

Wednesday in Edinburgh – what's on today



WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 2014

[Remade in Edinburgh: Repair Surgery](#). Weekly drop-in session to help you fix your computers and your textiles, with volunteer sewing tutor and computer assistants. Free but donations encouraged to help with running costs. 7-9pm, [Repair and Reuse Centre](#), 17 Guthrie Street, EH1 1JG.

National Galleries of Scotland Visually Impaired Taster Session: want to find out more about the NGS's visually-impaired programme? Drop in to this informal taster session, meet some of the artists who work on the programme and learn more about the kinds of activities offered. Open to all. 10.30am-1pm, Farmer Education Suite, [Scottish National Portrait Gallery](#), 1 Queen Street. Free, but places must be booked by contacting the Information Desk on 0131 624 6560.

PhD in an Hour: Music Listening in the Treatment of Anxiety Disorders. One PhD student, one fascinating topic, one cafe, one hour. Every month a PhD will be explained so that complete beginners to the subject can enjoy learning about groundbreaking research and ideas. This month Ellen Spaeth, whose PhD is in Clinical Psychology but who has a background in music, discusses how music evokes emotions in us and how that power can be harnessed for good. 6-7pm, [Lovecrumbs](#), 155 West Port. Free.

[Titian in Ten](#): ten minute pop-up talk delivered by NGS staff. Gain an exclusive insight as staff from across the galleries offer different perspectives on Titian's masterpieces.

2pm, [Scottish National Gallery](#), The Mound. Free and unticketed.

[John Byrne: a Portrait](#). Robert Hewison, art historian and biographer of John Byrne, discusses the art and life of one of Scotland's most engaging contemporary artists. 12.45-1.30pm, Hawthornden Lecture Theatre, [Scottish National Gallery](#), The Mound. Free and unticketed.

Monster Mash: draw your own monster: for ages 5+. 2.30-3.30pm, [Oxgangs Library](#), 343 Oxgangs Road North. Part of the Mythical Monster Summer Reading Challenge.

Blackwell's Edinburgh presents Charlie Stross: The Rhesus Chart. Edinburgh resident and celebrated science fiction writer Charlie Stross introduces the new novel in his Laundry Files series. 6.30-7.30pm, [Blackwell's South Bridge](#). Free tickets available from Blackwell's front desk or by calling 0131 622 8218.

Wiff Waff Wednesday: a monthly ping pong night for all ages with music, drink and great food at the Drill Hall Arts Cafe, 'friendship first, competition second.' 6-10.30pm, free entry, all welcome. See [Facebook page](#) for more information. [Out of the Blue](#), 36 Dalmeny Street.