

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



- National Museums Scotland launch their own online game
- Recycling- you know you want to!
- Our Pick of the Fringe!
- Edinburgh Leisure
- The Atelier in August

A new online game has been launched by National Museums Scotland featuring a digital creature called Gen. The lovable new character has been created in collaboration with Aardman and will allow the players to use real objects from the Museum's biomedical collections.

This launch comes hot on the heels of the opening of the new galleries at the National Museum on Chambers Street which cost £14.1 million to create. Some of that funding for the science and technology galleries came from Wellcome.

Sophie Goggins, Assistant Curator, Biomedicine at National Museums Scotland said: "This is one of a number of fun ways we're using to introduce some fairly complex ideas of medical science to a wider audience. It's been exciting to work with Aardman to bring Gen and our objects to life. We hope lots of people will get online to play and find it enjoyable as well as getting an insight into some of the amazing objects now on show in the National Museum of Scotland"



Laura Chilcott, Senior Digital Producer at Aardman said: "Gen is a truly unique game featuring a new, loveable Aardman character. This successful and enjoyable partnership with

National Museums Scotland has been a great opportunity for us to use our skills both to educate a new audience, and also to enhance the museum's biomedical displays. It also serves to further our work with the museums sector, where we have seen our technical and creative skills being a great fit!"

Rob Cawston, Digital Manager at National Museums Scotland said : "It was fantastic collaborating with Aardman on this innovative project. With their passion for creating unique characters and stories with the technical expertise of the digital team we've created a new way to interact with the biomedical objects in the Museum collections. Everyone loves the Gen character and we've enjoyed the technical challenge of making the game playable across all devices."

You can play on a phone, tablet or desktop. Play the game at www.nms.ac.uk/gen



September is just around the corner and the Environment Minister, Roseanna Cunningham MSP would like you to think ahead about recycling in the autumn.

If you do or if you don't already recycle then there is no time like the present to start or pick up a new habit.

Recycle Week (12-18 September) is run by Zero Waste Scotland and you are invited to get involved.



Yes we got there early for a change – and all our acts and shows in The Edinburgh Reporter Pick of this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe can be found here.

And of course our Picks are in the newspaper that we have produced too – if you would like some copies for distribution then let us know.

Now if you are an act coming to Edinburgh and would like to take advantage of our video interview ahead of your show – then get in touch! editor@theedinburghreporter.co.uk



Edinburgh Leisure in conjunction with Honey Pot Ceramics are holding an amazzzzzzing Honeybee party at the Edinburgh International Climbing Arena to celebrate their fuzzy friends.

From 2-4pm on Friday 29 July 2016, children aged 10 years and under can enjoy a range of fun activities to keep them buzzing. On offer will be:

- Scrambles softplay time with bee biscuit making, colouring in and face painting
- Honey Pot Ceramic time, where children can make a clay bee and scented flower to take home
- Garden time where children can meet a real bee keeper complete with bee hive. They will also plant bee-friendly sees in a plant pot they can decorate and take home with them.

At EICA:Ratho, South Platt Hill, Newbridge, Edinburgh EH28 8AA on Friday, 29 July – 2.30-4.30pm 18 months and under – £2.75, 19 months – 10 years – £8.50

To book: 0131 333 6333 or speak to a member of the team at the EICA: Ratho reception



Get along to The Atelier's Italian evening to try their Contemporary Italian Menu offering a modern view on Italian cuisine on Monday 22nd August for one night only from 7pm-10pm – reservations required.

Selecting The Best of Scottish produce together with great

Italian ingredients.

Their Head Chef and Co-Owner Maciek Zielinski has come up with their Tasting Menu offering a Journey through great Italian flavours.

Chef Maciek's dream is to have his own Italian restaurant one day as this is his favourite cuisine.

Reservations are required. To book, please call **0131 6295040** or alternatively you can book online at – www.theatelierrestaurant.co.uk/reservation

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