

# Tuesday in Edinburgh – what's on today



**War Poets Collection Guided Tours:** Edinburgh Napier University houses a small special collection of material relating to the fascinating history of its Craiglockhart campus, which began life in 1880 as a Hydropathic establishment and was requisitioned by the military in 1917 as a hospital for shell-shocked officers (**Seigfried Sassoon** and **Wilfred Owen** met here.) In the 1920s it became home to the Convent of the Sacred Heart and Craiglockhart College of Education. **Catherine Walker** will provide a guided visit and talk about the many interesting characters who have had links with Craiglockhart over the years. 11am-12 noon or 2-3pm, War Poets Collection Exhibition Area, [Edinburgh Napier University Craiglockhart Campus](#), Glenlockhart Road. Free, but each tour is limited to 12 people, so please book by calling 0131 455 4260/4274 or emailing [events@napier.ac.uk](mailto:events@napier.ac.uk) **The War Poets Collection Exhibition** is open to the public for viewing during campus opening hours – all welcome! There is more information about the War Poets Collection on its [website](#).



**Lunchtime concert:** Neil Mantle (horn), Gillian Gray (piano.) 1.10-1.50pm, [St Mary's Cathedral](#), Palmerston Place. Free: retiring collection.

**Titian as Draughtsman:** Despite being a highly productive artist whose career spanned seven decades, Titian has left us remarkably few drawings. Chief Curator Aiden Weston-Lewis examines this problematic area of Titian's work. 12.45-1.30pm, Hawthornden Lecture Theatre, [Scottish National Gallery](#), The Mound. Free and unticketed.

✘ **Trainspotting:** special showing of this iconic film with an introduction by **Dr Jonny Murray**, Senior Lecturer in Film and Visual Culture at Edinburgh School of Art, who will explore the film's assertion that 'It's sh\*\* to be Scottish.' Part of *To See Ourselves*, a season designed to shine a spotlight on some of the key ways, past and present, in which Scotland has understood itself. 6pm, [Filmhouse](#), Lothian Road. Tickets £8.20/£6 from the cinema or [online](#). Please note this film has an 18 certificate.

**Lunchtime Concert: Julian Layn** (Switzerland), piano. 12.15pm, [St Giles Cathedral](#), High Street. Free.

**Edible Gardening Seasonal Advice:** drop in to find out how to grow your own food, and take a look around the productive garden with the Edible Gardening Project team. 1-3 pm, Demonstration Garden, [Royal Botanic Garden](#), Inverleith Row. Free, no booking required.

**Introducing the Artist Rooms Research Partnership:** Artist Rooms is an important public collection of international contemporary art. Find out more about the research and events taking place within this partnership. 12 noon-1pm, [Edinburgh College of Art](#), Main Building, Lauriston Place. Free but places are limited and must be booked via [eventbrite](#). Part of ECA Masters Festival 2014.

**Free Fringe Music at The National Museum of Scotland.** Today: **Pure Brass** – brass quintet.. 2-2.40pm, [National Museum of Scotland](#), Chambers Street.

**eBook Surgery:** get help with downloading free eBooks, audiobooks and emagazines. 2-3.30pm, [Central Library](#), George IV Bridge. No appointment necessary.

**A Bird is Not a Stone: Maya Abu Al-Hayyat, Christine de Luca** and others read from *A Bird is Not a Stone*, an anthology ✘ of contemporary Palestinian poetry. 'A rare opportunity to discover the range and variety of extraordinary voices in

contemporary Palestinian poetry translated by Scotland's most acclaimed poets.' *A Bird is Not a Stone* is a unique cultural exchange, giving both English and Arabic readers an insight into the political, social and emotional landscape of today's Palestine. 1pm, [Word Power Books](#), 43-45 West Nicolson Street. All welcome! Admission free – donations also welcome! See **The Edinburgh Reporter's** review of the launch of *A Bird is Not a Stone* [here](#).

**Edinburgh Hacklab Open Night:** Edinburgh Hacklab is a hackerspace: it has open nights every Tuesday and Thursday – drop in, bring along a project to tinker with, ask for some electronics help, hack some code or just have a chat and see what's happening. 7pm, [Summerhall](#), 1 Summerhall Place. Free, no booking required. More details at [edinburgh.hacklab.com](http://edinburgh.hacklab.com)