

Thursday in Edinburgh – what's on today

☒ THURSDAY 17TH JULY 2014

Dog Tales: the **Dogs Trust** are hosting this storytelling session about safety around dogs and responsible dog ownership. For ages 5-10. 2-3pm, [Ratho Library](#), School Wynd.

The Accidental Fold: Fashion model Saskia De Brauw's record of the discarded ephemera of everyday life that she encounters on her international travels, 'forgotten remains that...capture and contain the proof of life.' 10am-5pm daily until 25th July 2014, [National Museum of Scotland](#), Chambers Street. Part of [Edinburgh International Fashion Festival](#). Free.

Teddy Bears' Tea Party: to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury's *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. 2-3pm, [Ratho Library](#), School Wynd.

Photopia: since the 1990s David McLean has been photographing on the streets of Milan, London, Edinburgh and Tokyo. His work is described as 'collaborative street portraiture' rather than street photography. Preview tonight 6-9pm, then 10am-6pm until 25th July 2014. [Gayfield Creative Spaces](#), 11 Gayfield Square. Part of [Edinburgh International Fashion Festival](#). Free.

This is Happening Now: exhibition of contemporary South African painting, photography and print curated by Fashion Festival Creative Director Jonathan Freemantle. 'A subjective snapshot of the emerging South African scene...the exhibition showcases a new breed of artists vividly capturing the zeitgeist in Jonathan's native country.' Preview tonight 6-9pm, then 10am-6pm until 25th July 2014. [Gayfield Creative Spaces](#), 11 Gayfield Square. Part of [Edinburgh International Fashion Festival](#). Free.

Scotland's Referendum: A Guide for Voters. Jamie Maxwell and David Torrance launch their new book. 7.30pm, [Waterstone's George Street](#). To reserve a place, email events@luath.co.uk or call 0131 225 3436. Free; refreshments will be served.

Mythical Stories and Crafts: different mythical stories and a related craft each week. For under 12s. 2.30-3.30pm, [Moredun Library](#), 92 Moredun Park Road. Part of the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge.

SAM (South African Market): pop-up design market and exhibition. Based in Cape Town, SAM is South Africa's first one-stop shop for South African design. Set up by Naomi Bossert and Berlinda White, SAM provides a platform for South African fashion, furniture, jewellery and decor designers to retail their most accomplished work. SAM will bring a selection of the most exciting South African designers to Edinburgh. Preview tonight 6-9pm, then 10am-6pm until 25th July 2014. [Gayfield Creative Spaces](#), 11 Gayfield Square. Part of [Edinburgh International Fashion Festival](#). Free.

Story in the Park: stories in the sun with staff from [Blackhall Library](#). 2.30pm at Drylaw Park (behind Drylaw Parish Church) Groathill Road North.

Blackwell's Edinburgh presents A Brush with Burns: Ian Campbell, Emeritus Professor of Scottish and Victorian literature at the University of Edinburgh and a specialist in the works of the national bard, will talk about his selection of poems in *A Brush with Burns*, a new publication illustrated with watercolours by Dame Elizabeth Blackadder. Songs will be sung and wine will be drunk! 6.30pm, [Blackwell's South Bridge](#). Free tickets available from Blackwell's front desk or by calling 0131 622 8218.

Edinburgh Skeptics in the Pub: Pippa Goldschmidt – Writing the World. Pippa has a PhD in Astronomy and writes fiction, non-fiction and poetry, all inspired by science. She will be

talking about how literature can be used to interrogate and celebrate science. **The Edinburgh Skeptics Society** was founded to promote science, reason and critical thinking throughout the year and during the Science Festival and the Fringe. 7.30pm, [The Banshee Labyrinth](#), 29-35 Niddry Street. Free, donations welcome, please RSVP [here](#) if you wish to attend.

Serenity Cafe Thrift Shop: drop in and update your look. 10am – 3pm every Thursday. Delicious lunches and snacks available to purchase in the cafe. [Serenity Cafe](#), Jackson's Entry, off Royal Mile (enter beside Starbucks or off Holyrood Road at Pizza Express.)

GENERATION DJ Set: Fudge Fingas. Fudge responds audibly to key GENERATION art works and plays a selection of tracks that have inspired artists in Scotland over the past 25 years. 6pm, [Royal Scottish Academy \(Scottish National Gallery\)](#), The Mound. Free and unticketed. Part of GENERATION by night.

The Drawing Room: artist **Emma Bowen** leads an informal drawing session inspired by the GENERATION exhibition. All materials supplied, no experience necessary. 5.30-6.45pm, [Royal Scottish Academy \(Scottish National Gallery\)](#), The Mound. Free and unticketed. Part of GENERATION by night.

Eight Blocks or a Film: contemporary artist **Kate Davis** will talk about her recent solo exhibition, inspired by the Edward Lovett Doll collection at the Museum of Childhood. 3pm, [City Art Centre](#), 2 Market Street. Free, but booking required. Email Lynn.Wal@edinburgh.gov.uk or call 0131 556 9163

Corroboree: First Nation Woodcarving. Sculptor **James Harry** from Vancouver brings a First Nation perspective to his work with a range of materials, media and styles that reflect both the artistic heritage of the Pacific North West and contemporary influences. 10am-4pm, [Royal Botanic Garden](#) (various locations across the garden, check signs on arrival.) Free. Also on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th July.