

Saturday in Edinburgh – What's On Today

☒ **Dads Rock:** part of a multi-award winning network of free playgroups for Dads and Kids (aged 0-5). 10-11.30am today and every Saturday, [Whale Arts](#), 30 Westburn Grove **and** The Prentice Centre, 1 Granton Mains Avenue (groups operate at both locations.)

Edinburgh Independent Radical Book Fair continues with book launches, discussions, cabaret and a film. See [The Edinburgh Reporter's article](#) for more details; for full programme visit [Word Power Books'](#) or [Out of the Blue's](#) websites. All sessions at [Out of the Blue Drill Hall](#), 35 Dalmeny Street. All events free: donations very welcome.

Christian Aid Sale of Pictures and Scottish Books. 10am-3pm, Sanctuary, [St Andrew's and St George's West Church](#), 13 George Street.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning – enjoy home baking, shop at the jewellery and gift stall, and visit the sale of pictures and Scottish books in the Sanctuary. 10am-12 noon, Undercroft Cafe, [St Andrew's and St George's West Church](#), 13 George Street.

LGBT Roller Disco: all welcome for an afternoon of skates, ☒ songs and socialising! Family friendly event for LGBT people, their friends, families and supporters. DJ, lights and experienced skating instructors on hand. Skates, protective equipment and refreshments provided. 1.30-4pm, [Meadowbank Sports Centre](#), London Road. Booking preferred, either online [here](#) or by contacting Jules on 0131 523 1104 or at jules@lgbthealth.org.uk.

Grow Your Own Garden Workshops: a course of six structured 'grow your own' workshops for beginners. Each week's workshop

will be offered twice, once on Wednesday evenings (6-8pm) and again on Saturday mornings, so you should only attend one or the other. Workshops are for those aged 16+. A creche is available for the Wednesday evening workshops; this should be booked in advance. **This week:** Introduction to 'growing your own', what grows in Scotland – how to get growing. **Next week:** Getting growing, sowing seeds and creating new plants from cuttings, bulbs and other plant parts. 10am-12 noon, [North Edinburgh Arts](#), 15a Pennywell Court. No booking required, but you are asked to stay for the full 2 hours of each session, as the workshops are structured.

Create: drop-in artist-led creative art and messy play sessions for **under-5s and their parents/carers**, including dance/movement class and a healthy snack. 10am-12 noon, today and every Saturday, [North Edinburgh Arts](#), 15a Pennywell Court. 50p per child per session. More information on 0131 315 2151.

✘ **Bow-Tow: A Newhaven Story.** 'A celebration of a vibrant community and its place in the 21st century.' Songs, choirs, stories and spectacle inspired by the Newhaven people. 7-9pm at the harbour and throughout the village. For more information see event [Facebook](#) page. Free.

Free Family Cinema: adventure, excitement, fun and laughs. Choc ices and juice available in interval at 50p each. Best for children up to 10 years: **all children must be accompanied by an adult.** This week: *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* (U) (1937), next week: *The Croods* (U) (2013). 10.30am-12.30pm, [St Brides Centre](#), Orwell Place. Free.


St Columba's Lecture: Duncan McLaren, former Secretary General of **Caritas Internationalis**, the world's most extensive aid and development network, and Edinburgh University's 2003 Alumnus of the Year, will talk about *International Charity*. 10.30am, Middle Hall, [St Columba's Church](#), Upper Gray Street. Coffee will be served prior to the lecture.

Low Port Art Group Autumn Exhibition: local artists exhibiting in oil, watercolour and mixed media. [Burgh Halls](#), The Cross, Linlithgow. For more information call 01506 845805.

Scots Music Group Ceilidh with the **Portobello Ceilidh Band**. 7.30pm-12 midnight, [St Brides Centre](#), Orwell Place. Licensed bar (No BYO). Tickets £8/£6 in advance, £10/£8 on the door (subject to availability) – advance tickets from St Brides' Box Office or Scots Music Group: call 0131 555 7678 or book [online](#).

Celebration Concert: Love Through The Ages. Join soprano **Emily Walker**, tenor **Stuart Murray Mitchell** and pianist **Chris Harding** and friends for a programme including **Schumann** song cycles *Frauenliebe und Leben* and *Dichterliebe* and participation from dynamic young a-capella group **Vintage Twelve**. 7.30-9.30pm, [St Andrew's and St George's West Church](#), 13 George Street. Free: donations invited for Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi.

Out Loud: a big day out for families to have fun in church., and for young people to be heard by the church. Discussions, play, creative zone: for all families, children and teenagers. Free, refreshments provided. 11am-3pm (drop-in event), [St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place](#). Organised by **The Listening Project**, a collaboration between the Dioceses of Edinburgh and Aberdeen and Orkney in the Episcopal Church. More information from Claire at youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org.

Queensferry Fair Trade Group Global Bazaar: the 12th Global  Trade Bazaar, with stalls including **One World Shop**, **Kwai River Crafts**, **Tearcraft**, **Hadeel**, **Green Gift Company**, **Gogo Olive** and **Comfort Rwanda**, and tea and coffee tasting sessions by **Equal Exchange**. 10am-3pm, [Queensferry Parish Church Centre](#), South Queensferry. £2 (includes refreshments), accompanied children free.

Tales of a Grandfather: Unrolling Sir Walter Scott's Magic

Carpet. Donald Smith presents Scott's superb retelling of the history of Scotland. This is the 200th anniversary year of *Tales of a Grandfather*, which is also the inspiration for **Andy Cannon's** contemporary remix *Tales of a Grandson*, which runs through the first weekend of the [Scottish International Storytelling Festival 2014](#). 2-3pm, Auditorium, Level 1, [National Museum of Scotland](#), Chambers Street. No booking required but please arrive promptly.

Tales of a Granny: storytelling sessions to introduce younger children, parents and carers to the riches of Scotland's story. 11am-1pm (drop-in sessions), Scotland Galleries, [National Museum of Scotland](#), Chambers Street. Free. Suitable for children under 5 and accompanying adults. Also available at same times on Sunday 26th October 2014.

GENERATION Tours at Modern One: free, discussion-led tours of the exhibition, focusing on key themes and artists. 11-11.45am or 1-1.45pm, [Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art ONE](#), Belford Road. Free and unticketed.

National Gallery Highlight Tours: an introduction to and tour of the Gallery's permanent collection, focusing on key paintings. 2-2.45pm or 3-3.45pm, [National Gallery of Scotland](#), The Mound. Free and unticketed.

✘ **Blackwell's Edinburgh Presents The Sixteen:** a drinks reception to celebrate **The Sixteen's Choral Pilgrimage** visit to Edinburgh and the release of the new recording of **Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610** on the CORO label. The Sixteen, a choir and period instrument orchestra, is recognised as one of the world's greatest ensembles. Exclusive signed copies of *Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610* will be available to purchase. 6-7pm, [Blackwell's](#), South Bridge. Free but booking is essential as event is outwith normal shop hours: contact the music department on 0131 622 8230 or email music.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk.

Nothing But The Poem: Wislawa Szymborska. A selection of the poet's works will be read and discussed (please note that the poet will not be present). 11am, [Scottish Poetry Library](#), 5 Crichton's Close, Canongate. Tickets £5/£4 bookable via [eventbrite](#).

Play Poland 2014 Film Festival Polish Cinema Posters Exhibition. The dynamic development of Polish film poster art dates from the 1950s to the 1980: Polish artists produced an original and unique style of posters, recognisable around the world today. Today until 7th November 2014 during opening hours, Corridor Gallery, [The Filmhouse](#), Lothian Road. For more information see see [festival website](#).

Ganek Gallery: Ben Warren, Daniel Grun – An Endless Supply. An event celebrating the UK book launch of *Ganek Gallery*, including talks and performances set in an installation by artist Ben Warren. **Ganek Gallery** is the name of an inaccessible rock formation in the High Tatras, a mountain range on the border of Slovakia and Poland, that was co-opted by artist **Julius Koller** as a site for a fictive institution. 4pm, [Rhubaba](#), 25 Arthur Street.

Zombie Walk: the evening begins at **Sofi's Bar** with a photobooth, giveaways, and make-up artists to help you become a zombie for the night; it continues to **Boda Bar** for punch, games, competitions and more giveaways and ends in the **Victoria Bar** with live music till late. A videographer will film the procession up Leith Walk. 6-7pm, [Sofi's Bar](#), 65 Henderson Street, 7-9.30pm, [Boda Bar](#), 229 Leith Walk, 9.30pm-late, [Victoria](#), 265 Leith Walk. For full details see [event Facebook page](#). Sponsored by Kraken Rum.

