

# FAIR SATURDAY SCOTLAND

**Saturday 30th  
November 2024**

A DAY  
CULTURE  
CHANGE



**2024 Events  
programme**

# Welcome...

## ...to Fair Saturday 2024!

**We're delighted to see you, and we have a wonderful programme of events by artists and performers to celebrate Fair Saturday 2024. We hope that there will be something for everyone. All are warmly welcome here.**

Fair Saturday Scotland is our contribution to the international Fair Saturday Movement, a global mobilisation that aims to create a positive social impact, with culture at the centre. Originating in Bilbao in 2014, Fair Saturday aims to respond to Black Friday in a positive way by prioritising culture and social empathy towards the most vulnerable in our society. Artists and cultural organisations from all over the world get together in an international festival following just one requirement: to support a social cause of their choice through their event.

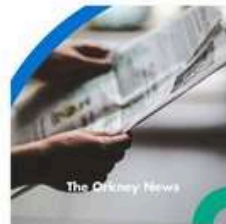
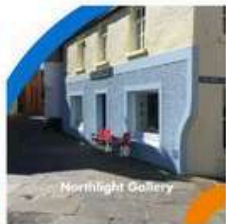
Our goal is to ensure that culture and the arts are not just for the few, but accessible to everyone, and that all communities are able to take part, as artists, participants and performers. We are enormously grateful to the City of Edinburgh Council for the generous provision of the Fair Saturday Edinburgh Community Engagement Fund which helps to achieve this. We also want to take this opportunity to thank the City of Edinburgh Council for their wider support for Fair Saturday Edinburgh this year, and to thank the Skinny and EPAD for their support.

Most of all, we would like to thank all the artists and organisations who create events for Fair Saturday in Scotland, the social projects, and you, the audience. We wouldn't be here without you all! Thank you for working for a better world.

**"We have the opportunity to recognise the value of culture for development and social cohesion, empathy and equality. At Fair Saturday and of course every day of the year."**

**- Jordi Albareda, Founder, Fair Saturday Foundation**

# Welcome and thank you to all of our 2024 participants!



# Our most sincere thanks to the following organisations for your support



# Fair Saturday 2024 events are proud to support the following organisations



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# SOUNDHOUSE WINTER FESTIVAL

28 NOVEMBER – 2 DECEMBER 2024

**CALLUM EASTER & THE ROULETTES**  
**HANNAH LAVERY'S UNWRITTEN WOMEN**  
**INGE THOMSON & CATRIONA MACDONALD**  
**MCCREADIE/STUMBRAS/SCANROGLIO/GALEOTTI**  
**SU-A LEE & FRIENDS**  
**MEGAN BLACK**

And many more... [soundhousewinterfest.com](http://soundhousewinterfest.com)



"This is real Scotland and it's world class"

## The Soundhouse Winter Festival

The Soundhouse Organisation

Thursday 28th November - Monday 2nd December

The Traverse Theatre, 10 Cambridge Street EH1 2ED

The Queen's Hall, 85-89 Clerk St, Newington EH8 9JG

The Soundhouse Winter Festival is a new five-day music festival taking place this winter in Edinburgh. Produced by the Soundhouse Organisation it will incorporate performances by some of the very best musicians from Scotland, showcase some of the most exciting newcomers, and offer a full programme of workshops over the weekend.

"In 40 years of festival going I do not think I've ever known a venue to present such a diversity of Scottish musical talent. Not marching bands or lone pipers but gifted performers ranging across genres, all products of our rich musical culture." This was the reaction of Sunday Times journalist Alex Bell to a month of gigs Soundhouse promoted during the Edinburgh Festival 2023. We showcased a whole host of musical acts based in Scotland – across jazz, folk, indy and classical – and audiences loved it.

So when better to repeat the exercise than around St Andrew's Day? We'll have concerts each night from Thursday 28 November to Monday 2 December and daytime events on the weekend. The whole shee-bang will be a Fair Saturday fundraiser, so that any profits will help to support Soundhouse's musical programme in 2025.

See you there!

[soundhouse.org.uk](http://soundhouse.org.uk)

[soundhousewinterfest.com](http://soundhousewinterfest.com)

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## Rachel Walker & Aaron Jones

Thursday 28th November, 6.30pm-7.30pm

Traverse Theatre, £14/£12

Bringing together one of Scotland's finest Gaelic singer / songwriters with one of the country's foremost folksingers and accompanists, [Rachel Walker](#) and [Aaron Jones](#) celebrate songs from both the traditional and contemporary repertoire with a focus on sensitive arrangements with beautiful vocal harmony.

## The Rugged Island: A Shetland Lyric

Thursday 28th November, 8.15pm-10pm

Traverse Theatre, £16/£13

Pioneering Glasgow-born filmmaker Jenny Gilbertson directs this poignant "story documentary" about crofting families in Shetland. Soundhouse Winter Festival is proud to present this extraordinary Scottish film, with music commissioned by HippFest for award-winning multi-instrumentalist and composer from Fair Isle: [Inge Thomson](#), performing with Shetland-born [Catriona Macdonald](#) - considered one of the world's leading traditional fiddle players. Special guest - Amy Laurenson (Shetland pianist).

## Victoria Hume

Friday 29th November, 6.30pm-7.30pm

Traverse Theatre, £14/£12

Edinburgh-based [Victoria Hume](#) is an acclaimed singer-songwriter known for intertwining her musical and professional life – she works as an arts manager in health and medicine and as a researcher. An ambitious, inspiring and thought-provoking record unlike anything Lost Map has released before, Radical Abundance is Victoria's new album of absorbing atmospheric alt-folk songs, about the dying days of capitalism and what might emerge next.

[info + tickets](#)

## Megan Black

Friday 29th November, 8.15pm-10.30pm

Traverse Theatre, £16/£13

Ever thought of mixing '70s blues rock with queer feminist pop? If you dare, you will get none other than Scotland's very own [Megan Black](#). With focus on themes such as feminism, mental health, the LGBTQ+ community, addiction, and climate change, her latest EP 'Full Circle (Part 1)' has been nominated for 'EP of the Year' in Scotland - highlighting Megan's new work and what is yet to come.

## SWF Spotlight

Saturday 30th November, 2pm-3pm

Traverse Theatre, £16/£13

Join us for an electrifying show packed with new jazz talent: Building on the success of our traditional music showcase at Edinburgh Tradfest (ETF Spotlight) we aim to do the same for Scotland's burgeoning jazz scene. This concert features the Rosalind Orr Trio, TAO and C.A.L.I.E.

## Nicole Smit Quintet

Saturday 30th November, 6.30pm-7.30pm

Traverse Theatre, £14/£12

Singer [Nicole Smit](#) has been wowing Scottish audiences with her uplifting and inspirational performances drenched in the history of the blues since arriving on these shores from Sweden almost a decade ago. Now she turns to the jazzier side with music inspired by Dinah Washington, Etta Jones, Eartha Kitt and Billie Holiday – singers with jazz techniques but also cool, bluesy-textured voices. Nicole's eponymous quintet is completed by drummer Vid Gobac, Cameron Bradley on upright, Dave Toule on guitar and Cassandra E'Silva on sax.

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[Piroska Édes](#)



## McCreadie/Stumbras/Scanroglio/Galeotti

Saturday 30th November, 8.15pm-10.30pm

Traverse Theatre, £16/£13

From Scotland to Italy to Lithuania, [Fergus McCreadie](#) (piano), [Mindaugas Stumbras](#) (guitar), [Michelangelo Scanroglio](#) (doublebass) and [Mattia Galeotti](#) (drums) have forged a special connection over many years of playing together. Generated initially from a friendship between Mindaugas and Michelangelo, they met in 2018 for the first time in Florence and have since made music many times in their respective countries.

## Hannah Lavery's Unwritten Women

Sunday 1st December, 3pm-4pm

Traverse Theatre, £15/£13

Hannah Lavery is an award winning poet, playwright and performer. Unwritten Women is a poetic and chilling re-telling of Robert Louis Stevenson's Jekyll & Hyde, elevating the women in that classic tale; inviting them in, to speak to us from the margins, and from within the silences. Performed by Hannah Lavery with music by [Kate Young](#).

## Acolyte

Sunday 1st December, 6.30pm-7.30pm

Traverse Theatre, £14/£12

[Acolyte](#) is an Edinburgh-based poetic and psychedelic ensemble, founded in 2018. Described by The Skinny as a 'supergroup', Acolyte is made up of bassist Ruairidh Morrison (The Dark Jokes, The Microband), with synth and backing vocals from Gloria Black (Maranta), percussionist Daniel Hill and fronted by award-winning poet and spoken-word artist, Iona Lee. Acolyte fuse soundscapes with storytelling, hypnotic loops, harmonic depth and existential motifs to create truly unique performances and a genre-defying sound.

## Su-a Lee & Friends

Sunday 1st December, 8.15pm-10.30pm

Traverse Theatre, £16/£13

[Su-a Lee](#) is one of Scotland's most versatile, adventurous and charismatic cellists. For this very special show Su'a will be joined by three stellar collaborators: [Duncan Chisholm](#), one of Scotland's most accomplished fiddlers, celebrated multi-instrumentalist/composer/producer [Donald Shaw](#), and [Hamish Napier](#), producer, tunesmith and multi-faceted performer.

Su-a says, "Playing solo is not really my thing. I am energised by working with other people, especially these people."

Expect an evening of traditional, and not so traditional tunes.

## Callum Easter & the Roulettes

Monday 2nd December, 8pm-10.30pm

The Queen's Hall, £25/£20 each + booking fee

F\*\*k that accordion. Too damn heavy. God gave us guitars and organs and good looking boys on bass and drums to play with. A band that arrives on its own two feet. [Callum Easter](#) will have some saved up sunshine, pocketed as he passed through America's deep south on a recent tour, to melt the frozen hearts of Edinburgh's weather-abused audiences. The kind of sunshine that burns and blisters and makes you yearn for a Scottish winter. The kind of heat that snaps guitar strings and loses kilos, that puddles sweat at the feet and makes voices hoarse and makes you yearn for beer. With songs from the new album and a full band, Leith's very own holy Easter will brand his name on your heart. Not one of your washable tattoos. Indelible. Forever dirty.

With special guest: IONA ZAJAC

[info + tickets](#)





## Gaelic Lullabies with Rachel Walker

Saturday 30th November, 11am-12.30pm

Traverse Theatre, £22/£16.50 each (plus booking fee)

Join [Rachel Walker](#) for a heartwarming workshop focussing on tàlaidhean - Gaelic lullabies. There is no requirement to have any experience of Gaelic singing for this workshop – some interest and enthusiasm will go a long way. These songs are just beautiful and a joy to sing as a group.

[info + tickets](#)

## Fergus McCreadie: Going Beyond Jazz

Saturday 30th November, 11am-12.30pm

Traverse Theatre, £22/£16.50 each (plus booking fee)

In this session [Fergus McCreadie](#) will talk about and demonstrate the influences that irrigate his playing and how he has developed his unique performance style. He will touch on improvisation techniques and developing versatility in rhythm and colour.

[info + tickets](#)

## Jazz Saxophone with Helena Kay

Sunday 1st December, 11am-12.30pm

Traverse Theatre, £22/£16.50 (plus booking fee)

Join one of Scotland's leading players, [Helena Kay](#), for an easy-going workshop that is open to all abilities. Helena will show you how to get the most from a simple tune and touch on how to get the best sound from your instrument. You can also expect tips from Helena on how to practise when time is tight.



[info + tickets](#)

## Strip the Willow! Celebratory Ceilidh

Edinburgh Tool Library

Friday 29th November, 7pm-11pm

Portobello Town Hall, 147-149 Portobello High Street

Portobello EH15 1AF

Ticketed, £0-£25

We've had a comedy show, yard sales, summer parties but in 10 years we've never had a ceilidh! It's about time to fix that....

Dance the night away with us in Porty Town Hall while helping us fundraise for ETL! We've teamed up with Ceilidh Collective to organise a cracking night of celebratory boogies - and kids are welcome too!

This is the last of our series of events to celebrate our first 10 years of sharing (and caring!) at the Edinburgh Tool Library. We're so grateful to have you join us for the celebrations, and we hope you will help our celebrations go out with a bang! See you on the dancefloor!

While this is a fundraising event, we want to remove financial barriers to our 10th birthday events, so to make paid events more accessible we also have a sliding scale donation option, where you can choose what you pay based on your personal circumstances. Portobello Town Hall is wheelchair accessible. Please contact [daisy@edinburghtoollibrary.org.uk](mailto:daisy@edinburghtoollibrary.org.uk) if you have any questions about access.

[edinburghtoollibrary.org.uk](http://edinburghtoollibrary.org.uk)

Supporting the Edinburgh Tool Library

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## Winter Sale

**The Potter of Leith**

**Friday 29th November, 6pm-9pm**

**Saturday 30th November, 1pm-7pm**

**Leith Community Pottery, Leith Business Centre,  
4a Marine Esplanade, Edinburgh EH6 7LU**

**Free, unticketed**

The Potter of Leith is holding a Winter Sale, so come along and support this community pottery.

We will be offering high quality reduction fired ceramics for sale, including a range of discounted "slightly imperfect" works.

The Potter of Leith is a social enterprise and all profits from the sale of our goods goes towards supporting our social mission, which is to offer free and subsidised access to pottery courses to those living with poor mental health.

[thepotterofleith.co.uk](http://thepotterofleith.co.uk)

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The Potter of Leith

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# COBURG HOUSE OPEN STUDIOS

29TH, 30TH NOV  
& 1ST DEC 2024



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## Coburg House Open Studios

Coburg House Art Studios

Friday 29th November, 6pm-9pm, Saturday 30th November  
& Sunday 1st December, 10am-5pm

15 Coburg Street, Edinburgh EH6 6ET

Free, unticketed

Our time to open our big red (and MuralEd!) shutter and invite you in for an open studios event like no other.

Our bi-annual open studios events are like a big party where we invite you behind the scenes of our 50+ studio doors for a bustling and exciting open-doors event. We will open doors on all four building floors so you can peek into our working studios and see what we've been creating. There'll be art, design and craft carefully made by our 50+ creatives, and a chance to get your hands on original gifts and goodies made right here in the heart of Leith.

Coburg House is a thriving hub of creatives in the heart of Leith, Edinburgh. Alongside 50+ artist studios, Coburg offers a gallery and shop space open every weekend.

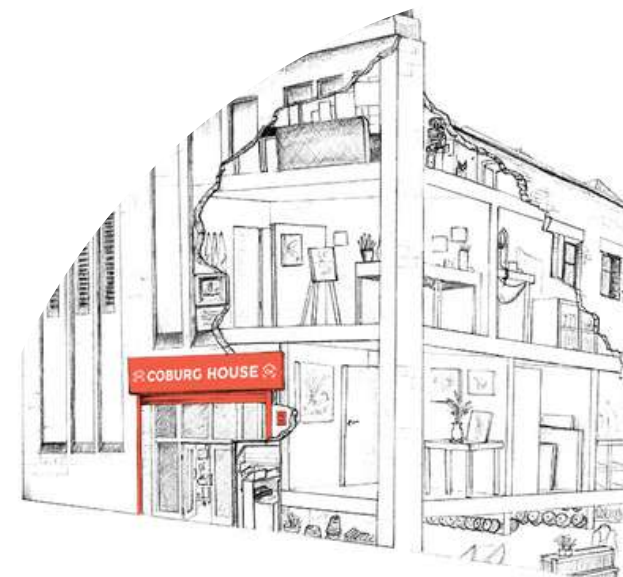
[coburghouse.co.uk](http://coburghouse.co.uk)

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# Wellness and Creativity Fair Saturday

## Art and Spirituality CIC

Saturday 30th November, 10am-2pm, 6-8 Alexander

Drive, Edinburgh EH11 2RH

**Free, please book your session in advance**

We are excited to announce that Art and Spirituality CIC will be hosting a special Wellness and Creativity Day as part of Fair Saturday Edinburgh. This global initiative celebrates the transformative power of arts and culture and promotes positive change in our communities. We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to explore their creativity and enhance their well-being through art and mindfulness. By joining our events, you'll not only enjoy a day of creativity and relaxation, but you'll also contribute to building a stronger, more connected community. To join our FREE EVENTS, no prior experience is necessary—just sign up and bring your enthusiasm!

### Intuitive HeART Painting (10am-11am)

This class combines the principles of intuitive painting with a focus on the heart, allowing you to tap into your inner creativity and feelings without the pressure of technique or perfection. You will engage in a meditative approach to painting, using colours, shapes, and textures to express your thoughts and emotions freely. Embrace the joy of creation and discover the heart of your art!

### Meditation for busy people (12pm-1pm)

We all recognize the challenges of a hectic lifestyle and offer practical techniques to help you find calm amidst the chaos. This session is tailored for those with tight schedules, providing quick and effective meditation practices that can be easily integrated into your daily routine. You will learn simple breathing exercises and mindfulness techniques designed to reduce stress, enhance focus, and promote mental clarity, all in a short time frame. Whether you have just a few minutes to spare or are looking for ways to create more balance in your life, this class will empower you to cultivate a sense of peace and well-being, no matter how busy you are.

[book tickets](#)

### Gentle Yoga (1.30pm-2.30pm)

Designed to promote relaxation and mindfulness through a slower-paced practice. This class focuses on gentle stretching and exercises, making it accessible for all ages and fitness levels. You will experience calming poses that enhance flexibility, balance, and overall well-being. Whether you are new to yoga or looking for a soothing way to unwind, this class offers a supportive environment to help you connect with your body and mind.

Art and Spirituality CIC is a non-profit Social Enterprise (Community Interest Company) led by 3 international female volunteer directors and several volunteers. We are a Community Hub based in Gorgie, Edinburgh for Creativity and mental and physical Well-being with a beautiful Studio Room, a Therapy Room and a Cafe. A space where to find healing, inspiration, self-expression and nourishment through healthy food, classes, workshops and therapies run by different facilitators. Yoga, healing, creative workshops, reiki, sound bath, meditation and more among beautiful artworks by local artists in the studio.

[artandspirituality.co.uk](http://artandspirituality.co.uk)



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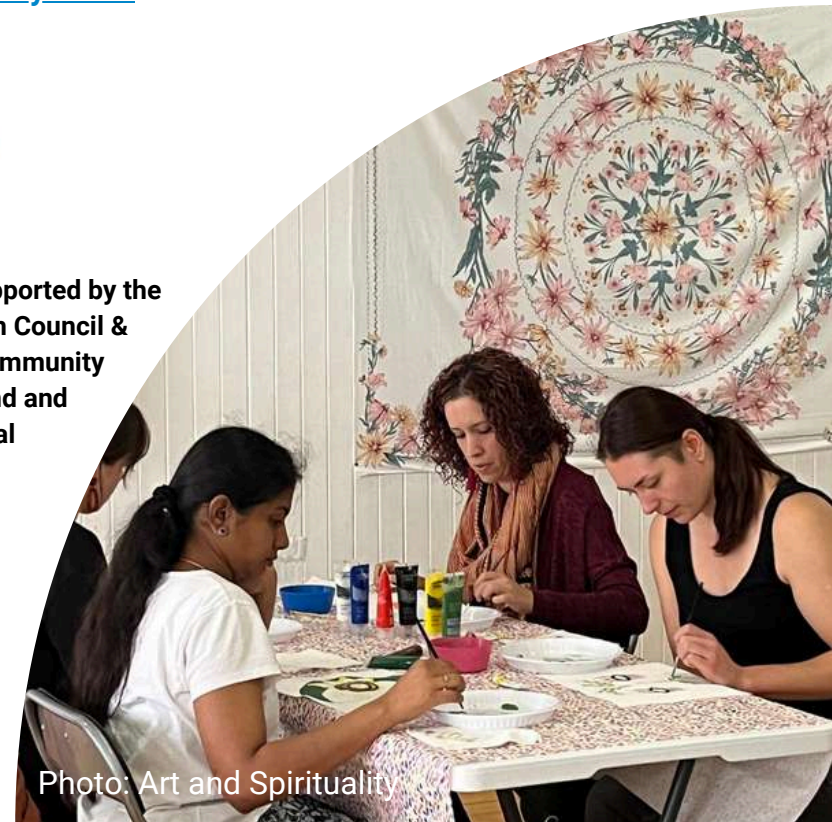


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## Edinburgh Macmillan Art Show 2024

**Saturday 30th November & 1st December, 10am-4pm**

**The Cornerstone Centre, St John's Church, Princes Street,  
Edinburgh EH2 4BJ**

**Free, unticketed**

**Online from 30th November - 8th December**

The Edinburgh Macmillan Art Show is a great way to get your hands on exciting, affordable artworks from some of Scotland's finest artists. You can attend the show or purchase your artworks online. And, it's all for a great cause!

Now in its 22nd year, the Edinburgh Macmillan Art Show has become an established and much anticipated event in the fundraising calendar for Macmillan Cancer Support. It is one of very few charity art shows in the UK and draws audiences from Scotland and around the world. It has gained a reputation for showcasing new and exciting artists from across Scotland.

The concept is simple. We work with the artists to curate and develop the show each year. If a piece is sold at the show – or through our online store – at least half the proceeds go to the charity and the rest goes to the artist. Everyone wins. You get great artwork at affordable prices, the artist gains exposure and income and Macmillan gets much needed funds.

[macmillanartshow.org.uk/2024](https://macmillanartshow.org.uk/2024)

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## Leith Market

**Saturday 30th November, 10am-4pm, Dock Place,  
Leith, Edinburgh EH6 6LU**

**Free, unticketed**

Leith Market, just off the Shore at the beautiful Custom House, is a lovely place to spend a few hours and find some new favourite local artisans.

Take a wander round the food stalls and smell the fresh coffee brewing as you browse. There are plenty of stalls to pick up lunch, and it's also a great place to stock up on sustainable supplies, from handmade soaps to bamboo homewares and green bags.

For a full list of stall holders, check out the web page nearer the time.

[stockbridgemarket.com/leith](http://stockbridgemarket.com/leith)

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## Grassmarket Market

**Saturday 30th November, 10am-5pm, Grassmarket,  
Edinburgh EH1 2HS**

**Free, unticketed**

Come along to Grassmarket market and spend a while browsing the stalls full of lots of goodies and treats from local artisans and makers.

It's a perfect place to pick up a gift, for others, or yourself, and by buying here you'll know that you're supporting small independent traders and craftspeople. There will be stalls selling jewellery, lamps, handmade soaps, bags, children's clothing, leather goods, cards, ceramics, textiles, embroidery kits and cashmere knitwear. If music is more your thing, there's a stall selling vinyl and CDs.

There are also plenty of yummy eating options, from fresh bakes, breads, olives, tapenades, and sweet treats, to streetfood from Japan, Kenya, and Spain. For a full list of stall holders, check out the web page nearer the time.

[stockbridgemarket.com/grassmarket](http://stockbridgemarket.com/grassmarket)

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## Christmas Fair at the Heart of Newhaven

The Heart of Newhaven Community

Saturday 30th November, 10am-4pm, Sunday 1st

December, 2.30-5.30pm

4-6 Main Street, Newhaven, Edinburgh EH6 4HY

Unticketed, free

We are almost there, the trunk is ready, the knitting is prepared and the Newhaven Fishwife has arrived. The next thing is to erect The Tallest Knitted Christmas Tree in the atrium of the Heart, ready for the Grand Opening on 30th November. The official opening is at 11am. The craft fair will be open from 10am-4pm and there will be a raffle, tombola, children's raffle and bottle stall. There will be the chance to choose the Fishwife's name, guess the number of leaves on the tree and the number of baubles on the tree.

On Sunday 1st December from 2.30-5.30 there will be a craft afternoon with the chance to make a Christmas Wreath, a Christmas Ornament and other crafts. On both days there will be refreshments including mulled wine. Come along and see the Tallest Knitted Christmas, meet the creators, support a good cause and start the Christmas season at the Heart of Newhaven. The Tree can be seen every day from 30th November until 23rd December.

Call in to meet us and find out what the Heart can offer you.

[heartofnewhaven.co.uk](http://heartofnewhaven.co.uk)

This event supports the local community.



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# THE KNITTED CHRISTMAS TREE

## Grand Opening Weekend

**Saturday 30th November 10 am - 4 pm**

Join us for the unveiling of the tallest knitted Christmas tree!

**Tree Unveiling at 11:00 AM.**

**Christmas stalls, raffle, tombola, mulled wine and tasty treats!**

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**Sunday 1st December 2:30 - 5:30 pm**

Family day with crafting, raffle, tombola, mulled wine and tasty treats!

Continuing to raise money to improve access to the Heart of Newhaven for everyone.



 **the heart of newhaven**  
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## Out of the Blue Flea Market

Out of the Blue Arts & Education Trust

Saturday 30th November, 10am-3pm, Out of the Blue Drill Hall, Dalmeny Street, Edinburgh EH6 8RG

Unticketed, free

We all know secondhand and vintage things are kinder to the environment. The fabulous monthly Out of the Blue Flea Market is back! Browse more than 45 stalls packed with pre-loved items. From clothes and jewellery to books, antiques and other collectibles, there's something for everyone. Come on down and find just what you never knew you needed!

Why not make a day of it and stop by the Drill Hall Cafe – it's open throughout selling teas, coffees and hot and cold snacks.

Entry is free, and because the market can be busy, we will be monitoring numbers and there may be a queue outside the Drill Hall at certain times.

[outoftheblue.org.uk](http://outoftheblue.org.uk)

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## Christmas Craft Fair

The Eric Liddell Community

Saturday 30th November, 10.30am-3.30pm, 15 Morningside Road, Edinburgh EH10 4DP

Free, unticketed

Come and get into the festive spirit at the Eric Liddell Community Christmas Craft Fair. In addition to lots of lovely craft stalls by local makers, perfect for picking up Christmas gifts, there's a range of family activities planned for the day.

Refreshments are available, from mulled wine and mince pies, to the community produce stall, selling jam, chutney, shortbread, oatcakes, tablet and more. Café Connect will also be open for hot and cold drinks, scones, soup & crusty bread.

By coming along today, you'll be supporting the valuable work of the Eric Liddell Community. We are passionate about providing key services to people living with dementia and their carers across Edinburgh, while bringing the local community together in our Community Hub in Morningside. All the services we run are designed to bring us closer to our vision to live in a community where no one feels lonely or isolated.

[ericliddell.org](http://ericliddell.org)

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## Children's Crafts at South Queensferry Library

South Queensferry Library

Saturday 30th November, 10.15am-11.30am, 9 Shore Road, South Queensferry EH30 9RD

Free, unticketed

Join us in cosy South Queensferry Library for some Christmas Crafts for children. This week we'll be feeling festive just in time for December, making book-themed advent calendars. There's no need to book, just come along and get creative!

South Queensferry Library has lots of activities during the week for adults and children, including crafts, storytime, and Bookbug Sessions, and craft groups for adults, as well as thriving book groups for different interests. Have a look at our facebook page for all the details.

The library will be open from 10am-5pm on Saturday.

[facebook.com/SouthQueensferryLibrary](https://facebook.com/SouthQueensferryLibrary)

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## Fair Saturday Fun Day at Leith Library

Leith Library

Saturday 30th November, 10.30m-4pm, Leith Library, 28-30 Ferry Road, Edinburgh EH6 4AE

Free, drop-in (some activities may have limited capacity)

Lovely Leith Library is open all day on Fair Saturday, with a special programme of events open to all!

10.30am Kindness Bookbug Session: songs, stories & rhymes for 0 to 4 year olds and their parents or carers. A special session featuring stories, songs and rhymes supporting families to strengthen relationships and help little ones understand and practice kindness in their daily lives. Stay and play after the session, with free hot drinks refreshments & toddler-friendly snacks provided.

12pm-2pm Art and craft activities for children & families (suggested ages 4- 10) Drop in and have a go at making a concertina book or colouring some bookmarks to keep or give to friends. Materials provided to get creative with your own ideas as well!

2pm-4pm Lego Club: brick-building fun (suggested ages 4- 10)

[yourlibrary.edinburgh.gov.uk](https://yourlibrary.edinburgh.gov.uk)

[facebook.com/LeithLibrary](https://facebook.com/LeithLibrary)

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## Starcatchers and WHALE Arts Winter Fayre

**Starcatchers and WHALE Arts**

**Saturday 30th November, 11am-3pm, WHALE Arts, 30  
Westburn Grove, Edinburgh EH14 2SA**

**Free, drop-in**

Step into a magical world this winter with our Winter Fayre, a special community event co-hosted by WHALE Arts and Starcatchers. Bringing together families from Wester Hailes and beyond, this immersive celebration promises creativity, connection, and fun for all.

Starcatchers invites families with children from birth to 5 years on a captivating story trail (11am-1pm) through WHALE Arts, featuring non-traditional 'Fairy-tale' performances with djembe drums, dancing, singing, and interactive sensory installations. WHALE Arts will open their Pod Café with a special winter menu, including free apple pies and hot chocolate for everyone. Explore craft stalls selling handmade items by WHALE Arts groups, a tombola and raffle with fantastic prizes, a free wreath making workshop and so much more!

[starcatchers.org.uk](http://starcatchers.org.uk)

[whalearts.co.uk](http://whalearts.co.uk)



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# Winter Print-Fest and Christmas Market

## Edinburgh Printmakers

**Saturday 30th November & Sunday 1st December, 11am-5pm, Castle Mills, 1 Dundee Street, Edinburgh EH3 9FPH**  
**The Christmas Market is free. Workshops cost £5 each, please book your session in advance**

We open the doors of our historic building Castle Mills to welcome you to a fun-filled weekend of activities, workshops, and our bespoke Christmas Market!

Our Christmas Market, open from 11am-5pm, will host a selection of creatives and makers - perfect for last-minute Christmas gifts and stocking fillers! We welcome inspiring and creative practitioners, collectives, and creative start-ups to champion during a weekend-long celebration of crafts and creative making. You'll find jewellery, homeware, clothing, multi-media artworks and much more.

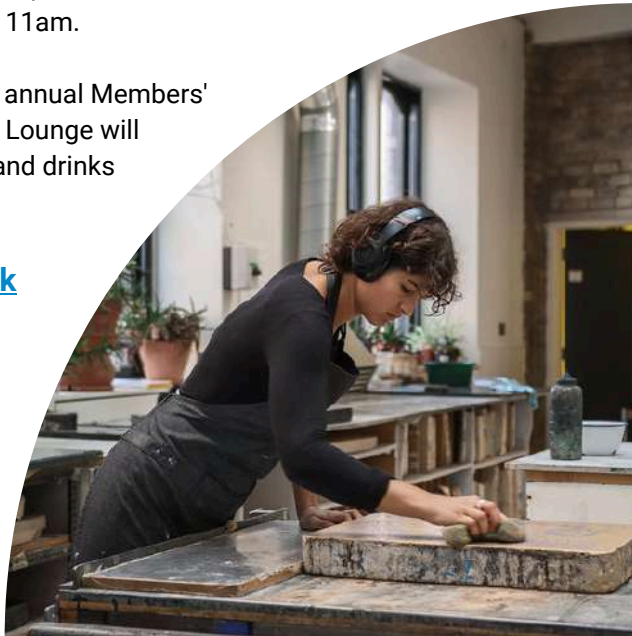
Come along to some of our demonstrations and artist talks, including: Tea with Head of Editions, Stone Litho Demonstration, or Women Lithographers Roundtable. Join a tour to learn about our historic building - we have building tours running each day at 1pm, as well as a British Sign Language tour on Sunday at 11am.

Our galleries will be featuring our annual Members' Exhibition and our café Holy Cow Lounge will be open with festive vegan food and drinks all weekend long!

[edinburghprintmakers.co.uk](http://edinburghprintmakers.co.uk)

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## Printmaking Workshops

Come along and try your hand at printmaking! Each of these workshops cost £5 per person and tickets are bookable online, or in person on-the-day. EP partners with the WelcoMe App by Neatebox, supporting visitors in indicating areas of, or specific assistance they might require. More information on accessibility can be found on our [website](#).

### [Dry Point Workshop - Etch a Sketch](#)

**Saturday 30th & Sunday 1st, 11.15, 12.15, 13.45, 14.45, 15.45**

During this 45 minute introduction to etching, this workshop will explore dry-point, a process where drawings and marks are printed directly from a plate made by the participant in the intaglio process. Suitable for beginners. 6 years and over.

### [Screen Monoprint Workshop - Magic Mono](#)

**Saturday 30th & Sunday 1st, 11.15, 12.15, 13.45, 14.45, 15.45**

During this 45 minute introduction to screen monoprinting, participants will create a painterly mono print using a screen and screenprinting inks. Suitable for beginners. 6 years and over.

### [Litho Workshop - Astonishink](#)

**Saturday 30th, 11.15, 12.15, 14.45, 15.45, Sunday 1st, 11.15, 12.15**

During this 45 minute introduction to litho, participants will take part in this spontaneous approach to mark-making. Suitable for beginners. 6 years and over.

### [Monothon](#)

**Saturday 30th, 11.15, 12.15, 13.45, 14.45, 15.45**

Try your hand at monoprinting, using a roller ink and a printing press make unique printed art during our EP Winter Print Fest! During this 45 minute introduction to screen monoprinting, participants will create a painterly mono print using a screen and screenprinting inks. Suitable for beginners. Adults 16+.

**These workshops are supported by the City of Edinburgh Council & Fair Saturday Community Engagement Fund and support the local community.**



## Scots Storytime with Craigmillar Books for Babies

**Craigmillar Literacy Trust, Craigmillar Books for Babies  
Saturday 30th November, 11am-12pm, Craigmillar  
Library, 101 Niddrie Mains Road, Edinburgh EH16 4DS  
Free, unticketed**

Join Craigmillar Books for Babies, in the cosiness of Craigmillar Library, for a Scots Storytime with Storyteller Eric Brennan-Jones. Eric will share Scots stories, songs and rhymes suitable for babies and children under 4 and their parents/carers. Older siblings are welcome too! After the stories and songs we will enjoy a healthy snack together.

This event is for all families living in Craigmillar, Niddrie, Bingham and Magdalene. Please contact Kara or Michelle at [info@craigmillarliteracytrust.org.uk](mailto:info@craigmillarliteracytrust.org.uk) for further information.

[craigmillarliteracytrust.org.uk](http://craigmillarliteracytrust.org.uk)

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Literacy Trust



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## Lego, Mega Bloks & Duplo Club at Sighthill Library

Sighthill Library

Saturday 30th November, 11am-12pm, Sighthill Library,  
Gate 55, 55 Sighthill Road, Edinburgh EH11 4PB

Free, unticketed

Have fun building with LEGO, Mega Bloks and Duplo and be creative together! All ages welcome. Please note, due to small parts, children aged under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. We recommend Mega Bloks & Duplo for younger children. Booking not required.

Sighthill Library has lots of activities during the week, including crafts, storytime, Bookbug Sessions and Bookbug in Spanish for children, and colouring and knitting groups for adults, so have a look at our facebook page for all the details.

The library will be open from 10am-2pm on Saturday.

[facebook.com/SighthillLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/SighthillLibrary)

This event supports the local community.



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## Lego Club at Piershill Library

Piershill Library

Saturday 30th November, 11am-12pm, Piershill Library,  
30 Piersfield Terrace, Edinburgh EH8 7BQ

Free, unticketed

Come along to our Lego Club and see what you can build. The club is aimed at 5 years old and older (please note under 8s must be accompanied by a parent or carer aged 12 or over). There's no need to book and you don't need to be a library member to join in. We're looking forward to seeing everyone for some brilliant brick based building!

Piershill Library has a lively programme of activities throughout the week for adults and children, including crafts, storytime, Bookbug Sessions, and shared reading groups, so keep an eye on our facebook page for all the details.

The library will be open from 10am-5pm on Saturday.

[facebook.com/PiershillLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/PiershillLibrary)

This event supports the local community.



[more info](#)



## Songwriting for Community with Lou Mclean

**30th November, 11am-1pm, 2pm-4pm, Duncan Place  
Community Hub, 4 Duncan Place, Leith, Edinburgh EH6  
8HW. Pay what you can, please book in advance**

Join songwriter and music researcher Lou Mclean for a 2 hour workshop about songwriting as a tool for empowerment. Together we will explore what it means to be part of a community in contemporary Scotland, and how songwriting can develop that sense of belonging.

In this session, Lou will introduce Scotland's rich history of working class women songwriters and then lead the group through several writing exercises designed to empower you to find your unique songwriter's voice. The aim of this workshop is to encourage you to continue the rich tradition of women's community songwriting, and to think about how your individual skills can fit into a community collective today. We will spend 2 hours learning, writing and sharing, and there will be opportunities to connect with women's community groups who meet more regularly.

This session is suitable for all levels of songwriters, from complete beginners to seasoned pros. There are 2 sessions available, meaning 30 spaces over the the day. The ticket costs are tiered, and you are encouraged to pay what you can afford.

\*please note this event caters to women, non-binary and trans individuals, but anyone who feels comfortable in a woman/femme centred space is welcome. If you have any questions, please contact the host\*

[linktr.ee/loumcleanmusic](https://linktr.ee/loumcleanmusic)

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Photo: Rhianonne Stone

## Pianodrome - Adopt a Piano

**Saturday 30th November, 11am-3.30pm,  
Pianodrome Warehouse Granton, The Red Bus  
Depot, 28 West Harbour Road, Edinburgh EH5 1PN  
Free, unticketed**

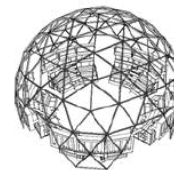
Choose a lifetime of carbon free entertainment. At Pianodrome we receive lots of donated pianos most of which are intercepted on the way to landfill. Some are past their playing days and we dismantle these and turn them into furniture and sculpture (join us in one of our Adapt a Piano workshops). Others just need a bit of fixing and tuning before they are ready to return to the community as playable instruments. If you are lucky, you may find a beautiful antique piano which has a good action and tone, holds its tuning and is a pleasure to play. The best thing for an old piano is to find a new home.

Playing music has a multitude of benefits, from mental health to fine motor skills, enhancing learning across all subjects. An old piano is a masterpiece of engineering and craftsmanship. Play your part in keeping the history of real pianos alive while enjoying making music of all genres.

Visit our Adopt a Piano Showroom and choose your piano from our constantly changing stock of donated pianos of all shapes, sizes and sounds. Our team will be there to assist with reservations and donations.

[pianodrome.org](https://pianodrome.org)

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## CONTACT PRINT

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**Saturday 30th November, 12pm-6pm, 6 William Street,  
Edinburgh EH3 7NH**

**Free, unticketed**

CONTACT PRINT is a new photography exhibition celebrating the work of artists exhibiting in a gallery setting for the first time, aiming to represent image makers as-of-yet overlooked by traditional gallery systems. Bringing together 50 participating artists, the exhibition aims to platform new perspectives and ways of seeing, enabling new artists to occupy space in a contemporary photography gallery in a brand new selection curated by AGITATE.

Artists: Neil Scott, Alex Yates, Senua Wolf, Ella Riise MacLeod, Jake Felix McGuinness, Izabell, Poppy Hobbs, David Fisher, Luca Siro, Joy Dakers, Josephine Jolliffe, Alastair Ross, Jo Ogilvie, Lucy Babidge, Nash Burns, Douglas Teago, Alex Steven Chandler, Melissa Gunn, Eric Smith, Momo Zarda, Kinslee Sikes, Ken Mortimer, Tianhui Wu, Alyson Macdonald, Donald Bell, Ilaria Casini, Rhona Mackinnon, Adam Lorrimer Roberts, Madeleine Macdonald, Anna Szczerba, Erica Edwards, Claire McAlpine, Charissa Vesurai, Fraser Siu, Laura Nicol, Karolína Dušková, Lola Molina, Thomas Lavelle, Chris Walsh, Brian Pokora, Alasdair Dawes, Chak Fong Hao, Gregor Jon Jaap, 98Visualz, Manny Masson, Alister Hayes, Maria Gundestrup-Larsen, Göksu Gündüzalp, and Ksenia Shepetina.

[agitate.gallery](http://agitate.gallery)

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Frazzled by Izabell

Metro-land by Luca Siro (detail)





Photo: Abbeymount Studios

## Open Studios

### Abbeymount Studios

**Saturday 30th November & Sunday 1st December, 12pm-5pm, Out of the Blue Abbeymount Studios, 2 Easter Road, Edinburgh EH7 5AN**

**Free, unticketed**

Our Open Studios Weekends are a great chance for you to come along and meet our resident artists and browse an exciting variety of works.

Everything is handmade at the studios, with lots on offer, from fashion and textiles, ceramics and glass to painting, printmaking, illustration, and more!

Out of the Blue Abbeymount Studios is Out of the Blue Arts & Education Trust's new and exciting creative space in the old Victorian school building at the top of Easter Road. It is a multi-disciplinary facility promoting engagement and innovation in craft and design, as well as providing facilities, opportunities and development for professional designer-makers and the community.

[ootbabbeymountstudios.org.uk](http://ootbabbeymountstudios.org.uk)

The event helps to support local artists who are resident at Abbeymount Studios



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## Fair Folktales

**Mark Borthwick, Sarah Wedderburn-Ogilvy, Scottish Storytelling Forum**

**Saturday 30th November, 12pm-5pm, Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1SR. Free, unticketed, drop-in**

Come along to the Scottish Storytelling Centre, the home of Scottish Storytelling, for a drop-in session of traditional tales with storytellers Mark Borthwick and Sarah Wedderburn-Ogilvy. Suitable for all ages, these two expert storytellers will welcome anyone into their fairy circle for as many stories, myths, riddles, and wondertales as they would like.

Throughout the day, the Scottish Storytelling Centre is also offering free talks on Scottish Theatre History to celebrate the Edinburgh900 celebrations, and the storytellers have been given the magic key to the John Knox House museum, if anybody would like to take a peek. With something to amuse every bouche, tickle every funnybone, and beguile every intellect, this will be a jolly ceilidh that will be suitable for all ages.

**This event is supported by the City of Edinburgh Council & Fair Saturday Community Engagement Fund and supports the local community. This event also supports the Falastin Film Festival.**

[scottishstorytellingcentre.com](http://scottishstorytellingcentre.com)

[markborthwick.info](http://markborthwick.info)

[wildstoryweaver.com](http://wildstoryweaver.com)

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Illustration: Mark Borthwick



## Sea Shanty Workshop

Joss Cameron, Traditional Folk Singer

**Saturday 30th November, 1pm-2pm, Granton  
Library, 29 Wardieburn Terrace, Edinburgh EH5 1DD  
Free, unticketed**

Sea shanties and traditional fishing songs are a wonderful part of Scotland's diverse and rich cultural heritage. As a maritime nation, sea shanties, traditional fishing songs and stories have remained a popular pastime for both sailors and landsmen alike! Join Scotland's foremost teacher of Sea shanties in an innovative workshop at Granton Library.

Joss is an award-winning singer/songwriter, researcher and one of Scotland's most innovative musicians. Holding a First-Class Honours Degree in Music, Joss is a seasoned performer and inspirational teacher who invites all ages and abilities to join in on her workshop celebrating Fair Saturday!

This workshop is free. Just turn up on the day and enjoy the fun. Open to all ages and all musical abilities.

[josscameronmusic.com](http://josscameronmusic.com)

This event is supported by the City of Edinburgh Council & Fair Saturday Community Event Fund and supports the local community.

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## Traditional Tunes for Tiny People

Live Music Now Scotland

**Saturday 30th November, 2pm-3pm, Holy Cross Church,  
36 Quality Street, Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh EH4 5BS  
Free, unticketed**

Come and join Live Music Now Scotland for a Traditional Tunes for Tiny People performance at Holy Cross Church in Edinburgh on Fair Saturday – an interactive and fun performance specially designed to introduce traditional Scottish tunes and songs to young children and their families!

Aimed at families with children aged 3 – 7, the session will feature Isla Ratcliff and Evie Waddell, two of Live Music Now Scotland's most exciting emerging professional musicians. Isla, a fiddle player, and Evie, a BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2024 Finalist, singer, stepdancer and BSL signer, perform unique arrangements of Scottish traditional music, combining Scots and Gaelic songs.

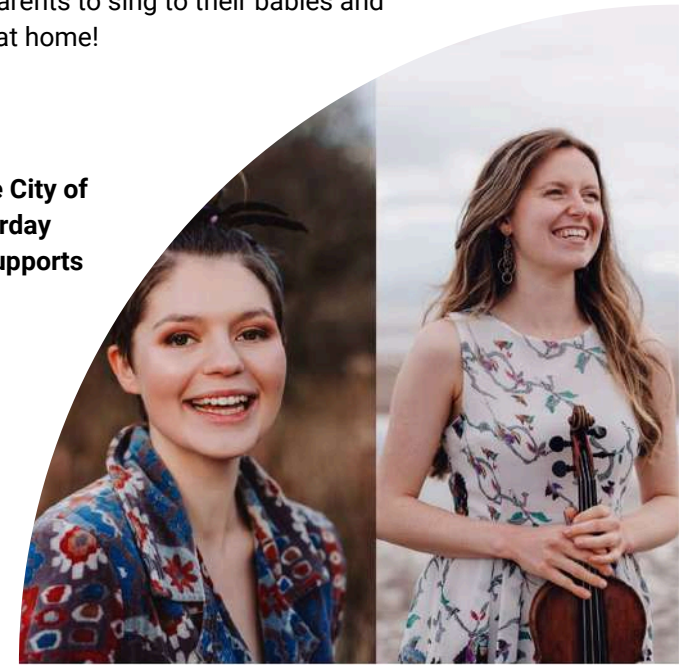
The session will feature a range of tunes and songs to sing along to, encouraging and supporting parents to sing to their babies and toddlers including afterwards at home!

[livemusicnow.scot](http://livemusicnow.scot)

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## Beul-aithris Gàidhlig airson a' Gheamhraidh Gaelic Stories and Folklore for Winter Days

Comhairle nan Leabhraichean - Gaelic Books Council

2f-3f, Leabharlann Nàiseanta na h-Alba, Drochaid

Sheòrais IV, Dùn Èideann EH1 1EW

An-asgaidh, clàraich tiogaid no thig ann air an latha

Mar phàirt de dh'Fhèill Dhisathairne tha Leabharlann Nàiseanta na h-Alba, ann an co-bhann le Comhairle nan Leabhraichean, a' cumail feasgar de sgeulachdan Gàidhlig bho dhiofar cheàrnaidhean de dh'Alba, cuid a tha firinneach, agus cuid, 's dòcha, nach eil.

Chan urrainnear cultar na Gàidhlig a sgaradh bho a sgeulachdan. Tha an seachas a thàinig tro na linntean mar eachdraidhean do na Gàidheal, a bharrachd air deagh dhòigh cèilidh a ghabhail air oidhche fhuar gheamhraidh. San naoidheamh- agus ochdamh-linn-deug thadhail daoine uasal air coimhearsnachdan Gàidhlig gus am beul-aithris a chruinneachadh agus a sgrìobhadh: eachdraidhean agus fathannan am measg sgeòil ghaisgeachd agus àbhachdas. San tachartas seo bidh Ragnall MacIlleDhuibh agus Alasdair MacIlleBhàin ag innse na sgeulachdan seo.

Tha an tachartas freagarrach do dh'aoisean 16+ air sgàth 's gu bheil cuspairean anns na sgeulachdan nach biodh freagarrach do chloinn.

[gaelicbooks.org](http://gaelicbooks.org)



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## Gaelic Stories and Folklore for Winter Days Beul-aithris Gàidhlig airson a' Gheamhraidh

Comhairle nan Leabhraichean - Gaelic Books Council

2pm-3pm, National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge,

Edinburgh EH1 1EW

Free, book tickets in advance or drop-in

As part of Fair Saturday the National Library of Scotland, in collaboration with the Gaelic Books Council, is hosting an afternoon of Gaelic stories from different corners of Scotland, some true and some perhaps not.

Gaelic culture cannot be separated from its stories. The oral tales passed down the generations are histories and genealogies, as well as a good way to pass the hours on winter nights. In the 18th and 19th centuries certain figures visited rural parts of Scotland to collect and commit to paper what they heard from the mouths of the locals - histories and rumors tangled with heroism and comedy. In this event storytellers Ronald Black and Alasdair Whyte will share these stories.

The stories will be told in Gaelic but non-Gaelic speakers and learners are very welcome. We will provide printed English translations of the stories to make sure that everyone can be included.

This event is suitable for people aged 16+ as the stories contain adult themes.

[gaelicbooks.org](http://gaelicbooks.org)



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Participatory Art Workshop



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**30TH NOVEMBER 2024**

【爱丁堡大学苏格兰孔子学院·北楼 十一月三十日】

**GROUND FLOOR, NO. 79 DALKEITH  
ROAD, EDINBURGH, EH16 5AL**

## From Names to Free Verse: A Cultural Exchange Participatory Art Workshop

**Pineviewer, The Confucius Institute for Scotland  
2pm-4pm, Confucius Institute for Scotland Campus  
(North Building), 79 Dalkeith Road Edinburgh EH16 5AF  
Free, please book tickets in advance**

Welcome to From Names to Free Verse Workshop! Let's explore the secrets hidden behind names together. This is a fantastic opportunity to unleash your creativity and discover the charm of Chinese culture and English free verse!

To those without a Chinese name: Want a custom Chinese name just for you? Curious about how Chinese names are created and the culture behind them? To those with a Chinese name: What's the meaning of your name, and what hopes were placed in it by the person who gave it to you? Looking for a chance to share the story of your name with non-Chinese speakers, beyond just the Pinyin?

This will be a laid-back, creative writing workshop. In this poetic setting, are you ready to use your (new or existing) Chinese name and team up with new friends to create some free verse? In this workshop, you'll explore the power of names: learn the basics of the psychology of names and see how they influence our identity and self-perception; make friends and share culture: pair up on-site to let your new friend give you a culturally rich Chinese name/ to give your new friend a Chinese name! Learn the basics of writing free verse and capture your creations on acrylic mirror sheets. These pieces can be decorative items that you take home to remind you of the charm and poetry of names.

Join us for a fun, creative workshop where we'll dive into the meaning behind names and craft our own unique poems together. Can't wait to see what we create!

**This event supports the community.**



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## Scottish Theatre History Weekend Talks

Traditional Arts & Culture Scotland (TRACS)

Saturday 30th November, 2pm-5pm, Sunday 1st December, 1.30pm-2.30pm, Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1SR

Free but ticketed, please book in advance

A weekend of talks and performance exploring Edinburgh's rich theatre history, presented as part of the Edinburgh 900 celebrations.

On Saturday 30th November from 2pm-5pm we present a series of free talks with input on the Theatre Royal and Walter Scott's dramas by Helen Graham, how the Edinburgh Festivals began by David Pollock, the Pleasance and Gateway Theatres by Donald Smith, and the restoration of the Kings Theatre.

On Sunday 1st December from 1:30pm-2:30pm we are pleased to welcome biographer Priscilla Barlow to give a pre-curtain talk on her research into Scotland's vibrant theatre scene in Macrae's lifetime.

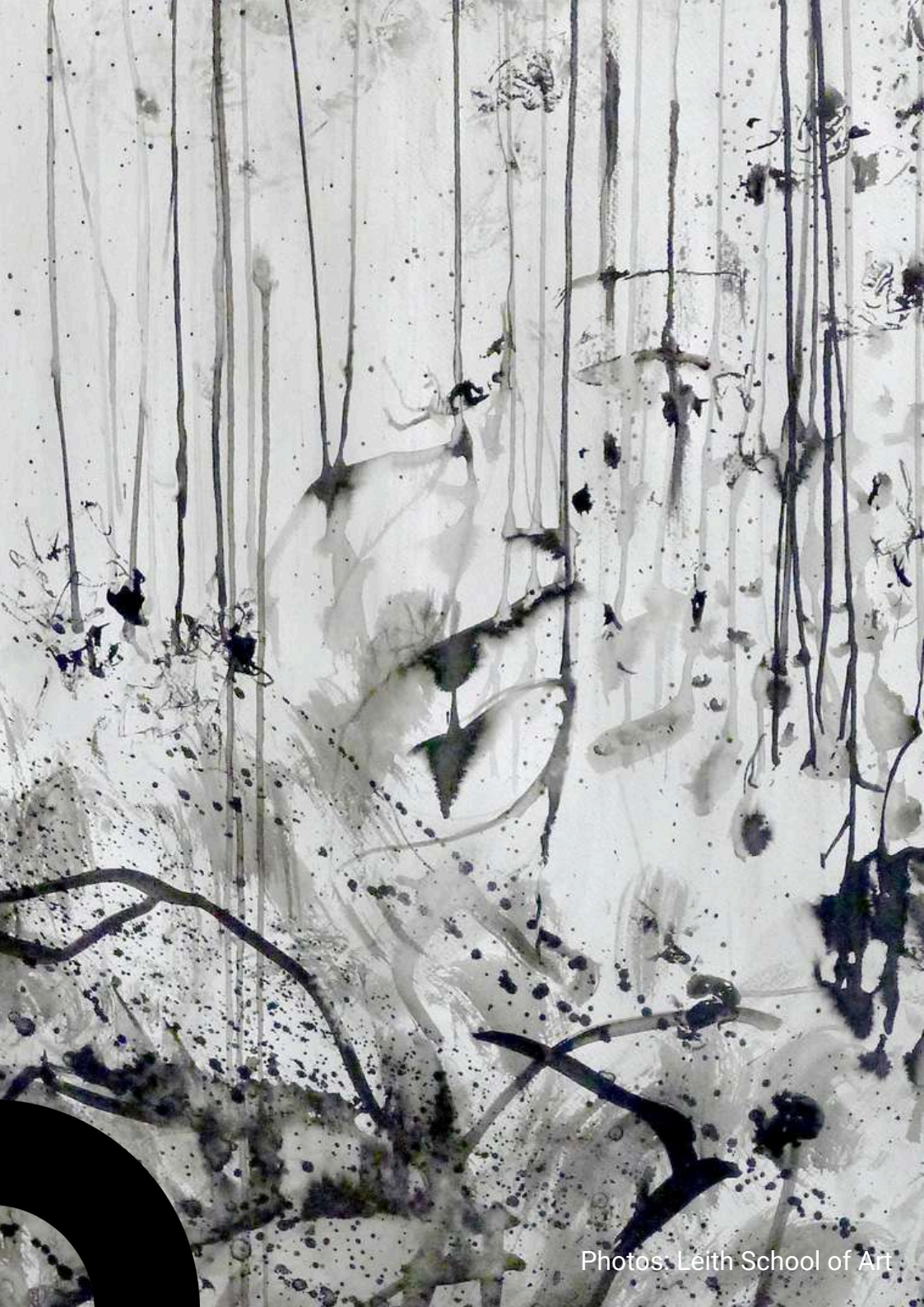
[scottishstorytellingcentre.com](http://scottishstorytellingcentre.com)

Created as part of the Edinburgh900 celebrations and the Scottish Theatre History Weekend at the Scottish Storytelling Centre.



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## Leith School of Art Open Art Class and Exhibition

### Leith School of Art

**Saturday 30th November, 2pm-4pm, Leith School of Art,  
25 Great Junction Street, Edinburgh EH6 6HW**

**Free, unticketed (20 places, first come first served)**

Leith School will open its doors to the public and provide an opportunity to take part in a 2 hour beginner level art class, under the supervision of a professional art tutor and studio assistant. All materials and refreshments will be freely provided.

There will also be an opportunity for visitors to view our current exhibition, 'Parklands' by our Painting Course Leader, Catharine Davison, RSW. Catharine's creative process is influenced by the trails, hills, and parks near her home in South Edinburgh. The exhibition provides a window into Catharine's artistic evolution and features a variety of her work over the past ten years, offering a unique perspective to understanding her journey as an artist.

The exhibition is open even if you do not participate in the drawing class.

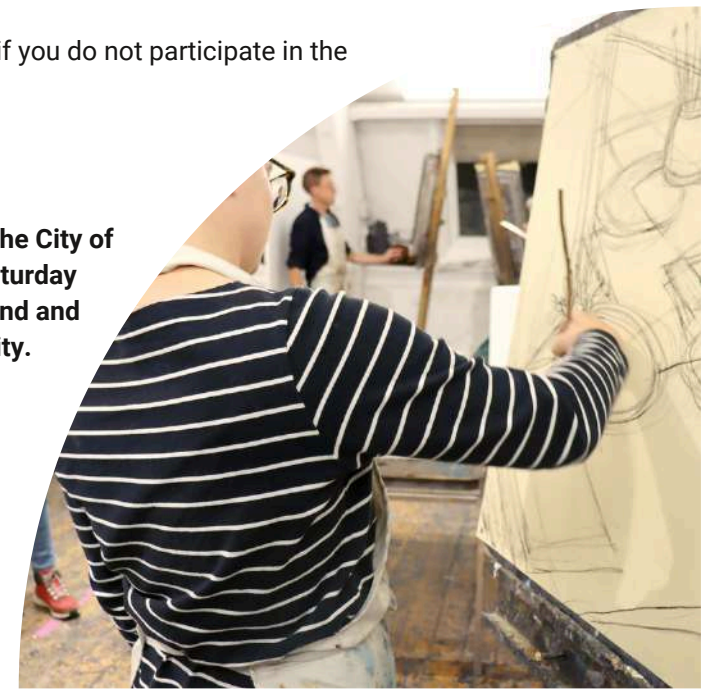
### [leithschoolofart](http://leithschoolofart.com)

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Photos: Leith School of Art



## Lampshade Making Workshop

### Spring Feathers

**Saturday 30th November, 2.30pm-4.30pm, Out of the Blue Drill Hall, Dalmeny Street, Edinburgh EH6 8RG**  
**Ticketed, £27.80, please book in advance**

Welcome to the Lampshade Making Workshop! Join us on Sat 30th Nov 2024 at 2.30pm at The Out of the Blue, Drill Hall for a fun and creative afternoon. Learn a new art and make something of your choice in this relaxed and supportive workshop that introduces you to the simple techniques and tools required to make a basic drum lampshade!

All Materials and tools are provided. A wide collection of fabrics to choose from will be provided on the day. You are welcome to get your own preferred fabric if you wish (Cotton or poly cotton). Required fabric size- 30cm x 97 cm.

Early booking is advised! Venue is wheelchair friendly. Inclusive space. All ages welcome. I look forward to seeing you there!

[instagram.com/spring.feathers](https://www.instagram.com/spring.feathers)

This event supports Scottish SPCA.



[book tickets](#)



## Dance 15 Cosmic (Cosmic Dance Annual Recital)

### Cosmic Dance

**Saturday 30th November, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Broughton St Marys Parish Church, 12 Bellevue Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 6NE. Ticketed, £12, under 6 free**

Come join us for an out-of-this-world experience at Broughton St Marys Parish Church for our annual recital, Dance 15 Cosmic! Get ready to witness our talented dancers showcase their skills in a mesmerizing performance that will transport you to another dimension. This in-person event promises to be a night to remember, filled with energy, passion, and of course, plenty of cosmic dance moves. Don't miss out on this celestial celebration of dance!

Meet new friends and catch up with old ones, talk to our dancers and find out about history behind Cosmic Dance. Chai and snacks during intermission. Raffle in aid of [Gracemount Mansion Development Trust](#).

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our world of dance!

[cosmic-dance.com](https://www.cosmic-dance.com)

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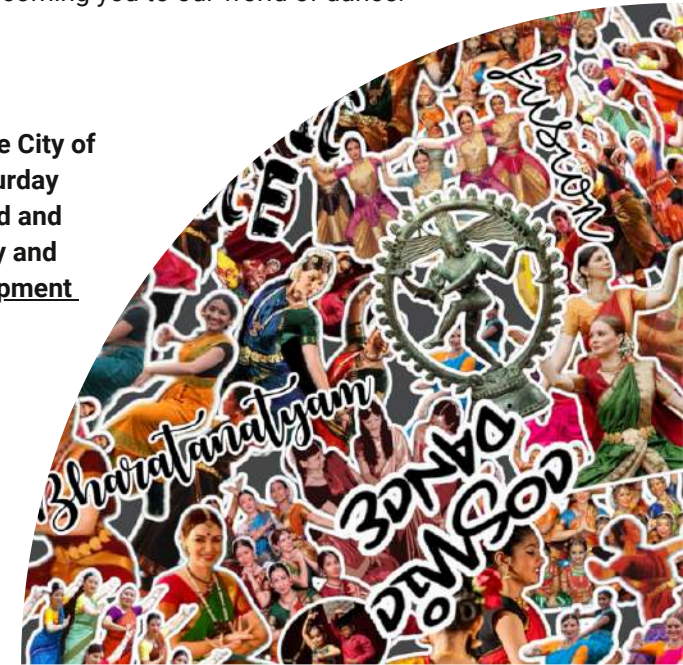




Photo: Craig Hand

## Pianodrome - Curlew

**Saturday 30th November, 4pm-5.30pm, Pianodrome Warehouse Granton, The Red Bus Depot, 28 West Harbour Road, Edinburgh EH5 1PN**  
**Free entry, by donation, book in advance if you'd like to reserve your spot**

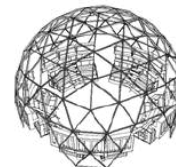
Curlew (Gill Higgins, she/her) is a Celtic alt-folk multi instrumentalist and songwriter who'll be warming Pianodrome with her music!

She incorporates acoustic string, wind and percussive instruments, field recordings, synthesisers and loop pedals. With ethereal vocals and grounding drones, she explores the interaction of nature and machine, and the way that music can unite strangers.

"...it is a night on silent packed audience that is hooked as she skilfully and beautifully blends layers of vocal and music through use of loop pedals. Switching between harmonium and keyboard, her set is a bewitching one..." - Geoff Shaw, Resound

[instagram.com/curlewmakesmusic](https://www.instagram.com/curlewmakesmusic)  
[pianodrome.org](http://pianodrome.org)

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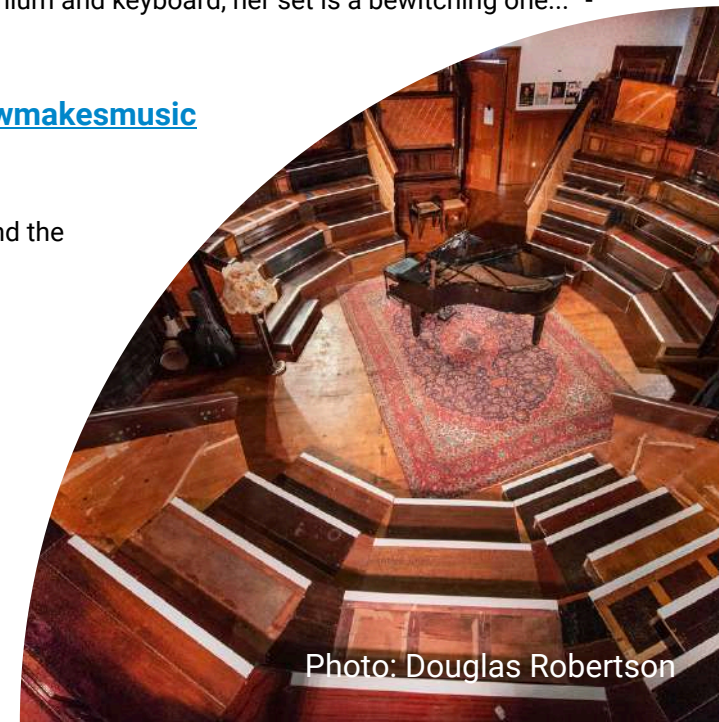


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## Lava Rocks

Lucie Aidart and Olivier Esposito

**Saturday 30th November, 6pm-7pm, Tills & Company,  
167-171 Portobello High Street, Edinburgh EH15 1EU  
Free, unticketed**

A lava rock in our shoe, impossible to find or to remove. Impossible to ignore, the discomfort and its message, much like the whispers of intuition, get louder and louder. Until we can bring them to light and admire all its facets. Making ourselves open to listen, to move forward, to heed its magic. And we may come to realise, that a Lava Rock, although dark and sharp, is multifaceted, full of bright colours, surprises and wonders.

**\*\*Lava Rocks\*\*** is a healing performance, bringing together poetry, songs, intuitive music and spoken words, and collective healing practices (Reiki, sound healing, connection to our intuitive wisdom...), telling a story of love and healing, and bringing the audience to encounter their own inner light, power and love for self and the other. Lucie Aidart will read poetry and excerpts of her books, and anchor us into the now with shamanic drumming, and Olivier Esposito will sing original songs and play intuitive music. Together, they will weave a universal story and create a circle of healing and light.

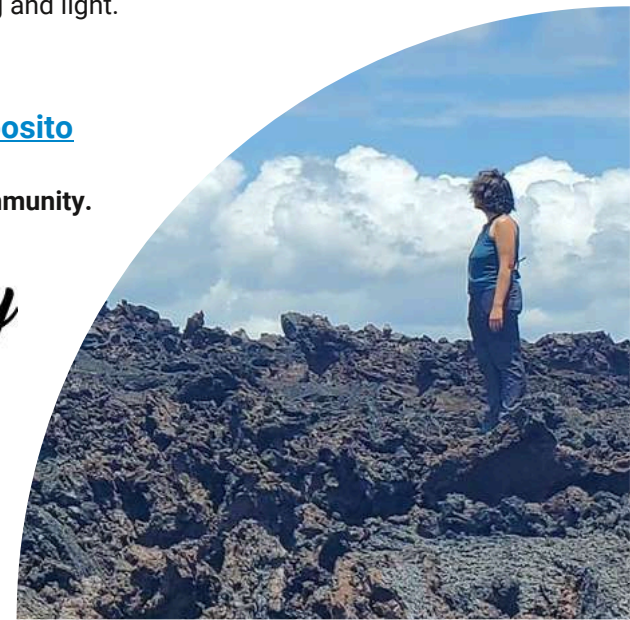
[lucieaidart.com](http://lucieaidart.com)

[youtube.com/@olivier.a.esposito](https://youtube.com/@olivier.a.esposito)

This event supports the local community.

*Tills & Company*

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## Scottish Theatre History Weekend A Noble Clown

Traditional Arts & Culture Scotland (TRACS)

Saturday 30th November, 7pm-8.15pm, Sunday 1st

December, 3.30pm-4.45pm, Scottish Storytelling

Centre, 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1SR

Ticketed, £12, please book in advance

A new solo play, written and performed by Michael Daviot, tells the story of Duncan Macrae (1905-1967), long considered Scotland's greatest actor. Featuring excerpts from Macrae's finest roles in plays such as Jamie the Saxt, Gog and Magog and The World's Wonder, as well as his signature song, The Wee Cock Sparra. A Noble Clown also celebrates the renaissance of Scottish Theatre in the mid-20th Century, delving into Macrae's passionate advocacy of 'theatre for everyone' his championing of Scottish actors through his role in Scottish Equity, and his desire to free Scotland from Westminster control. A performance full of passion and respect for Macrae's public achievement and his private depth.

[scottishstorytellingcentre.com](http://scottishstorytellingcentre.com)

Created as part of the Edinburgh900 celebrations and the Scottish Theatre History Weekend at the Scottish Storytelling Centre.



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# A DAY CULTURE CHANGE

Fair Saturday  
Orkney

## Kindness Open Exhibition

Northlight Gallery, The Orkney News, Martin Laird  
Thursday 28th - Saturday 30th November, 11am-  
4pm, Northlight Gallery, Graham Place, Stromness,  
Orkney KW16 3BY  
Unticketed, free

For Fair Saturday 2024 Northlight gallery and the Orkney News are hosting a joint exhibition in support of Orkney Rape and Sexual Assault Service. The exhibition is open to all, and accepting submissions of cards and small artworks up to 30x30cm on the theme of Kindness. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like to take part in the exhibition, please bring in your exhibits to Northlight Gallery by Tuesday 26th November.

[northlight.artweb.com](http://northlight.artweb.com)

[theorkneynews.scot](http://theorkneynews.scot)

[martinlaird.scot](http://martinlaird.scot)

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Orkney Rape and Sexual Assault Service (ORSAS)



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Fair Saturday  
Glasgow

## Jhankar Beats Fair Saturday Music & Dance

### Jhankar Beats

**Saturday 30th November, 6pm-8pm,  
250 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5RQ  
Ticketed, £7, please book in advance**

Fun filled evening with multi-cultural music, dance and singing including dinner to celebrate the spirit of Fair Saturday! Get ready to be mesmerized by talented performers showcasing their skills in music and dance.

The event will start with tea and coffee and then you will be treated to performances of Indian Classical Dance and traditional Scottish songs. A vegetarian dinner will be served (included in the price) and there will also be a raffle.

Jhankar Beats SCIO was formed in 2015 to provide creative training to young children, teenagers and adults from the wider community, and facilitate their artistic development.

Please contact Jhankar Beats directly to book your ticket:  
[info@jhankarbeats.org.uk](mailto:info@jhankarbeats.org.uk)

**Supporting Jhankar Beats and the local community.**




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# Kindness of Words

## Fair Saturday Scotland's Kindness of Words Programme - Love your library

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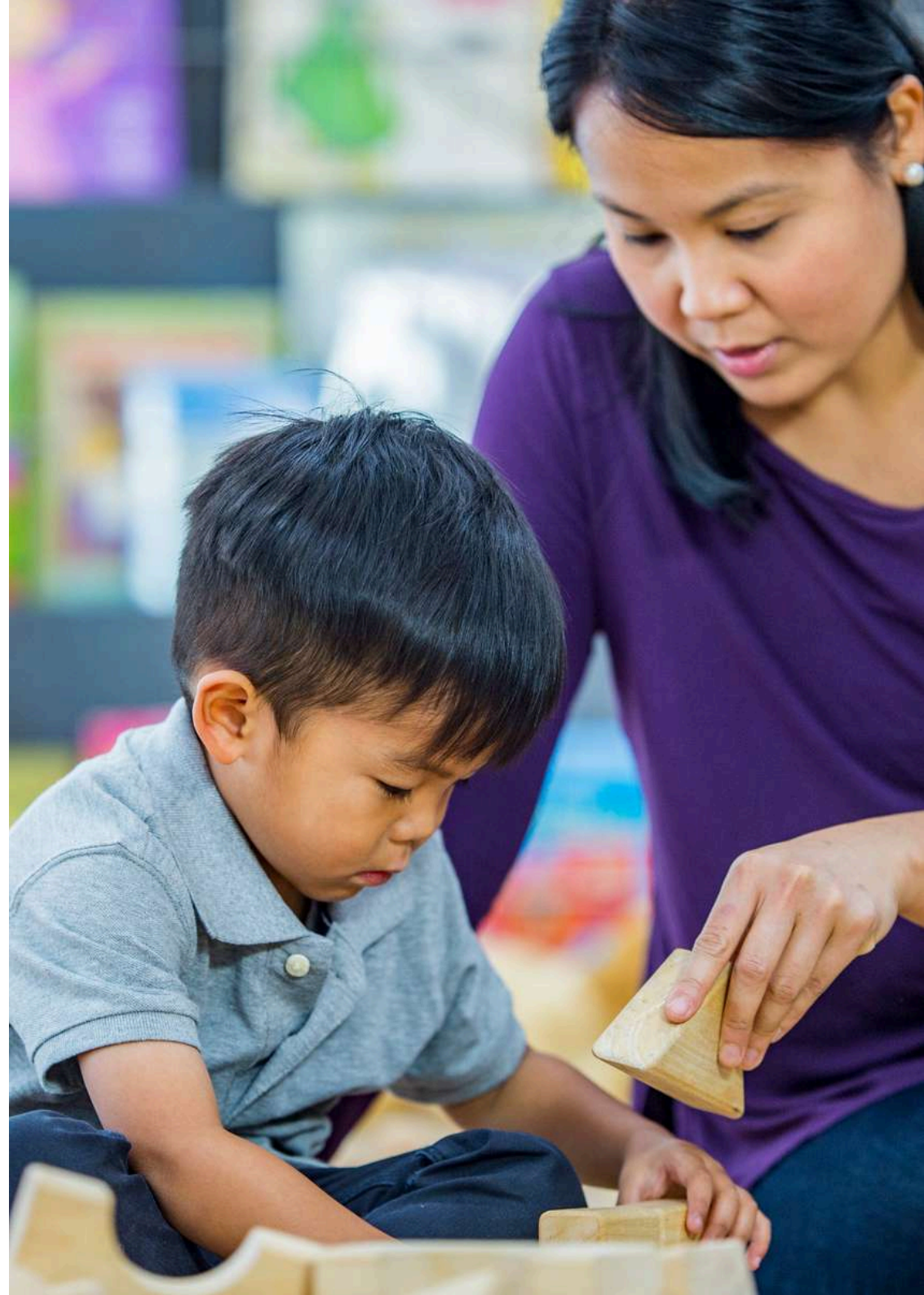
The Kindness of Words is a year-round standalone programme created by Fair Saturday Scotland that celebrates the power of words and stories to bring people and communities together, drawing on Scotland's incredible culture of stories, poetry, literature and songs, and spreading kindness across Scotland around Fair Saturday and throughout the year. Through this project we aim to share and highlight the voices of the many and diverse communities that call Scotland home. Working with partners, we create inclusive, interesting, and engaging content and activities for schools, libraries, families and the wider community.

For Scotland's Year of Stories, we focused on the theme of Discovering, Sharing and Creating Stories, and the resources can be downloaded from our website.

This year we have worked with the City of Edinburgh Council to create a second set of resources and activities, this time celebrating Edinburgh's wonderful public libraries.

We have created an Activity Pack for Families & Carers, commissioned a fantastic online workshop for you that has been created by Bookbinding with Cass, and libraries across Edinburgh are hosting events for Fair Saturday. There will be more to come early in the new year, but for now, pop your coat on and explore Edinburgh's lovely libraries, or pop the kettle on and enjoy some of our creative activities at home.

**Many thanks to the City of Edinburgh Council for funding and supporting this project, and to all the libraries for everything they do at the heart of their communities.**



# The kindness of words



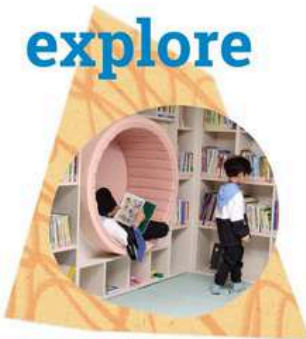
# family & carer activity pack love your library

Words of kindness

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## The kindness of words - libraries

### explore



Activities to explore Edinburgh's wonderful network of public libraries.

#### explore...

Edinburgh's libraries  
Activities for children at your library  
Bookbug Sessions at your library  
Library activities & services for adults  
Can you guess the library?  
**Activity: Your library passport**  
Scotland's national libraries  
Other kinds of libraries

### imagine



Ideas to help you imagine and visualise the library of your dreams.

#### imagine...

Amazing libraries  
**Activity: Your dream library**  
Books and stories celebrating libraries  
**Activity: Your library story**

*"A good library will never be too neat, or too dusty, because somebody will always be in it, taking books off the shelves and staying up late reading them." - Lemony Snicket*

### create



Now it's time for you to get creative and make your own mini library.

#### create...

**Activity: Make a mini library**  
Colour in bookplates  
Library poster to colour  
**Activity: Mini books and Zines**  
Book and zine templates  
**Activity: Book Street online workshop**

Words of kindness - libraries

## Kindness of Words Family Activity Pack - Love your library edition

Fair Saturday Foundation, The City of Edinburgh Council

Words can be powerful and words can be kind, and a love of stories and poetry can last and enrich your whole life. This year's Kindness of Words programme is all about the joy of libraries!

We are delighted to have worked with the City of Edinburgh Council and libraries across Edinburgh to create this activity pack to accompany our Fair Saturday events programme and celebrate libraries. Libraries are magical places of discovery; places where you will always receive a warm welcome, and so much more. We hope that these activities will inspire and encourage you to get out and explore Edinburgh's incredible libraries and see what they have to offer, as well as imagine and create your own libraries at home.

We'd love to see what you do and create. You can share your activities on instagram or facebook using the hashtags #kindnessofwords and #fairsaturdayscotland

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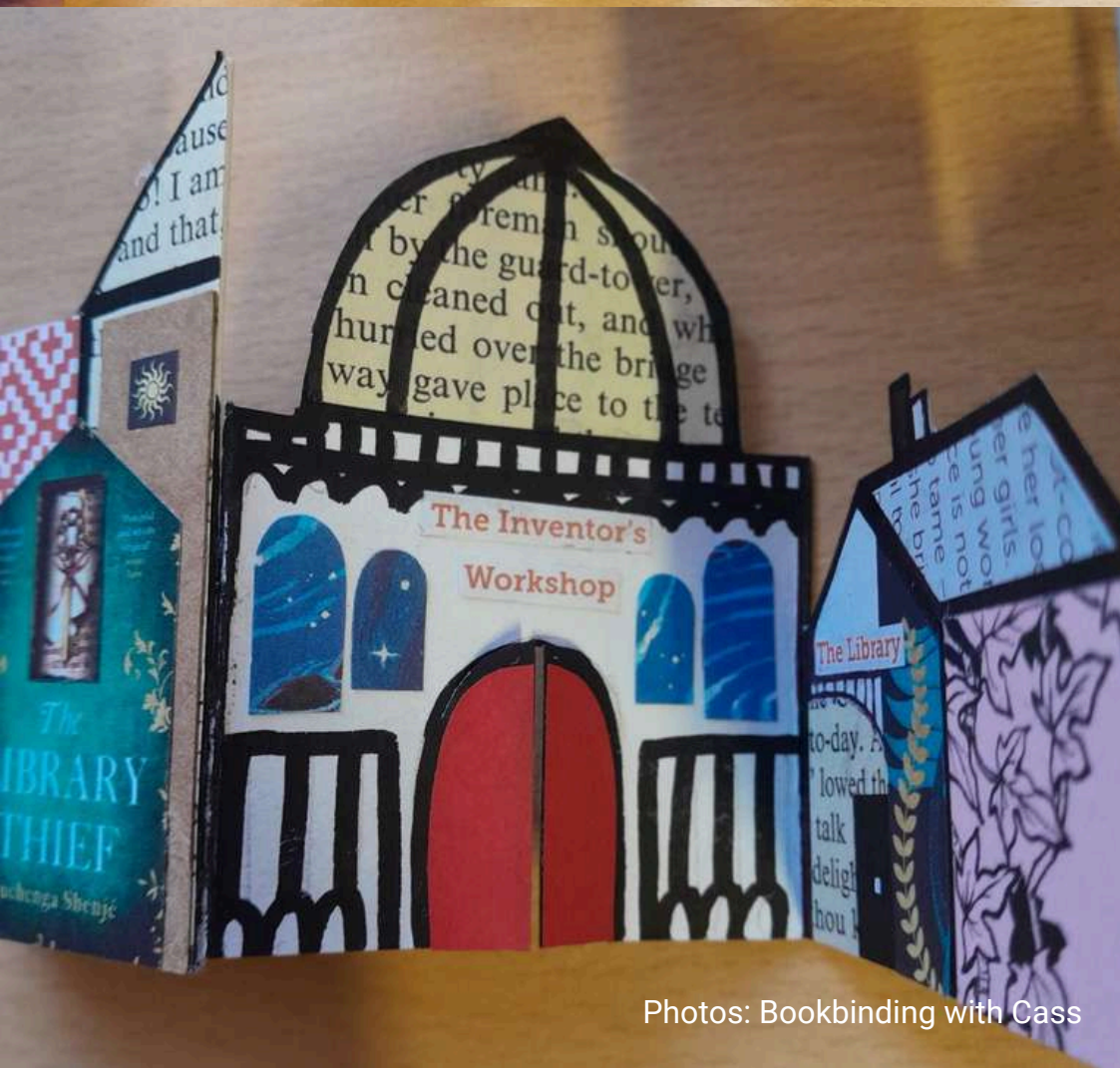
The full pack, which can also be used by schools and libraries can be downloaded from the homepage of our website:

[standrews.fairsaturday.org](http://standrews.fairsaturday.org)



The Kindness  
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## Workshop - Book Street Accordion Book

### Bookbinding with Cass

Online, free

Join Cass of Bookbinding with Cass for this free online workshop for adults and children – a fun project that sees a sheet of A4 paper transform into a sculptural street scene, complete with a matchbox book case to store it in. This is an invitation to be inspired by storytelling, books and words, using techniques such as folding, cutting, writing, drawing and sticking to breathe new life into remnant and recycled papers.

Cass's bitesize video tutorials take you through the making process from start to finish with tips and ideas to help you along the way. This project is all about using what you have to hand - the videos give you some ideas of where to find remnant materials to decorate your book and the other tools/materials required should be easy to source if you don't already have them.

Your book can be as simple or detailed as you choose to make it, at a minimum it will take 2 hours and at the max you could spend a whole day or afternoon creating your book. You might want to use this as an opportunity to get creative on your own or why not get together with a group of friends or family to make together and share ideas and materials.

You can access the workshop by following this [link](#)  
Password: BookStreet

For other bookbinding projects by Bookbinding with Cass, see [www.bookbindingwithcass.com](http://www.bookbindingwithcass.com)

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## Children's Crafts at South Queensferry Library

**South Queensferry Library, Saturday 30th November, 10.15am-11.30am, 9 Shore Road, South Queensferry EH30 9RD. Free, unticketed**

Join us in cosy South Queensferry Library for Christmas Crafts for children. This week we'll be feeling festive just in time for December, making book-themed advent calendars. There's no need to book, just come along and get creative!

## Fair Saturday Fun Day at Leith Library

**Leith Library, Saturday 30th November, 10.30m-4pm, 28-30 Ferry Road, Edinburgh EH6 4AE. Free, drop-in (some activities may have limited capacity)**

Lovely Leith Library is open all day on Fair Saturday, with a special programme of events open to all!

10.30am Kindness Bookbug Session: songs, stories & rhymes for 0 to 4 year olds and their parents or carers.

12pm-2pm Art and craft activities for children & families (suggested ages 4- 10)

2pm-4pm Lego Club: brick-building fun (suggested ages 4- 10)

## Scots Storytime with Craigmillar Books for Babies

**Craigmillar Literacy Trust, Craigmillar Books for Babies, Saturday 30th November, 11am-12pm, Craigmillar Library, 101 Niddrie Mains Road, Edinburgh EH16 4DS. Free, unticketed**

Join Craigmillar Books for Babies, in the cosiness of Craigmillar Library, for a Scots Storytime with Storyteller Eric Brennan-Jones. Eric will share Scots stories, songs and rhymes suitable for babies and children under 4 and their parents/carers. Older siblings are welcome too! After the stories and songs we will enjoy a healthy snack together.

## Lego, Mega Bloks & Duplo Club at Sighthill Library

**Sighthill Library, Saturday 30th November, 11am-12pm, Gate 55, 55 Sighthill Road, Edinburgh EH11 4PB. Free, unticketed**

Have fun building with LEGO, Mega Bloks and Duplo and be creative together! All ages welcome. Please note, due to small parts, children aged under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Lego Club at Piershill Library

**Piershill Library, Saturday 30th November, 11am-12pm, 30 Piersfield Terrace, Edinburgh EH8 7BQ. Free, unticketed**

Come along to our Lego Club and see what you can build. The club is aimed at 5 years old and older (please note under 8s must be accompanied by a parent or carer aged 12 or over). There's no need to book and you don't need to be a library member to join in. We're looking forward to seeing everyone for some brilliant brick based building!

## Sea Shanty Workshop at Granton Library

**Joss Cameron, Traditional Folk Singer, Saturday 30th November, 1pm-2pm, Granton Library, 29 Wardieburn Terrace, Edinburgh EH5 1DD. Free, unticketed**

Join Scotland's foremost teacher of Sea shanties in an innovative workshop at Granton Library. Joss is a seasoned performer and inspirational teacher who invites all ages and abilities to join in her workshop celebrating Fair Saturday! This workshop is free. Just turn up on the day and enjoy the fun.





## Beul-aithris Gàidhlig airson a' Gheamhraidh Gaelic Stories and Folklore for Winter Days

Comhairle nan Leabhraichean - Gaelic Books Council

2f-3f, Leabharlann Nàiseanta na h-Alba, Drochaid Sheòrais IV, Dùn Èideann EH1 1EW. An-asgaidh, clàraich tiogaid no thig ann air an latha

## Gaelic Stories and Folklore for Winter Days Beul-aithris Gàidhlig airson a' Gheamhraidh

Comhairle nan Leabhraichean - Gaelic Books Council

2pm-3pm, National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EW. Free, book tickets in advance or drop-in

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# Fair Saturday by Antonio Garrigues Walker

## Honorary Chairman of Garrigues and Honorary Spanish President of UNHCR

The idea is good and profound and positive and joyful. It is an appropriate idea for young people and for those who feel their mind is young. And those are the ones who set it in motion. This is about discovering the value, the importance and the grace of culture and connecting it with the immense desire for culture of a society that want to be responsible.

Black Friday has its thing and its how and its reason for being. It has managed consumption's vertigo to perfection, manipulating it with an impressive and overwhelming efficacy. It holds its place with a slight – very slight – effort. It leads an unstoppable flow and most of the times it achieves to confuse what we have with what we are. This absurd fever is also part of the human being.

The Fair Saturday movement wants to do just as much in its own way, with other objectives. It wants to take on the world of feelings, of sensations, of ideas, of hope and of some specific dreams that cannot be tackled down or put aside. And for that, the path is quite simple. To fill for one day our venues and every corner of the cities that need to breathe and feed on new winds with cultural activities.

Every last Saturday of November we will have the right to dream together. Choirs, street artists, music bands, theatres, museums, painters, storytellers, poets, sopranos, photographers, dancers, dance schools,... amateur and professional, private and public, from here and there, young and veteran. They will start marching and they will be unstoppable. Artists and cultural organisations from all around the world performing the same day and supporting the social causes they chose. Many things will burst and this will be a sign, maybe definite, that it is possible, definitely possible, to tackle the vulgarity, the narrow-mindedness, the greediness, the routine, the stupidity.

Fair Saturday will end up being a brilliant example of how culture is the only solution to dignify democracy, to generate real wealth and to be able to aspire to a humane future. And the young people and those who feel their minds are young will have won what seemed in the beginning of the adventure – as in every worthy adventure – absolutely impossible.



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