

Sunday in Edinburgh – What's On Today



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Scotland's Open Gardens: 61 Fountainhall Road. Large walled town garden in which trees and shrubs form an architectural backdrop to a wide variety of flowering plants. Several alpine beds, and three ponds, with and without fish, which have attracted a lively population of frogs. 2-5pm, [61 Fountainhall Road](#), EH9 2LH. Admission £4, of which 40% goes to **Froglife** (a national wildlife charity committed to the conservation of amphibians and reptiles) and the net remaining to Scottish Gardens charities. Also open on various other dates throughout the summer: see SG's [website](#) for details.



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Portrait Detectives: collect your kit, follow clues and solve a mystery from history! For ages 4-12. 2-4pm, [Scottish National Portrait Gallery](#), 1 Queen Street. Free: no booking required. Supported by the Friends of NGS.



Filmhouse Junior: screenings for a younger audience – this week ***Belle and Sebastian (PG)*** (in French and German with English subtitles). In a small Alpine village in World War II, a little boy and a beautiful sheepdog defy the Nazis to help those who are deserving. Director **Nicolas Vanier** successfully adapts the 1965 TV series for the big screen. 11am, [Filmhouse](#), Lothian Road. Tickets cost £4 per person, big or small.



Edinburgh Comic Con 2015: an extensive selection of talent and traders, numerous special guests, lots of events and (today only) a **cosplay competition**. 10am-5pm, [Potterow](#), Bristo Square. Tickets may be purchased for one or both days: prices vary, children under 10 years free but must be accompanied by a paying adult. To book see website [here](#) or purchase on the door (**cash only**).



Blackwell's Edinburgh Teenage Book Group: if you love to read or just want to read more, join this group to talk about the latest teenage fiction and your own favourite books. Currently reading **Claire Furniss's *The Year of the Rat***. 2-3pm, [Blackwell's](#), South Bridge. If you would like to join (it's free!) email your details to schools.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk.



Farmyard Animals: Friends and Foes. A hands-on, family-friendly session with activities, storytelling and interactive displays about the lives of farm animals. Scientists from the **Moredun Institute** show and tell how they help control pests and diseases, leading to happier and healthier sheep, pigs, cows and chickens – and how this is better for the environment. For ages 5+. 11am-4pm, Real Life Science Studio, John Hope Gateway, [Royal Botanic Garden of Edinburgh](#), Inverleith Row. Free: no booking required. Also at same times on Monday 13th April 2015.



Waterstones Presents Irvine Welsh: the author signs copies of his new book ***A Decent Ride***. 11am, [Waterstones West End](#), 128 Princes Street.

St Giles' At Six: Peter Seivewright (piano) plays transcriptions for piano by Liszt and Rachmaninoff of music by

JS Bach and Fritz Kreisler. 6pm, [St Giles' Cathedral](#), High Street. Free: retiring collection.

