

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Lunchtime concert today

Shop at the West End this weekend

Art at the North British Rubber Factory

Benefit concert for LifeCare

Book Week Scotland

Today at Reid Concert Hall in Bristo Square The Edinburgh Quartet will perform Elgar and perhaps a composer known to you? (not to us!) Takemitsu. [This is a free concert](#) part of the Edinburgh University series.

Edinburgh West End traders are keen to have you along this weekend for their Christmas Fair on 27-29 November. Here is a taste of what they have in store for you!





Calum Colvin is delivering an Artist's Talk on Saturday 29 November 2014 at 12 noon. Calum has created the stunning exhibition using the boarded-up windows of the former **North British Rubber Factory** at the **Castle Mill Works** in **Fountainbridge**; he uses a mixture of painting, sculpture and photography to create his beautiful images.

Edinburgh Printmakers has won **Heritage Lottery funding** to transform Castle Mill Works into a new centre for printmaking and creativity opening in 2017 – in the meantime come and meet Calum and find out the secrets behind the making of these eyecatching artworks (more exciting exhibitions using the outside of the building coming up next year!) This talk is **outside the building at 12 noon** and is open to everyone, but please RSVP to Hannah Rye

at communitylearning@edinburghprintmakers.co.uk



Scottish Book Trust is delighted to announce that, as part of [Book Week Scotland 2014](#), Cineworld will show 6 very special screenings of [Paddington](#) on Sunday 30th November at 10.30 am.

The Fountainpark Cineworld will hold a special [Bookbug session](#) before the film screens for parents and children to attend, featuring stories, activity sheets and goodie bags. Sessions will be bear themed and feature a reading from *A Bear Called Paddington*. Each child will also receive a free hardback copy of the deluxe edition of Michael Bond's *A Bear Called Paddington* when they buy their ticket, courtesy of Harper Collins.

Scottish Book Trust's Bookbug Sessions run all year round, are widely available throughout Scotland and are generally held in libraries or other community venues. The sessions are free, fun and friendly events for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their families to enjoy together. Each session lasts around 40 minutes and includes songs, stories and rhymes.

Every Cineworld cinema in Scotland will also be giving away Scotland's Stories of Home, the free book collecting stories and poems from the Scottish public about what home means to them.

Elsewhere during Book Week Scotland **three free picture books** will be gifted to every Primary 1 pupil in the country. The [Bookbug Primary 1 Family Pack](#) will introduce children who are just beginning their reading journey to some of the best new Scottish children's books. The books comprise the shortlist for the Scottish Children's Book Awards 2015: *Robot Rumpus* by

Sean Taylor and Ross Collins, *Princess Penelope and the Runaway Kitten* by Alison Murray and *Lost for Words* by Natalie Russell.

Young children can also get into the Book Week Scotland spirit by tuning in to watch two of Britain's best loved poets, **Roger McGough and Valerie Bloom**, bringing rhythm and rhyme to life during a special [free Authors Live webcast](#) on 27 November at 11.00am. Many pupils will also enjoy a personal visit from Steve Cole, author of *Astrosaurs* and *Cows in Action*, who will tour schools around the country during the week.

For more information about **Book Week Scotland 2014** and how you can get involved, visit www.bookweekscotland.com, where you can find information about all the events taking place in your local area, vote for your favourite character from a Scottish book, make your own Reading Pledge and discover all sorts of ideas to help you celebrate and share whatever it is you love to read.