

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Scot:Lands entertainment announced

At Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop

Wheelchairs on the Beach

Arrests after Morningside Drive break-in

Edinburgh winners in National Writing Competition



Organisers have announced the full-line up for Scot:Lands, the exclusive pop-up festival within a festival, on 1 January 2016. Now in its third year, and an integral part of the three day Edinburgh's Hogmanay which is produced on behalf of the City of Edinburgh Council by Unique Events, Scot:Lands is supported by the Scottish Government's Edinburgh Festivals Expo Fund.

An essential component of Edinburgh's Hogmanay, Scot:Lands takes over New Year's Day as a multi-arts festival in its own right and, as can be seen by the programme announced, offers a scintillating selection of the best of Scotland's artistic talent – intriguing, provocative, sometimes reflective; always entertaining.

With many of the performances created or re-imagined exclusively for Scot:Lands, this pop-up Festival offers one chance, on one afternoon only, for audiences to enjoy an extraordinary collection of spoken word, dance, music and film, fashioned and curated by some of Scotland's most innovative artists and arts organisations.

[Read more here](#)



On Thursday of this week you can join Amy Bolton recipient of this years ESW/ECA graduate bursary for an artist talk at the Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop at Hawthornvale.

More details [here](#).



Portobello Community Council need your help in supporting the launch of a Beach Wheelchair Service for Portobello. This would offer wheelchairs with specially adapted wheels to be hired out free to wheelchair users.

What do you think? Tell them [here](#).



Police have arrested and charged three teenagers in connection with a break-in and robbery at a property on Morningside Drive on Friday night, October 30th.

A 15-year-old and two 16-year-olds appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on Monday, November 2nd.

Detective Chief Inspector Martin MacLean said: "Following a swift and extensive police investigation my team has arrested three males in connection with a break-in and robbery on Morningside Drive.

"I would like to thank the local community who assisted with our investigation.

"Violence in our communities is completely unacceptable and those involved in such offences will be pursued and, wherever possible, quickly arrested."



Three Edinburgh residents who wrote a short story about a special journey for a national writing competition have had their submissions chosen to be published in a book.

George Watt, Lorna Malone and Catherine McDonald beat off competition from 600 other entries to win a place in *Journeys*, a special book to be published as part of Book Week Scotland. George's story *George's Journey*, Lorna's story *Taking It In Baby Steps* and Catherine's story *Meet Me At St. Monans* will feature alongside entries from 37 other winners and author contributors such as Andrew O'Hagan, Jenni Fagan, Tom Pow and Lucy Ribchester.

Commenting on the publication of his story, George said:

"When I was told my story was chosen by Scottish Book Trust I was surprised and delighted to know it was to be included in the book. Lauren and Caley my granddaughters are proud to say "my Papa is now an author!""

George's story can be read on Scottish Book Trust's website [here](#).

Lorna said: "I'm delighted that my piece has been included in *Journeys*. This is the second time my writing has been selected by the Scottish Book Trust and it's really rewarding to know that other people have enjoyed reading it. The SBT projects have definitely incentivised me to keep plugging away with my writing and to keep sharing. I'd urge anyone with a story to tell to get involved."

Lorna's story can be read on Scottish Book Trust's website [here](#).

Catherine's story can be read on Scottish Book Trust's website [here](#).

The competition was held by Scottish Book Trust, a national charity changing lives through reading and writing, and encouraged intrepid storytellers across Scotland to share in

writing the journeys that meant most to them – from a trip around the world to revisiting a precious moment from the past. Contributions included poems as well as prose.

To celebrate the fourth year of Book Week Scotland (23 – 29 November 2015) more than 150,000 free copies of *Journeys* will be given to people throughout the week. The books will be distributed in local bookshops, public libraries, prisons, hospitals, visitor information centres, ferry terminals and train stations. All the stories entered for the competition are available to read at www.bookweekscotland.com.


Journeys also features original commissioned contributions from some new voices in Scottish literature including Malachy Tallack, Lucy Ribchester, wildlife film maker Gordon Buchanan and a special contribution in Gaelic from Màrtainn Mac an t-Saoir.

Marc Lambert, CEO of Scottish Book Trust said:

“This project has given people of all ages living in Scotland the inspiration to write the story of a special journey – some for the very first time. We received hundreds of submissions from members of the public, sharing beautifully unique stories of real or emotional journeys and are delighted to be able to give away 150,000 free copies of this wonderful book for Book Week Scotland 2015.”

All the entries to the Journeys campaign can be read here: <http://scottishbooktrust.com/writing/journeys/read-stories>



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