

# Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



'Imagine there's no Hunger'

Postgraduate evening at QMU

Scottish Art Sale

Blackhall Library competition

Video selfies

From today you can go along to Hard Rock Edinburgh and donate £5 to hang a wish on their Christmas Tree. The money will be donated to WhyHunger and The Salvation Army. Hard Rock supports The Salvation Army by providing Christmas Dinner for 60 homeless men and women.. The charity drive is part of the 'Imagine There's No Hunger' campaign which aims to turn John Lennon's dream into reality.

A proportion of the cash raised from the Imagine merchandise will benefit WhyHunger's campaign against childhood hunger and poverty.

Fans worldwide are encouraged to share their IMAGINE experiences by posting messages, photos and videos via the official social media channels for the 2014 IMAGINE THERE'S NO HUNGER campaign: [Facebook.com/HardRock](https://www.facebook.com/HardRock) or [Twitter.com/HardRock](https://twitter.com/HardRock), and hashtag **#IMAGINENOHUNGER**.

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Prospective students looking to find out more about postgraduate study opportunities are invited to attend the Queen Margaret University (QMU) Postgraduate Opening Evening

on Wednesday 26th November from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

QMU's team of academic staff will be on hand to talk people through over 40 postgraduate courses and the University's campus-based Careers and Employability team will present the options for enhancing career prospects by achieving a postgraduate qualification.

For those looking to hear more about postgraduate study at QMU from a student perspective, QMU postgraduate student, Des Quinn, will be talking about his experiences. Des studied MSc International Management and Leadership at QMU and is due to graduate in 2015. He is currently working as a Hospital Manager for The Huntercombe Group, running a mental health hospital for adolescents.

People can also take the opportunity to have a one-to-one chat about developing their personal skills and knowledge, enjoy a tour around the campus or tap into advice on everything from applications to funding.

QMU offers a niche range of postgraduate degree courses, including Business Management and Enterprise; Creativity and Culture and Public Relations to Hospitality, Gastronomy and Education; Dietetics and Nutrition; International Health; Nursing; Occupational Therapy and Arts Therapies; Physiotherapy; Podiatry and Diabetes; Radiography and Speech and Hearing Sciences.

Details of QMU's new postgraduate qualifications in Dispute Resolution and Public Services Governance will be of interest to professional complaint handlers and current managers of public services in public, private or third sector organisations.

The MSc Public Services Leadership has been designed in collation with learning and development professionals from City of Edinburgh Council, Dundee City Council and Orkney Islands Council. It is the only course in Scotland to offer

public service managers masters' level learning in leadership that is embedded in practice.

QMU's new Masters in Research may be of interest to graduates in psychology, sociology, film and media, performing arts and business, consumer, events and hospitality management.

The University's new Masters in Clinical Research may be of interest to graduates in medicine, nursing and allied health professionals.

For those who are unable to attend the Postgraduate Open Evening in person, but are still interested to learn more about postgraduate study opportunities at QMU, there is a special 'virtual' Postgraduate Open Day taking place online between 9am and 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th November. QMU's academic team will be talking online, throughout the day, about a range of postgraduate courses available at the University.

To register your interest for the QMU Postgraduate Open Evening, and for more information on the 'virtual' Open Day online, go to <http://www.qmu.ac.uk>

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✘ Two paintings by the Scottish artist Robert MacBryde feature in Bonhams Scottish Art sale in Edinburgh on Thursday 4 December. *Woman by a Fireplace 2* is estimated at £10,000-15,000 and *Still Life* at £7,000-10,000.

Robert MacBryde and his life-long partner Robert Colquhoun were the toast of London throughout the 1940s earning themselves the nickname of 'The Darlings of Bond Street'. The 'two Roberts' as they were known were both born in Ayrshire and met as students at Glasgow School of Art. Finding the social climate in Scotland at that time repressive they left for London in 1937 – famously saying they'd only return in a wooden box – and in the early 1940s established a studio at 77

Bedford Gardens, Kensington where their riotous parties drew the great and the good of the artistic community.

Francis Bacon, Lucian Freud, Michael Ayrton, Prunella Clough, Ian Hamilton Finlay, Hugh MacDiarmid and Dylan Thomas were frequent visitors. John Minton shared the studio and lodged with the pair.

Close neighbours Jankel Adler, an old friend from Glasgow with direct experience of avant garde advances on the Continent, and Wyndham Lewis, one of the elder statesmen of British art, offered invaluable encouragement and guidance to the Roberts during this period.

When they were eventually evicted from the studio in 1949, the year *Woman by a Fireplace 2* was painted, MacBryde's talent and fame were approaching their high point. The Museum of Modern Art in New York had pre-purchased pictures by MacBryde, Colquhoun, Edward Burra, Bacon and Freud from the Lefevre Gallery's *Modern British Painting* exhibition in 1948, and Patrick Heron's subsequent review of the show, which also included Hepworth, Nicholson and Lewis, placed MacBryde in pole position on this occasion.

Colquhoun and MacBryde were further inspired to pursue figure subjects in the 1940s due to their friendship with Adler and a major Picasso retrospective at the V & A in 1945. While the former continued in this vein, MacBryde gradually came to focus on the still life themes for which he became best-known and of which *Still Life* from around 1955 is a good example.

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We love this competition!! Blackhall Library are running a competition where you have to match your face and a book...Oh here they are to tell you all about it!

[Post](#) by [Blackhall Library](#).

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Edinburgh parents are asked to share what they love about being a parent in a 'video selfie' to be shown at The Scottish Parliament later this year.

The charity Parenting across Scotland (PAS) will be marking its ten year anniversary with the special showing of parents' voices at a Parliamentary Reception on December 4.

The charity, an umbrella body for a number of high profile charities (1), is marking a decade of its work by celebrating the people at the centre of its work.

Parents posting their 'video selfies' to the charity's Facebook page will automatically enter themselves for a special prize draw to win £100 of vouchers – but with the closing date for video entries on November 28, there is just over a week left to celebrate parenting.

**Clare Simpson, Project Manager, Parenting across Scotland, said:** "For the past decade Parenting across Scotland (PAS) staff and partners have worked together towards a Scotland where all parents and families are supported and valued to give children the best possible start in life. We want to celebrate the people at the centre of PAS' work – mums, dads, carers and families.

"We want to focus on the positives of being a parent and are asking parents and carers who live in Edinburgh to make a video 'selfie' sharing what they love about being a parent. You can make a video yourself or ask a friend or colleague to do it for you."

Some of the videos will be used to compile the short film for the charity's 10th anniversary event at the Scottish Parliament – videos will also be used for individual 'selfies' on social media channels and its website.

**Minister for Children and Young People Aileen Campbell said:** "My warmest congratulations to Parenting across Scotland (PAS)

on their 10th anniversary. Parents are the strongest influence on their child's life and they deserve quality, expert support like that provided by PAS. Our National Parenting Strategy reflects this view and we will continue working with PAS and other partners to ensure parents can get help when they need it most."

The draw will be picked randomly and the winner will receive £100 of vouchers for a store/shop of their choice. For full details visit <http://www.parentingacrossscotland.org/news-events/10th-anniversary-celebration.aspx>

Videos can be posted on the Parenting across Scotland Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Parenting-across-Scotland/154446171246236>