

Monday in Edinburgh – What's On Today




Before The Diving: little is known about ancient Penguin civilisation, but the recent discovery of early Penguin eggshell drawings provides a fascinating though slightly disconcerting insight into their previously unknown empire. **Haika Maeda**, a Chinese/Japanese artist living in Scotland for the past six years, re-imagines the fragmented drawings found so far, bringing this untold story to life. 10am-5pm, today until 11th November 2014 (closed Sunday), [Out of the Blue Drill Hall](#), 36 Dalmeny Street.

Tricolour: monthly night showcasing three different poetry and spoken word talents. Three different voices, three different styles, three different takes on life. This month: Philip Hutton, Freddie Alexander and Steve Harvey. 6.30pm, [National Library of Scotland](#), George IV Bridge. Book [online](#) or call 0131 623 3734.



Envie d'écouter et parler Français? Come along to this new **French conversation group**, led by native French speaker **Laetitia**. French cheeses and refreshments to keep the discussion going! 6.30pm, [Corstorphine Library](#), 12 Kirk Loan.

Fitness for Women: new term, new tutor (Nicole), new you! **Free** classes start today, 10am-11am then same time each week, [St David's Broomhouse Church](#), Broomhouse Crescent. For more information and to book your place call 0131 467 7678 or email kirsty@healthstrategygroup.org.uk.


 **Janice Cairns: *Forgiving Nancy*.** Debut novelist Janice Cairns talks about her novel, a dramatic and moving love

story set in Edinburgh in the 1980s. 6.30-7.30pm, [Portobello Library](#), 14 Rosefield Avenue. Free tickets can be booked via [eventbrite](#).

Reedeeng! With Sam Barclay: Hear Sam's own story of his experience of living with dyslexia and the creation of his award-winning book *I wonder what it's like to be dyslexic?* A **Dyslexia Awareness Week** event, especially suitable for anyone studying art and design at secondary school level or above and those with a personal interest in or connection with dyslexia. 2-4pm [Central Library](#), George IV Bridge. Free tickets can be booked via [eventbrite](#).

Fountainbridge Craft and Chat: a new group starting this week. If you enjoy knitting, sewing, crochet, quilting, embroidery, papercraft or any other crafting and fancy some company while you work, come along to the library; bring your own project, get tips and hints from the group – tea and cake provided! 6-7.30pm, [Fountainbridge Library](#), 137 Dundee Street.

Phil Taylor: Staying Power: A Year in My Life. Meet professional darts superstar Phil 'the Power' Taylor, who will sign copies of his new book. 12.30pm, [Waterstones West End](#), Princes Street. For more information call 0131 226 2666.

Jogo de Corpo: Body Games. 'A sensual tapestry of combat  games from both sides of the Atlantic.' Former street child Mestre Cobra Mansas tells how through *capoeira* he grew into Brazil's black movement and discovered his identity as an Afro-Brazilian; a true story of combat games, dance and music that connect Brazil and Africa from the time of slavery to today. For ages 16+. 6-7.30pm, Red Lecture Theatre, [Summerhall](#), 1 Summerhall. Tickets £5: book [online](#) or call Summerhall on 0131 560 1581. Part of [Africa in Motion: Scotland African Film Festival 2014](#). See The Edinburgh Reporter's article about the Film Festival [here](#).

Coffee Morning for Kinship Carers: come along to this free

coffee morning and meet other kinship carers. Playroom available to keep little ones occupied; all kinship carers welcome! 10am-12 noon today and every first Monday of the month, **The Haven Project, Craigroyston Primary School**, Muirhouse Place West.

LGBT Police Surgery: seek advice, raise concerns about safety issues, report incidents or discuss policing in your area with an officer from Police Scotland. Within weekly drop-in session (for ages 16+); no appointment necessary. 6.30-7.30pm (drop-in 5.30-8pm) [LGBT Health & Wellbeing Centre](#), 9 Howe Street.

Blackwell's Edinburgh Presents The Monthly Book Quiz: teams of up to five can take part, but arrive early as space is limited. 6-7.15pm, Caffe Nero, [Blackwell's](#), South Bridge. Free: no tickets required. For more information contact Ann Landmann on 0131 622 8216 or email events.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk.

Engage: the military and young people: screening of this new short film (made by teenagers with the youth journalists' charity **Headliners**) and the launch of a new report on the controversy surrounding the Armed Forces' visits to schools in Scotland. With representatives from **Forces Watch**, **EIS** and **Scottish Youth Parliament**. More information about the film can be found [here](#). 7.30-9pm, [Forest Cafe](#), Lauriston Place. Free, but please book a place.

The Scottish Gallery: new exhibitions. McCrory Family (silversmiths), **Tania Clarke Hall** (jewellery), **Archie Forest Ensemble** (paintings inspired by travels in France, Portugal and Italy), **Robert Colquhoun and Robert MacBryde Golden Years**. 10am-6pm Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm Saturdays, [The Scottish Gallery](#), 16 Dundas Street. Exhibitions close 26th November 2014.

World War One Cinema: Private Peaceful (2012). A film of the horrors of war and the injustice surrounding the execution of

soldiers by firing squad on the often false grounds of desertion or cowardice. Cert: 12. 6.30-8.45pm, [St Bride's Centre](#), 10 Orwell Terrace, Dalry. Free – part of Gorgie War Memorial Hall's World War One Commemoration.

Charity Coffee Morning: in aid of **SCIAF Water for Life Project**. Begins after 10am Mass, [St John the Evangelist](#), 35 Brighton Place, Portobello.

