

LeithLate16 – something to look forward to in June



Promising a jam-packed programme of exhibitions and events the only place to be between 23 and 26 June is Leith.

LeithLate16 is curated by festival director and producer Morvern Cunningham who told us a little about what we should expect: “It will be four days of fun! From the opening night on Thursday 23 June which will be a one night extravaganza of art and music at 25 different venues all up and down Leith Walk. This will culminate in a big after party at The Hibernian Supporters’ Club with live performances from Nice Church and Carbs.

“We will be based over the four days at our hub which is the Out of the Blue Drill Hall on Dalmeny Street. We will have a series of different events on different days including special panel talks on Friday, mural tours which start at Out of the Blue on Saturday and an Art Mart where artists can sell their wares on the Sunday.

“Mural tours were included in last year’s event and were very popular. About 200 people attended those tours.

“There is a series of historic murals in Leith, and in the past few years since LeithLate has been in existence we have been commissioning artists to make contemporary new murals as well. So there is a variety of old and new and the tour takes in a selection of those art works. They stretch from Out of the Blue to Leith Library where there is the iconic mural that everyone knows.”

[The Edinburgh Reporter NEWS – LeithLate16](#) from [Phyllis Stephen](#)

on [Vimeo](#).

Morvern and David Lemm posed for photos in front of the poster which Lemm has designed. This is part of a public art initiative which is being run in collaboration with Edinburgh City of Literature Trust.

Six poems about Edinburgh by contemporary poets such as Rachel McCrum, Michael Pedersen and Harry Giles, will feature on the specially designed large posters displayed on advertising sites around the Leith area for the month of June. So watch out for these beginning to appear very soon.

LeithLate16 opening night (Thursday 23rd June, 6-10pm) full programme

- Edinburgh Printmakers – exhibition *Species of Space* by Robert Powell. In addition, there will be printmaking demonstrations for the public throughout Friday and Saturday. <http://www.edinburghprintmakers.co.uk/>
- Gayfield Creative Spaces – *The Improvement of Invalid Youth* by Dennis and Debbie Club, a new audio-visual multi-projection installation which revisits the history of the site, by taking as a point of departure a publication from 1856 with the same title. Dennis and Debbie are a digital artist duo. <http://dennisanddebbie.club/>
- Joseph Pearces – live music on Thursday night by country duo Bear Necessities.
- Basement Art Club (under Pack & Send) back garden – Back Garden Biennale, curated by Sara Sinclair. The BGB has been taking place since 2006, with artworks installed in gardens, sheds, a caravan, a public park, a crofters' store and inside homes. <http://www.back-garden-biennale.co.uk>
- Settlement Projects charity shop – Place + Platform with Poor Art Collective. Place + Platform is a nomadic Edinburgh based collective run by Abi and Susannah, Poor

Art is an online magazine run by Michael Kay and Sam Wood. The eponymously titled *Poor Art* exhibition will present art amidst the oddities; expect an eclectic mix of sculptures, performance and posters questioning “What is the value of art?” <http://placeandplatform.weebly.com> and

<https://medium.com/poor-art/poor-art-5e2c52c287f6#.58pn6gdwu>

- The Joker and The Thief – live music
- McDonald Road Library – #artcore takeover. Young creative apprentices from #artcore will be taking over McDonald Road Library to present an evening of spoken word, physical performance and music from DJs and producers. <http://www.outoftheblue.org.uk/artcore/>
- Leith Walk Police Box – *Wish You Were Where* by Eye Am Camera. Visual arts collective Eye Am Camera is a newly formed collaborative project created by Sandy Sigala and the group will be distributing their collection of work to the public for free throughout LeithLate16.
- Leith Walk – Juliana Capes. Juliana is presenting a suite of street works around the theme of luck, including pavement piece *Annul* on Leith Walk. <http://www.julianacapes.co.uk/>
- Brass Monkey Leith – Soul Deep vinyl dance party.
- Elvis Shakespeare – a variety of local bands playing in the shop Thursday 23rd 6-9pm and Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th 2.30-5pm, including Sacre Noir and My Electric Love Affair.
- Out of the Blue Drill Hall – Rabiya Choudhry. LeithLate exhibition of Rabiya’s LeithLate currency commission, plus work from associated #artcore workshop with young people to design their own forms of currency. Rabiya’s LeithLate currency will be mass produced via Out of the Blueprint’s riso press and given away for free during LeithLate16. <https://rabiychoudhry.com/> On Thursday night, there will also be an all women poetry slam at the Drill Hall, hosted by Jenny Lindsay.

<http://womenslibrary.org.uk/event/all-women-poetry-slam-2016-harpies-fechters-and-quines-festival-edinburgh/>

- Rhubaba – exhibition *How to Survive on Land and Sea* by Daniella Watson. Daniella has been Rhubaba's writer-in-residence over the past 2 years. The resulting text consists of a collection of stories and ephemera relating to a little known artist collective called The Trajectorians. <http://www.rhubaba.org/>
- The Creative Showroom – open studios event. The Creative Showroom is a new retail shop and studio spaces for 8-10 creatives, located halfway down Leith Walk. It was set up by surface pattern designer Gill Norval from Dibujo Design.
- Victoria – exhibition *Eye Be* by Georgia Rose Murray and live music on Thursday by Spanish/Scottish/German 6 piece band The Rhumba Ridges. <https://georgiarosemurray.com/>
- Woodland Creatures – The Critter Session open mic with Hailey Beavis, plus *Black and White*, a printmaking exhibition by Pamela Scott.
- Boda – live music on 23rd and Hawaiian luau party on 25th.
- Pat's Chung Ying Oriental Foods – *Nearest Neighbours: Leith* by Ian Gouldstone. Ian is a digital artist whose work incorporates games, animation and new media. Ian's new work for LeithLate16 in the window of a Chinese supermarket also coincides with the initial stage of a new partnership/twinning between LeithLate and Deptford X, London's longest running contemporary arts festival. <http://iangouldstone.com/>
- Leith Athletics – Kosmischer Läufer installation. There will be an installation of Kosmischer Läufer ephemera with special music link to the secret cosmic music of the East German Olympic Programme 1972-83. <http://www.kosmischerlaufer.com/>
- SilverHub Studios – open studios of this contemporary jewellery studio plus exhibition of resident jewellers.

Blueflint will also be playing live on the Thursday night to celebrate the studios' 5th birthday. There will be a silver ring-making workshop on Saturday. <http://www.silverhubstudios.com/>

- Leith Depot – *...but the night will always be remembered* site-specific installation of sound and print, plus weekend gigs during the day with Franklin Fest garage bands on Saturday and The Precious Penny Pluckers on Sunday. <https://leithdepot.com/>
- OOTB Leith Walk Studios – open studios event on Thursday. New artist studios space on Leith Walk managed by The Out of the Blue Drill Hall. Participating artists include Sarah Muirhead and Sheil Yule.
- The Edinburgh Remakery – repair workshops. Newly opened Remakery outlet on Leith Walk from the Remade in Edinburgh team. <http://www.remadeinedinburgh.org.uk/>
- Mousetrap – live music

More information on the [LeithLate](#) website