

Leith Comedy Festival 6-8 October

Three years late, eventually this weekend the Leith Comedy Festival will take place all around Leith in several different venues.

There will be walking tours, an Opening Night Gala at Leith Arches, an introduction to Laughter Yoga and after many other events a Closing Night Gala at the Biscuit Factory.

At the opening evening gala Billy Kirkwood will be the host of a show featuring among others, Joe McTernan and Marjolein Robertson.



Marjolein Robertson PHOTO Trudy Stade



Rosalind Romer, Director of Leith Comedy Festival PHOTO Louis DeCarlo

Rosalind Romer, Director of Leith Comedy Festival said: "I'm so excited the first weekend Leith Comedy Festival is finally

happening. I have been planning it for so long, and all the events I put on during the pandemic have been leading up to this. The Leith community has been so supportive, and I believe the programme reflects the creativity and humour of Leith. They'll be the first to tell me if it doesn't."

Life is expensive at the moment so it's important that there are pay-what-you-can tickets for every show. Organisers are encouraging those who can afford it to use the pay-it-forward option when buying tickets. This creates more pay-what-you-can tickets across the whole festival.

This festival has been built from the ground up from within the community, rather than picking a place and bringing in some comedy. This festival only works in Leith. The suppliers are here. The profits stay here, in Leith itself where possible.

Leith Comedy Festival has been made possible by the support of The National Lottery through Creative Scotland and Firstport.

Head of Theatre at Creative Scotland, Laura Mackenzie-Stuart, said: "Events such as Leith Comedy Festival which are firmly rooted in their local community are the bedrock of cultural celebration. More than ever, we are drawn to live performance in the company of others, energised by the collective experience.

"Thanks to support from The National Lottery players, Leith Comedy Festival's programme has something for all ages, whether that's discovering the latest comedy talent, diving into a session of laughter yoga or teaming up for a themed quiz night. This showcases the variety of activity and local-level investment that the Creative Scotland Open Fund supports throughout the year."

On Saturday there is a family event for everyone to enjoy a good laugh. Soup Group begins at 3.30pm at Leith Depot. [Tickets here.](#)

While some one-off events have taken place this is the first proper weekend festival.

Comedy for good. Laughter for all.

<https://www.leithcomedyfest.com>

Leith Comedy Festival Programme

Date	Time	End	Title	Venue	Age	Price
Fri 6 th Oct	8pm	9.45pm	Opening Night Gala and Aftershow Party	Leith Arches	16+	£ 16.50*
Sat 7 th Oct	2pm	4pm	Introduction to Improvisation	Duncan Place	16+	£ 15.00
	3.30pm	4.30pm	Soup Group!	Leith Depot	5+	£ 7.00
	5pm	6.30pm	Comedy Walking Tour (Live)	Scottish Merchant Navy Memorial next to Malmaison	all	£ 15.00
	8pm	10pm	Leith Laughs: An Evening of Funny Stories	Leith Dockers Club	16+	£ 10.00
Sun 8 th Oct	2.30pm	3.30pm	Introduction to Laughter Yoga	Leith Community Centre	18+	£ 12.00
	3pm	5pm	Leith Comedy Festival Quiz	Smoke & Mirrors	all	£ 2.00
	5pm	6.30pm	Comedy Walking Tour (Live)	Scottish Merchant Navy Memorial next to Malmaison	all	£ 15.00

all weekend		Lassies of Leith Tour (Online)	YouTube	18+	free
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Friday 6th October 8pm

Opening Night Gala and Aftershow Party

Leith Arches

Four brilliant comedians followed by an aftershow party with DJ Styles Karaoke Party until 1am.



Saturday 7th October 8pm

Leith Laughs: An Evening of Funny Stories

Leith Dockers Club

A storytelling evening. Tell a 5m story or listen to others. With Giulia Galastro and Fiona Herbert.



Friday 6th October

Lassies of Leith Tour (Online)

YouTube

A chance to watch the five-star hit tour by Paul from Invisible Cities from wherever you are.



Sunday 8th October 2.30pm

Introduction to Laughter Yoga

Leith Community Centre

An hour-long laughter yoga workshop with Jo Bluett, followed by a hot drink and a sweet treat.



Saturday 7th October 2pm

Introduction to Improv

Duncan Place Community Hub

A fun two-hour improv workshop with Mara Joy, followed by a hot drink and a sweet treat.



Sunday 8th October 3pm

Leith Comedy Festival Quiz

Smoke & Mirrors

A comedy quiz with Leith favourite, the Roaming Quizman. Family friendly and dog friendly.



Saturday 7th October 3.30pm

Soup Group!

Leith Depot

Fun for the whole family! Little ones welcome. Visual jokes, suitable for non-English speakers.



Sunday 8th October 5pm

Comedy Walking Tour (Live)

War memorial outside Malmaison

Sonny from Invisible Cities guides you through the curiosities and funniest stories in Leith.



Saturday 7th October 5pm

Comedy Walking Tour (Live)

War memorial outside Malmaison

Dakota from Invisible Cities guides you through the curiosities and funniest stories in Leith.



Sunday 8th October 8pm

Closing Night Gala

The Biscuit Factory

Send off the first Leith Comedy Festival in style. A great night out with four brilliant comedians.



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| <p>1 The Biscuit Factory
4-6 Anderson Place,
EH6 5NP</p> <p>2 Leith Depot
138-142 Leith Walk,
EH6 5DT</p> <p>3 Leith Arches
6 Manderston
Street, EH6 8LY</p> <p>4 Smoke & Mirrors
159 Constitution
Street, EH6 7AD</p> | <p>5 Leith Dockers Club
17-17a Academy
Street, EH6 7EE</p> <p>6 Duncan Place
4 Duncan Place,
EH6 8HW</p> <p>7 Leith Community
Centre
12A Newkirkgate,
EH6 6AD</p> <p>8 Malmaison
Edinburgh
1 Tower Place,
EH6 7BZ</p> |
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