Tuesday in Edinburgh — what's on today

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The First Movie: Pop-Up Screening for Kurdistan. In 2009 Mark Cousins went to N Iraq (Kurdistan) to make The First Movie, a magical film about children, imagination and storytelling. Ethnic minorities are again being 'ethnically cleansed' in the area: this screening is to raise money and awareness for the people of Kurdistan. Donations will be sent via a new Scottish support group, KISS (Kurdistan is Supported by Scotland) to assist a group of Swedish Kurdish doctors to take medical aid to thousands of people sheltering at Zakho Refugee Camp. screening will be followed by a talk by Mark Cousins and Aso Fotoohi, a Kurdish refugee now living in Glasgow and a founder member of KISS. For adults and children 12+, 7-9.30pm, Cairns Lecture Theatre, Summerhall, 1 Summerhall. Free but donations of £10 per person, or whatever you can afford, invited. 'A terrifically enjoyable and engaging film' - Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian.

eBook Surgery: get help with downloading free eBooks, audiobooks and emagazines. 2-3.30pm, <u>Central Library</u>, George IV Bridge. No appointment necessary.

Demonstration of Traditional Oil Painting — The Portrait: instructors from the Academy of Realist Art will demonstrate traditional layering process oil painting as used by 19th century academies. 12 noon-4.30pm, Scottish National Gallery, (Main Floor of the Gallery) The Mound. Free drop-in, no booking required.

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Impressions: an exhibition of prints by gallery trainees Otis

Berry, Lee Mylne, Freya Levy, Carole Simonsen and Calvin McCluskie. Preview tonight 6-8pm, then 11am-5pm Tuesday to Saturday until 20th September 2014, Gallery On The Corner, Northumberland Street. The Gallery was the first social firm to be developed by Autism Ventures Scotland. AVS was established to create employment opportunities for people with Autistic Spectrum condition in Scotland.

Natural Earth: an exhibition of works by Alice Shaw. Preview tonight 6-8pm, then 11am-5pm Tuesday to Saturday until 20th September 2014, Gallery On The Corner, Northumberland Street.

Women's Multi-Art Group: a new group for women. A chance to do arts and crafts or drawing and painting in a sociable setting. 10-11.30am, Craigmillar Community Arts, 58 Newcraighall Road.

The Drammie Dodgers: Craigmillar's drama group for all aged over 8 years meets every week to play drama games, enjoy improvisations and rehearse for performances. 6.30-8pm, Craigmillar Community Arts, 58 Newcraighall Road. £1 per person. Contact the Centre on 0131 669 8432 if interested.

Royal Botanic Garden Adult Education Open Evening: the Botanic Garden runs weekly classes and weekend workshops in many subjects, from botany and horticulture to herbology, garden history, art and wellbeing, so come along, meet the tutors and discover the latest range of courses. Everything from one day workshops to professional qualifications. 6-8pm, Royal Botanic Garden Conference Room, 20a Inverleith Row. Free, no booking required, refreshments provided.