

Wednesday in Edinburgh – What's On Today



Grassmarket Community Project Celebration and Open Evening. Come and see work from the Project's classes and groups including the **Greyfriars' Tartan Group** and the **Grassmarket Furniture Project**, original art and photography – plus **live music, drama and a boogie!** Canapes, coffee and tea will be served at 6pm, **tours** of this amazing building will be on offer, and the evening will end with a **celebration** from 8 to 9pm. 6-9pm, [Grassmarket Community Project](#), 86 Candlemaker Row. Everyone is welcome; if you would like to attend please email sarah@grassmarket.org or call 0131 225 3626 to assist the organisers with catering numbers. Read about The Edinburgh Reporter's afternoon at the Project [here](#).


Quiz: Record Breaking Animals – guess the fastest! For ages 5-12 years. 3-4pm, [Muirhouse Library](#), Pennywell Court. All welcome.


Lunchtime Concert: *Piano Speak* with Will Pickvance. 12.15pm, [St Giles' Cathedral](#), High Street. Free.


Radio Workshop: a workshop for small groups of children aged approximately 10 years, organised in partnership with **Edinburgh International Science Festival**. 3pm, [Blackhall Library](#), 56 Hillhouse Road. Booking is essential as numbers are limited: ask in the library or call 0131 529 5595. Please note that bookings cannot be made by email.




Royal Opening of the Kelpies: HRH Princess Anne officially opens the world's largest pair of equine sculptures and the new canal extension over which they stand guard! HRH The Princess Royal will lead a flotilla of about forty boats along the Forth & Clyde Canal to the sculptures, before meeting some of the groups and individuals involved in the project. Sculptor **Andy Scott** and **Clydesdale horses Duke** (one of the models for the Kelpies) and **Dan** will be in attendance. 11am-2pm, [The Helix](#), Falkirk. All welcome!


 **Future-proofing Your Global Media Career:** a training toolkit for **21st century freelance journalists and filmmakers**. A special three-day lecture series by expert journalists and filmmakers from around the world. This event will provide essential **practical skills:** how to stand out from the crowd, how to produce great work – and how to make money – with lectures covering a broad range of subjects, from **how to succeed as a 21st century documentary filmmaker** to **how to become a 'journopreneur'** and how reporters can expand their skills across different platforms and sell their work across the globe. There will also be practical sessions discussing the **latest innovations in mobile journalism**. The speakers include some of the biggest names in the industry: full details can be found on the university's website [here](#). 9.30am-5.30pm today, Thursday 9th July and Friday 10th July, Lindsay Stewart Lecture Theatre, [Edinburgh Napier University Craiglockhart Campus](#), 219 Colinton Road. All lectures are free and open to the public, but booking is required and may be made via eventbrite [here](#) (you can book for all three days or just one or two).

 **Summer Fun in the Courtyard:** free family activities for children of all ages. Today **Frances Cooper** will run a fun singing workshop – everyone welcome! 11.30am-1pm, Courtyard, [St Andrew's & St George's West Church](#), 13 George Street.

Chorophyll Printing Workshop: did you know you can print a  photograph on a plant? A one hour demonstration covering the basics of chorophyll printing – how and why it works, which plants are best to use, how to make a print and how to preserve the image. 12.30-1.30pm, John Hope Gateway, [Royal Botanic Garden of Edinburgh](#), Inverleith Row. There is no charge but a donation is invited to cover costs. Registration is required and may be made [here](#).

 **Fastest Finger Knitter!** It's easy to learn and make something fun. For ages 5-12 years. 3.30-4.30pm, [Granton Library](#), Wardieburn Terrace. All welcome.

Wiff Waff Wednesday: a monthly ping pong night for all ages with music, and great food and drink available to purchase from the **Drill Hall Arts Cafe**. 6-10.30pm, [Out of the Blue Drill Hall](#), 36 Dalmeny Street. Free, no booking required, all welcome! 'Friendship first, competition second'.

Sunflower Superstars: design and create a funky plant pot,  then plant a sunflower – will yours grow to be a record breaker? For children aged 5-12 years: children under 8 must be supervised by someone over 12. 2-3pm, [Drumbrae Library Hub](#), 81 Drumbrae Drive. All welcome!

Fender Presents The American Standard Tour: a celebration of the sounds, heritage and evolution of the world's greatest electric guitars and basses. Experience at first hand the ideas that became icons (like the **Stratocaster**, **Telecaster**, **Precision** and **Jazz Bass**), through demonstrations, live performances, Q & As with the team and the opportunity to try out a range of Fender USA handcrafted instruments. Plus a guest performance by one of Fender's affiliated artists and the **Fender All-Star Band**. For over 18s only. 7pm, [The Voodoo Rooms](#), West Register Street. Free but tickets are required and may be booked [here](#).



✘ **Otters: Return to the River.** Multi-award winning wildlife photographer **Laurie Campbell** celebrates the return of the otter to our rivers and freshwater wetlands, after a drastic decline in the last century. Campbell has documented an intimate portrait of the lives of otters through the changing seasons for more than two decades. 2pm, [National Library of Scotland](#), George IV Bridge. Free but booking is required; call 0131 623 3734 or book online [here](#).

Pink and Orange: an exhibition of new paintings by **Mark Connolly**. Opens tonight at 6pm (with refreshments), then during normal opening hours, [Victoria Bar](#), 265 Leith Walk.

