




# Wednesday in Edinburgh – What's On Today





**WHALE Arts Summer Festival:** fun activities for children and families. Today: **Superhero Film Day 2** – sounds and special effects; film and screen your movie! For ages 5-18 years. Please bring a packed lunch. 10am-3pm, [WHALE Arts](#), 30 Westburn Grove. Free but **please book** by calling 0131 458 3267 or emailing [info@whalearts.co.uk](mailto:info@whalearts.co.uk) – or ask in the Centre.

 **Dr Book's Surgery.** Stuck for something to read? Looking for new and exciting authors to explore? Dr Book will dispense reading advice and suggestions to cure all of your reading ailments – you'll even get your own reading prescription to take away with you! Consultations available for children aged 5-11 years and parents looking for reading ideas for their children. 2-3pm, [Central Children's Library](#), George IV Bridge. Free but booking is essential and may be made via [eventbrite here](#).

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

 **Origami Cranes:** learn the story of **Sadako** and set an origami record for the library. For ages 5-12 years. 3-4pm, [Muirhouse Library](#), Pennywell Road. Free.

**Edinburgh Gay Men's Book Group:** an inclusive group where  you can meet new people and read and discuss interesting books. 7 (doors open)-9pm, [LGBT Health & Wellbeing](#), 9 Howe Street. For more information please contact [info@gaybookgroup.co.uk](mailto:info@gaybookgroup.co.uk).

**Set and Stitch:** bring your knitting needles along to this  workshop and join artists **Vala Jonsdottir** and **Hannah Imlach**

as they take you through different knitting and crochet techniques on the way to making a communal wool work. Tea, biscuits, chat, laughter, knitting and crochet! The evening will include a tour of **Phyllida Barlow's** exhibition **set**, and **Ginger Twist Studio** will be running a pop-up shop. 6-9pm, [The Fruitmarket Gallery](#), 45 Market Street. £8 per person: please book via eventbrite [here](#) (transaction fee applies).

**A Tale of Two Canals:** explore the history of the **Union** and  the **Forth & Clyde** Canals and the building of the **Falkirk Wheel** with the **Scottish Waterways Trust** – free walking tours packed with quirky facts and fascinating stories! Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult; please wear sturdy boots or shoes and waterproof clothing. 1-3pm, The Falkirk Wheel, Lime Road, Tamfourhill. Book your free place via eventbrite [here](#). Also at same time on 29th July and 5th August 2015.


**Record Breakers Rapid Racers:** make and race a super-powered car! 2-3pm, [Drumrae Library Hub](#), 81 Drum Brae Drive. Free.



**Painting Minibeast Paperweights:** for ages 5-12 years. 3.30-4.30pm, [Granton Library](#), Wardieburn Terrace. Free.

**Summer Fun In The Courtyard:** free family activities every week in July. Today **Puppet State Theatre Company** will stage

its award-winning show, *The Man Who Planted Trees*. 11.30am, Sanctuary, [St Andrew's & St George's West Church](#), 13 George Street. Free: participants will also receive a voucher for use in the **Undercroft Cafe**.

**LGBT Icebreakers:** if you want to meet new people, are just  coming out, or don't feel confident going out on 'the scene', try Icebreakers – an informal, fun and friendly social group for LGBT people and anyone questioning their sexuality or gender identity. For ages 18+. 7.30-9.30pm, **The Regent Bar**, Montrose Terrace. For more information please contact **Alison Wren** on 0131 652 3283 or email [alison@lgbthealth.org.uk](mailto:alison@lgbthealth.org.uk).

**Guided Tour of the National Library:** a tour of the building and an introduction to the Library's collections and history. 10.30am, [National Library of Scotland](#), George IV Bridge. Free but booking is essential and may be made by calling 0131 623 3734 or online [here](#).



**World Press Photos 2015:** the acclaimed annual press photography exhibition returns to the Scottish Parliament; this year the expert jury gave awards to 42 photographers from 17 nationalities, with the overall prize going to Danish photographer **Mads Nissen**. This international touring exhibition will visit 100 cities in 45 countries. 10am-5pm, Monday to Saturday, [The Scottish Parliament](#), Holyrood. Free. Closes 22nd August 2015.



**Michael Peto Photographs: Politics in Focus.** Hungarian-born photojournalist Michael Peto (1908-70) moved to London in 1939; his photography was first published in *The Observer* in 1949. As well as documenting social issues and power brokers, Peto became a distinctive observer of performers and is perhaps best known for his images of dancers **Margot Fonteyn** and **Rudolf Nureyev**. This exhibition of portraits and photographs has been specially selected from **The Peto Collection** (University of Dundee) for display in the

Parliament; it forms a powerful portrait of social, political and cultural life in the 1950s and 60s. 10am-5pm, Monday to Saturday, [The Scottish Parliament](#), Holyrood. Free. Closes 22nd August 2015.

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**Introduction to Maps at the National Library of Scotland.** NLS is home to one of the largest map collections in the world, with a collection including everything from town plans to world atlases, railway maps and star charts. Learn about the range of maps available and view a selection of highlights. The session will include an introduction to the Maps Reading Room. 2pm, [Maps Reading Room](#), 159 Causewayside. Free but booking is required and may be made by calling 0131 623 3734 or online [here](#).

**Poets Against Humanity:** subtly divesting itself of any sort of coherent ideology, this show returns for its fifth attempt at

destroying poetry. **Vicki Jarrett Chung, Freddie Alexander** and **Jennifer Lynn Williams** form tonight's panel. 8-10pm, [The Banshee Labyrinth](#), Niddrie Street. Free.



**Freemachines:** develop new IT and creative skills. For ages 12-14 years. 5-7pm, [Granton Library](#), Wardieburn Terrace. Free.

