

# Saturday in Edinburgh – What's On Today



**Colony of Artists:** a varied collection of work on display in the artisan community of **Abbeyhill Colonies**. Over 30 artists in 20 venues open their homes to show painting, drawing, photography, mixed media, music and much more. 1-5pm, Abbeyhill Colonies, junction of Easter Road and London Road: for more information see website [here](#). Arrival by bus or on foot is recommended. Also open at same times on Sunday 21st September.

**Free Family Cinema:** see your favourite films for free! Choices and juice available in the interval for 50p. This week: *Wall-E*, next week *Horton Hears a Who*. Best for children aged 10 or under: all children must be accompanied by an adult. 10.30am-12.30pm (includes interval), [St Brides Centre](#), Orwell Terrace, Dalry.



**Art Root Open Studios:** want a day out in sunny **East Lothian**? This year's Art Root is the most ambitious to date and includes not only lots of open **studios** but also group **exhibitions** and a range of bookable **workshops and events**. Come and visit the talented artists and makers who live in this beautiful corner of Scotland – it's only a few short miles from the city! Venues in **North Berwick, Dunbar, Direlton, Pencaitland, East Linton, West Barns, Whitekirk** and stops in between. Plenty of great cafes and tea shops in the area. Full details and PDF brochure [here](#). A great day out guaranteed – even if the sun isn't....Also on Sunday 21st September.

**Harvest Festival at the Botanics:** a celebration of the

vegetable growing year for all ages. Discover the delights of growing your own vegetables with the **Edible Gardening Project** team: community garden produce show, fun activities, edible gardening advice, information about harvesting, cooking and storing crops, seasonal recipes, tasters and more. 1-4pm, John Hope Gateway and throughout the Garden, [Royal Botanic Garden](#), Inverleith Row. Free, no booking required. Also available at same times on Sunday 21st September.

**Polwarth Nearly New Sale:** children's clothes, toys, nursery equipment, maternity wear, high chairs, pushchairs and much more! Over 5,000 items for sale. 11am-1pm, [Polwarth Church](#), 36-38 Polwarth Terrace. Raising funds for **The Edinburgh Sick Kids Hospital** and **Polwarth Church**. Donations most welcome: see [website](#) for more information.

**Bookbug:** free, fun and friendly sessions for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their families to enjoy together. Songs, stories and rhymes, and a chance to meet other families in your area. 10.30am today and every Saturday, [Fountainbridge Library](#), 137 Dundee Street.

**GENERATION tours at Modern One:** free, discussion-led tours of the GENERATION exhibition, focusing on key themes and artists. 11-11.45am or 1-1.45pm, [Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art ONE](#), Belford Road. No booking required.

**Portrait Gallery Architecture Tours:** monthly architecture tours of the magnificent Arts & Crafts building designed by Sir Robert Rowand Anderson. 2-2.45pm, [Scottish National Portrait Gallery](#), 1 Queen Street. Free but booking essential as places are limited: call 0131 624 6560.

**Alter Egos:** popular family drop-in workshops taking inspiration from the *Where Do I End and You Begin* exhibition. Create a new identity for yourself using disguises made out of paper, inspired by **Mary Sibande's** character *Sophie*. Suitable for the whole family working together. 1.30-3.30pm, [City Art](#)

[Centre](#), 2 Market Street.



**Allan Burnett: *The Story of Scotland*.** Allan Burnett is famous for making history exciting for all ages. He will talk about his new book, *The Story of Scotland inspired by the Great Tapestry of Scotland*, a humorous yet informative book for readers aged 8-12, at 11am, [Far from the Madding Crowd](#), 20 High Street, Linlithgow. 'A trip through time and a whole lot of adventures along the way: expect props!' Contact shop for more details.

**Green Worlds: *No Strangers* Exhibition talk.** Celebrate the Harvest Festival and the last weekend of the *no strangers* exhibition with **Flora Inches** and **Ian Edwards** (RBGE) on a tour through the glasshouses. Discover plants that provide essential nourishment, nutritional and spiritual, to indigenous people around the world. 11.30am – 12.30pm, meet at the Palmhouse, [Royal Botanic Garden](#), Inverleith Row. Free, no booking required, but you must buy a ticket to enter the Glasshouses: £5/£4. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.



**Stockfest 2014:** a week long celebration of community events in Stockbridge starts today. Ceilidhs, walks, market, music, art...the full programme is available [here](#).

**StockFlea Vintage & Craft Market:** vintage goodies, bric-a-brac, crafts and more at Stockbridge's very own outdoor flea market. 11am-4pm, Jubilee Gardens, Saunders Street.



**StockDog:** come along with your dogs of all shapes and sizes for a fun, activity-filled afternoon. Displays from vets, groomers and trainers, plus support from local stores, photo

portraits with your dogs and fun **StockCrufts** competitions with prizes! 1-4pm, Pond-side, [Inverleith Park](#), Arboretum Road.

**Song Circle Drop-In Session:** a dynamic and fun version of the Song Circle sessions which run on weekday mornings in the Skylark Cafe. Scottish songs, nursery rhymes, poetry and percussion fun for children aged 0-5 years. 10.30am, [Skylark Cafe](#), 40 Hamilton Place. No booking required: first come, first served. £3.50 per head including tea, coffee and biscuits. More information on 0131 225 4444.

**SEEP II: Tour for Visually-Impaired Visitors.** A tour of **Cachin Cachan Cachunga's** exhibition event, which includes visual art, film, performance, music and installation, particularly highlighting work from minority groups. BSL interpretation, film subtitling, audio description, Braille, large-print programmes and wheelchair access will all be available. 4pm, [Patriothall Gallery](#), 1D Patriothall off Hamilton Place, Stockbridge. For more information see Patriothall website.

**A Walk Through Stockbridge's Sporting History:** Scottish Blue Badge Guide **Colin Imrie** will lead a walk discovering Stockbridge's sporting heritage. From bowling to boxing to rugby and rowing. Some steps and uneven ground on the route: wear comfortable shoes. 11am-1pm, meet at Portgower Place (beside the Raeburn House Hotel). Free: a collection will be taken for **Alzheimer's Scotland**. More information: [colinimrie@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:colinimrie@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Fun Flower Arranging:** let your children's creativity go wild with a colourful little flower arrangement. For 2-10 year olds. 10am-3pm, [White Petal Company](#), 100a Raeburn Place, Stockbridge.