What's On In Edinburgh this week – Seven Fantastic Fundraisers

Band of the Regiment of Scotland. 1pm, Friday 29th April, <u>Canongate Kirk</u>, 153 Canongate. Free; retiring collection for Scottish Veterans' Residences.

Let Us Build A House – a fundraiser for the Church of Scotland's initiative in support of Nepal in its recovery from last year's devastating earthquake. Enjoy some of Edinburgh's finest home-baking, plus bric-a-brac, cake, tombola and book stalls. 10am-12 noon, Saturday 30th April, Harry Younger Hall (Canongate Kirk), 3 Lochend Close.

Ayman Jarjour: the internationally renowned Syrian guitarist in a concert fundraiser for Syria. Ayman started learning guitar in Syria before continuing in Madrid and then attended the Juilliard School in New York; he has performed all over the world, from Carnegie Hall to the Edinburgh Fringe. 7.30pm, Saturday 30th April, Carrubers Christian Centre, 65 High Street. Free but please register via eventbrite here. Entry by donation; please come prepared to give generously to SHARE (Syrian Humanitarian Aid Relief Effort) and Operation Mobilisation. For more information please call the centre on 0131 556 2626 or 07774 968124.

Linton Singers: a concert in aid of IWORK4ME, the only Scottish Charity providing specialised support to people with Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC) (Asperger's Syndrome or High Functioning Autism) who wish to become self-employed. The Linton Singers will perform Duruflé *Requiem* and Vivaldi *Gloria*, conducted by **Murray Campbell**; organist **Jean Arulanantham**. 7.30pm, Saturday 30th April, <u>Canongate Kirk</u>, 153 Section Canongate. Admission £10; tickets are available from choir members or by emailing <u>secretary@lintonsingers.org</u>.

Scotland's Gardens: 101 Greenbank Crescent. The front of the house is on a busy town bus route, but the back of the house is in the country, with views to the Pentland Hills and over the adjoining Braidburn Valley Park. The garden shows what can be done on a steeply sloped site: paths and steps join a variety of distinct areas and terraces, each with a different character. The aim is to have colour, contrast and interest all year round. Refreshments available. 2-5pm, Sunday 1st May, 101 Greenbank Crescent, EH10 5TA. Admission £4 of which 40% goes to St Columba's Hospice and the net remaining to SG Beneficiaries.

Scotland's Gardens: Moray Place and Bank Gardens. Moray Place is a private garden of 3¹/₂ acres in the Georgian New Town, with shrubs, trees and beds offering an atmosphere of tranquillity in the city centre. Bank Gardens are nearly 6 acres of secluded wild gardens with lawns, trees and shrubs with banks of bulbs down to the Water of Leith, with stunning vistas across Firth of Forth. Refreshments available. 2-5pm, Sunday 1st May, Moray Place/Doune Terrace. Admission £4 of which 40% goes to The Euan Macdonald Centre for Motor Neurone Disease Research and the net remaining to SG Beneficiaries.

Rockathon 2016: a marathon of great live music in aid of Forth One's Cash For Kids; a worthy charity helping local kids who are disadvantaged for whatever reason and need some support. Line-up includes JJ Gilmour & Band, Break The Butterfly, The Rising Souls, Craig Wilson (guest DJ), Kirsten Adamson, The Rah's, Benny Monteux And The Bones Brigade and November Lights. 3.30pm till late, Sunday 1st May, <u>Stramash</u>, 207 Cowgate. Tickets £10 from the venue or Tickets Scotland.