up will be complemented by a delicious brunch menu. 11.30am-3pm, [Out of the Blue Drill Hall](#), 36 Dalmeny Street.

✘ **The Gruffalo!** Meet him at the [Edinburgh Bookshop](#), 219 Bruntsfield Place. 10am- 12noon.

GENERATION tours: free discussion-led tours of the exhibition, focusing on key themes and artists. 11-11.45am and 1-1.45pm, [Scottish Gallery of Modern Art ONE](#), Belford Road. Free and unticketed.

Creative Family Fun Day: Indian dance, clay modelling, singing, painting and jewellery making. 12-4pm, [Craigmillar Community Arts Centre](#), 58 Newcraighall Road. Part of the 50th Craigmillar Festival.

Ruari McMillan: singer and guitarist. 1-2pm, Pear Tree, West Nicolson Street. Free. Part of [Edinburgh Fringe Live](#).

NASOV: NASOV is **Italian folk singer** Francesco Bordo. 2-3pm, Pear Tree, West Nicolson Street. Free. Part of [Edinburgh Fringe Live](#).

Daniel Scott: singer, songwriter and guitarist. 3-4pm, Pear Tree, West Nicolson Street. Free. Part of [Edinburgh Fringe Live](#).

Under the Dogwood Tree: acoustic Americana, folk and old-time country played on fiddle, dobro, flute and harmonica, with harmony vocals. 4-5pm, Pear Tree, West Nicolson Street. Free. Part of [Edinburgh Fringe Live](#).

Houndog Fraser & Rock Hunter: blues harp and guitar duo who play 'a mix of originals and good old standards, all good time, foot stomping, whisky drinking blues.' First CD, *Broke Down Load*, just released. 5-6pm, Pear Tree Garden, West Nicolson Street. Free. Part of [Edinburgh Fringe Live](#).

Electrobuddha: guitar, vocals, drums and bass guitar. 6-7pm, Pear Tree, West Nicolson Street. Free. Part of [Edinburgh Fringe Live](#).