

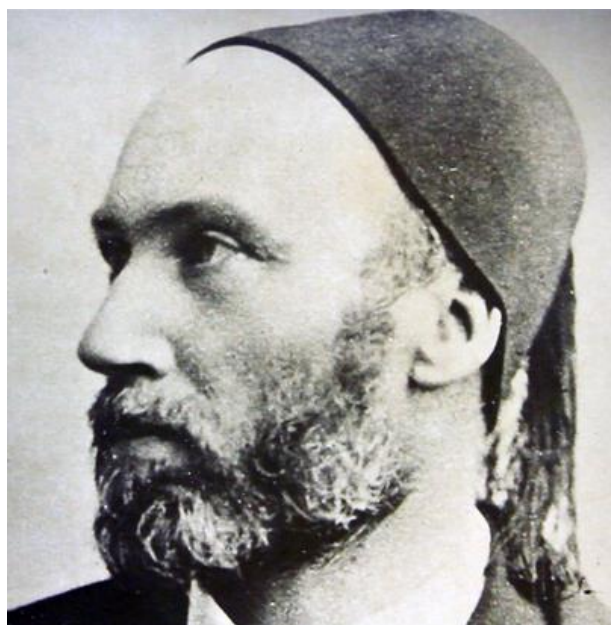
Latest News

Culture and Communities Committee
10.00am, Tuesday 26 March 2019

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Nelson Monument – Charles Piazzi Smith

A new display opens on 1 April 2019 at the Nelson Monument on Calton Hill to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of one of Scotland's most important astronomers, Charles Piazzi Smyth (1819-1900). This remarkable scientist became Astronomer Royal for Scotland aged 26, and held the position for more than 40 years. He was a man of extraordinary ability, for as well as an astronomer, he was an archaeologist, author, photographer, and meteorologist. He pioneered the practice of using mountain tops for stellar observations. The display has been developed in partnership with The Royal Observatory, Edinburgh and 'Written in Film'.



Sports Academy – Badminton Success

Mary Kong, 13 year old Sports Academy athlete, won the Scottish Schools Badminton Union (SSBU) Under 15 girls singles title and the SSBU Under 18 girls singles title at the end of 2018, which is a great achievement. Mary has been involved in the badminton programmes - delivered within the Sports Unit's Racquets Development programme - since she was in Primary 5. Identified within the 'Badminton Skillz' primary schools taster programme as showing a high level of skill within the sport, Mary was invited to her local Primary Badminton Club before being fast tracked into the Pre-Development Squad and then into the Sports Academy. Mary now trains

Sports Academy – Badminton Success

within our Sports Academy Performance Squad and is a National Squad athlete training five times per week.

Mary's older brother – David – followed a similar pathway having come through the Sports Academy programme and is now employed within the Sports Unit as a badminton coach, delivering in the Club, Sports Academy and 'Multi-Sport Skillz' Holiday programmes.

In addition to Mary's on-court success, she is currently volunteering as an assistant coach within the Currie primary badminton club, the club she started with, as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award. There are currently 18 club members, six of whom are also Pre-Development Squad players. What better way to inspire and motivate our young players, than working with a performance athlete from their local community! Well done Mary!



European Climbing Championship – October 2019

Edinburgh is set to host the International Federation of Sport Climbing's (IFSC) European Championships 2019 for lead and speed after being awarded the Championships by the international governing body.

The Scottish capital was successful in securing the event, which is held biennially, following a joint bid by EventScotland, City of Edinburgh Council, the British Mountaineering Council (BMC), Mountaineering Scotland and in conjunction Edinburgh International Climbing Arena (EICA):Ratho, Europe's largest indoor climbing arena.

European Climbing Championship – October 2019

The European Championships will take place from 5–6 October 2019 and will be a chance to see some of the best climbers in Europe compete ahead of the sport's debut at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. It also follows the successful delivery of the IFSC World Cup when EICA:Ratho took centre stage for the fifth World Cup in Lead and Speed of 2017, as well as staging the Para-Climbing World Cup. The sold-out event attracted more than 1,200 spectators, athletes and coaches.

Twenty-five million people climb regularly worldwide and there has been a rapid rise in popularity of climbing worldwide, a sport that draws diverse climbers from rural and mountain as well as urban areas.

City Art Centre – Edinburgh Science Festival – 6-21 April 2019



During the Easter Holidays, the City Art Centre is packed full of Edinburgh Science Festival workshops, activities and adventures for children aged 3+. Join an out-of-the-world mission in Mars Master Constructors, scrub-up and save lives in ER Surgery or create your own gooey, gloopy slime to test on the Splat-0-Matre in Splat-tastic. There's something to suit science explorers of all ages. Your day pass will get you and your budding scientists into our science playground drop-in activities, and workshops are included in the entry price. Full details at: www.edinburghscience.co.uk Edinburgh Science Festival is powered by EDF Energy.

Meadowbank Sports Centre

The City of Edinburgh Council has released a computer-generated journey through its soon-to-be-built Meadowbank Sports Centre. The flythrough video, which can be watched via this link, https://youtu.be/KIMD6_nKCW0 is produced by Collective Architects and has been created to show how the new cutting-edge complex will look when it opens in 2020. Viewers can go on a virtual 'first walk' through the £45m designs, entering through a running track themed doorway into a light and airy atrium where users of all abilities will be able to access facilities on all levels. The new video was released as contractors move onsite to start work on the development.

As part of the contract, Graham Construction Ltd will provide regular progress updates to the local community on their schedule of works and will launch a 'Benefit in Kind' fund of £40,000 to support local projects through time, materials and expertise, alongside a work apprenticeship programme and the creation of local jobs.

Meadowbank Sports Centre

The Council project received planning permission in June 2018 as well as confirmation of a £5m pledge from the national agency for sport, **sportscotland**. In June, the Development Management Sub Committee also approved the principle of the redevelopment of land surrounding the Sports Centre for mixed uses including residential, student accommodation, hotel and commercial uses, together with car parking, landscaping, drainage and ancillary works. Further extensive consultation has taken place on this and will continue in 2019.

What to expect from the New Meadowbank Sports Centre:

- Features will include a new dedicated indoor athletics area which will be larger than before and will allow many different athletics disciplines to train at the same time. It will be available for use whenever the centre is open as opposed to the previous space which doubled as a concourse for the stadium.
- Two games halls will provide space for a range of sports, designed to match the size of the halls in the previous facility.
- A new gym with triple the number of exercise stations will be built, alongside three larger fitness studios and a purpose-built gymnastics area more suitable for the gymnasts needs.
- Indoors the venue will also boast martial-arts and boxing spaces, two squash courts, a café and office space for Edinburgh Leisure staff.
- Outside the running track will be resurfaced and two new all-weather pitches for football will be available all year round.
- This is in addition to a dedicated purpose-built space for throw athletics such as discus and javelin and bespoke changing facilities for outdoor users.



The complex is due to open in two years' time

Works Update

Work has neared completion to remove the stand at the former Meadowbank Stadium in a major milestone towards the delivery of a brand, new sports centre for Edinburgh.

- **Demolition** - The last section of the Main Stand (nearest London Road) was taken down on Sunday 10 February 2019, with a contra flow in place due to its close proximity to the main road. Commenting, Culture and Communities Committee Vice-Convener for the City of Edinburgh Council, Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan, said: "This is another major milestone in our project to build a brand-new Meadowbank – a venue that will become one of the country's top community sports centres when it opens in 2020, featuring some of the most state-of-the-art fitness facilities in Britain. The huge physical, mental and social benefits this project will bring to generations of local people simply can't be overestimated and I'm excited to see Graham Construction on site and at work on Edinburgh's flagship new venue."

- **Tree removal** - This took place on 11 February and as part of the tree removal, the Council is planning to recycle as much of the wood as possible. Some has already been earmarked for furniture and fittings for local nurseries. If you have any good suggestions for what else might be created from the reclaimed wood, please email meadowbank@edinburgh.gov.uk. Further information can be found at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/meadowbanksportscentre. The City of Edinburgh Council is also committed to replanting more trees within the wider site, to outnumber those removed through the project
- **Piling Works** – Foundation works for the new Sports Centre will commence in early to mid-March and should last for a total of six weeks. Grahams would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience and noise during this time. Monitors will be set up during the works to monitor noise and vibration.
- All materials from the stand that could be recycled, including all the seating, have already been removed and Graham Construction will hold regular events as works progress to provide members of the local community with the opportunity to meet their team and keep updated on the details on their construction programme and employment opportunities.
- Graham is working with the waste collection service, Hamilton Waste, with their main aim to keep collections to a minimum by using larger skips and wagons, which in holding more, require less frequent uplifts. The on-site management team has also ensured that all waste is segregated into specific skips and maintains a close record of waste materials. Targets will be published quarterly.
- The community benefits that Grahams are planning include apprenticeships, jobs, work placements for school students and unemployed trying to get into work, a community benefits fund of £40,000 that local community projects could bid for, and all employees on site volunteering for two days (for example in Broomhouse, some used their two days to create a community garden).
- The wider development project is also moving to the next stage with further events planned. If you want to see how this is progressing look at their sounding board presentation online www.edinburgh.gov.uk/meadowbankmasterplan.
- Ongoing extensive consultation is planned over the following months with members of the local community as the Council looks to deliver a mixed-use site as part of its commitment to deliver much-needed affordable housing for the city.



Work to is expected to begin in the summer on the new sports centre.

City Art Centre – Victoria Crowe: 50 Years of Painting

18 May to 13 October 2019

The City Art Centre is proud to present the first major retrospective of one of Britain's most distinguished artists, Victoria Crowe OBE. Fresh from a successful exhibition of her portraits at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery in 2018, this new exhibition embraces every aspect of her work. The exhibition will feature over 150 works, stemming from youthful student paintings which laid the foundation of her career to the assured landscapes and portraits of recent years.

Drawing from 50 solo exhibitions, 50 Years of Painting will trace the rise of this exceptional artist, from early beginnings in which we catch glimpses of riches to come, through the highs and lows of her personal and professional life played out on canvas and paper, to recent years, where the cold light of a winter's day in the Scottish Borders or the heat of a Venetian sunset still echo Crowe's appreciation of early Renaissance and North European Painting. The exhibition is drawn from over 70 public and private collections throughout the UK and USA. A new short film has been commissioned and the display will be accompanied by a full education and events programme. Admission: £6 adults, £4.50 concessions.



Picture Credit: Victoria Crowe, Reflected Drama, San Giorgio, Private Collection

Victoria Crowe Exhibition – Funding Secured for Children to attend

Staff at the City Art Centre are delighted to announce that they have secured funding from a Private Trust which will enable the gallery to run over 30 full day workshops for children from six Primary Schools from areas of multiple-deprivation in Edinburgh, all linked to our major retrospective exhibition of the work of Victoria Crowe, which opens on 18 May. The children, all from Primary 5 to 7, will enjoy a range of exciting activity workshops exploring themes which appear throughout Victoria's work, including time, memory, the seasons, and portraiture. The Trust has generously providing money to cover transport to and from schools, as well as artist's fees and all materials. This funding allows the museums service to engage with children who would not normally visit our venues.

EICA:Ratho – Scrambles Reopens

Scrambles reopened on 3 January and now has a fresh, new look, with brand new frames for babies, toddlers, and juniors and a new layout with extended seating and a new café downstairs with a capacity of 130 persons. Customers can enjoy a 'hug in a mug' and a tray bake or scone and other healthy snacks and drinks, whilst their children explore, swing, climb and slide away their excess energy. The vestibule area has been brightened up with a mural by Nicola Cairns.



A Facebook competition to 'Search for A Skye' for the opening of Scrambles soft play received over 100 entries and ten of the lucky entries joined in the adventure to help Edinburgh Leisure launch the new soft play at EICA: Ratho. Skye is one of the new 'hero' characters at Scrambles, and is seen getting active with her mountain friends, owl and stag.

EICA:Ratho – myhotelbreak.com blog

Edinburgh Leisure has recently collaborated with myhotelbreak.com on why their guests should take time out and visit the Edinburgh International Climbing Arena. Find out what they discovered in the blog, which is hosted on Edinburgh Leisure's website and has been promoted on their Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/2UL1rDg>

Usher Hall - Highlights

Usher Hall highlights during January, February and March included:

Scottish Chamber Orchestra – 1 January and 14 March

Edinburgh Choral Union - 2 January

Emerging Artists series – 14, 21 and 28 January

ELO Again – 19 January

St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra – 27 January

Royal Scottish National Orchestra - 25 January; 8, 15 and 22 February; 1, 8 and 27 March,

The Twilight Sad – 29 January

Brian Fallon – 6 February

Usher Hall - Highlights

Don Broco – 7 February

Edinburgh Chinese New Year Concert – 9 February

BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra – 10 February

Peter Andre – 12 February

Colours Classical – 16 February

The Ultimate Eagles – 17 February

Nils Frahm – 19 February

Symphony Orchestra of India – 24 February

Mike and the Mechanics – 28 February

For forthcoming events please visit the Usher Hall website - [here](#)

Football – The Royal High School Careers Fair



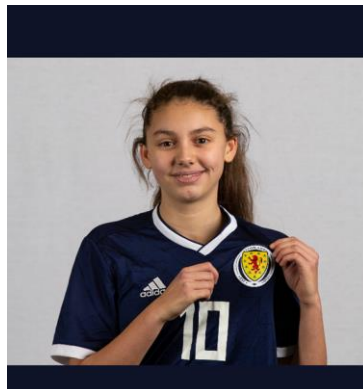
Football Development Officer Jack Beesley was recently invited to join various other organisations, colleges and sectors by presenting at The Royal High School Careers Fair. Pupils approaching course choice time were invited to ask questions about volunteering, possible careers in football and the skills/qualities necessary. Pupils were also tasked with discussing and considering what non-playing careers may be available to them, which favourable personal qualities may be important, and how they can stand out in interviews and at application stage. Pupils identified options such as player, coach, psychologist and agent as being worth pursuing.

Football – South East Regional Performance Squad 2019

Six players from the Sports Academy Girls' Football squad have been selected for the South East Regional Performance Squad for 2019. Elise Macara, Lisa Maher-Rodgers and Mia Chambers have been selected for the U14 squad and Addie Handley, Ciara Duff and

Football – South East Regional Performance Squad 2019

Hannah Davie have been selected for the U16 squad. These players will receive one night-per week additional coaching from some of the top girls' coaches in the region. Erin Sheehan has been invited for an extended trial with the U14 squad. Addie (pictured) has also been selected for the Scottish Schools FA U15 Squad and invited to the Scotland Women's U16 National Camp. Well done to all players!



Church Hill Theatre - Highlights

Church Hill Theatre highlights during February and March included:

Dear Brutus by J M Barrie (Threepenny Theatricals) – 7-9 February

The Sound of Music (A-Team Productions) – 13-16 February

Scottish Community Drama Association – One Act Play Festival – 20-23 February

The Emerald Isle (Peacock Dance Academy) – 24 February

The Cemetery Club (Edinburgh People's Theatre) – 13-16 March

Forthcoming Events:

Cavalleria Rusticana (Edinburgh Grand Opera)
- 27-30 March

Join Edinburgh Grand Opera for some Sicilian passion, jealousy, honour and tragedy, to a score of beauty and intensity, famous for the grand symphonic Intermezzo. Sung in Italian with English supertitles.



Gavin Blackie Live - 31 March

Gavin Blackie brings you the 1983 concert from the new album "1983". A fun filled night of entertainment with special guests Nicole Caldwell (X factor) and Scottish songstress Carrie Mac. A night not to be missed with support from Mike McKenzie

Church Hill Theatre - Highlights

Sweet Charity Presented by Edinburgh Music Theatre - 16–20 April 2019

Hey, big spender. Wouldn't you like to have fun? Laughs? Good times? Charity Hope Valentine is a dancer for money in '60s New York, as unlucky in love as she is in life, but ever hopeful of realising her dreams of romance, a comfortable life and escaping the seedy Fandango Ballroom. Sweet Charity features the enduring musical classics Big Spender, Rhythm of Life, There's Gotta Be Something Better Than This and If My Friends Could See Me Now, plus hilarious characters, stunning dance routines and a whole lot of heart.



Edinburgh Telephone Choirs Annual Concert - 2-4 May 2019

Its well-established format continues to be popular with audiences; a varied selection of well-known (and a few less known) numbers around a theme - this year's will be titled 'Stories and Dreams'. The Choir will be joined by the same popular guest performers as in recent years: KS Dance Academy, and Broxburn and Livingston Brass Band.

New Jersey Boys - 12 May 2019

The New Jersey Boys, based in Devon, take their audience on a nostalgic musical journey through the career of one of the biggest selling groups of all times – The Four Seasons. This choreographed show, featuring the amazing falsetto voice of Einar Vestman and the talented all round entertainer Gary Gould, is a clever mixture of tight vocal harmonies, superb solo spots and light comedy. The packed programme includes all the hits such as Sherry, Big Girls Don't Cry, Walk Like a Man and many more.



Church Hill Theatre - Highlights

Edinburgh Incidental Orchestra - 18–19 May 2019

The Edinburgh Incidental Orchestra are excited to be working with Sir Thomas Allen in this chamber orchestra concert celebrating the Orchestra's relaunch. The programme includes - Stravinsky: Dumbarton Oaks, Stravinsky: Two Poems by Paul Verlaine and Stravinsky: A Soldier's Tale



Edinburgh People's Theatre Presents – It Runs In The Family - 26 May – 1 June 2019

It Runs In The Family is a faced paced hilarious farce written by Ray Cooney. It's set in a hospital where a senior doctor mismanages a chaotic series of events on the most important day of his career.

Full details can be found on the Church Hill Theatre website – [here](#)

Broughton Sport Hub



Friday 18 January saw the launch of a partnered approach to tackle inactivity and loneliness within the local community around Broughton High School Community Sports Hub. Bro Café has provided lunch on a Friday for the past year to visitors and encourages people of different ages to come together and socialise. Murrayfield Table Tennis Club have united with the café to offer customers a chance to play and learn table tennis after their lunch, free of charge. This initiative inspires children, adults, families and senior citizens to come together and lead a healthier lifestyle by playing this intergenerational sport.

Bro café and the table tennis sessions runs from 1-3pm at Broughton High School Community Sports Hub on a Friday.

City Art Centre – Audacious Women Festival

The City Art Centre once again hosted the Audacious Women Festival from 21-25 February. The Audacious Women Festival is a chance to break personal, political, institutional barriers and celebrate audacious women. The festival included sessions with music, dance, art and books, giving women an opportunity to “Do What You Always Wish You Dared”, and to celebrate the achievements of audacious women who have gone before.

Engaging Young People in Outdoor Learning Opportunities

A recent partnership approach to engage young people in outdoor learning opportunities, Granton Youth Centre, the Council and Fetlor Youth Centre partnered up to provide an activity-based project under the name Get Going.

The group was for S2/3s and recruited through the youth clubs. The aim was to provide an exciting and challenging programme of outdoor opportunities for those who would not normally access these, and would benefit from them. The programme included canoeing, Arthurs Seat walk, climbing at Alien Bloc and cycling. The young people were outstanding in their commitment and enthusiasm, and this stretched to cycling in monsoon conditions!

Another group will run this term, and participants will have the opportunity to progress to more opportunities and accreditation.



Assembly Rooms - Highlights

Assembly Room highlights during January, February and March included:

Edinburgh Wellbeing Festival – 26-27 January

Scottish Chamber Orchestra Family Concert – Sir Scallywag and the Golden Underpants – 9 February

Regency Ball – 9 March

Wine Society: Get to know Spain and Portugal – 19 March

Assembly Rooms - Highlights

Forthcoming Events:



Data Summit - 21–22 March 2019

A two-day international conference presenting compelling stories on data driven innovation with keynotes, panels, pitches and lots of inspiration. Learn from the experience of those who have succeeded (and failed) with data through sessions on how to lead successful programmes to communicating with data, compelling examples of transformation to future trends and much more. The Data Summit will equip you with the knowledge and network to support your data journey.

Laithwaits Wine Live - 23 March 2019

Join us at one of our flagship Laithwaite's LIVE Edinburgh wine tasting events at the Assembly Rooms – now packed with more delicious wines and tasting experiences than ever. Take the chance to travel the world from your glass and discover new and exciting drinks styles whilst meeting the talented winemakers behind them. Whether your style is rich reds, crisp whites, fortified, fizz... or all of the above, we've dozens of bottles perfect for you.



Edinburgh University Student Awards 2019 - 4 April 2019

The new Student Awards are here and tickets are on sale now! Join us as we come together to celebrate and recognise the incredible achievements of students and groups across the University of Edinburgh!

Assembly Rooms - Highlights

The Wall Live Extravaganza - 7 April 2019

Catch this critically acclaimed box office sensation from Montreal, Quebec. The Wall Live Extravaganza features sets, costumes and visual effects inspired by the The Wall thematics. The staging immerses you in the expansive universe of Pink Floyd's masterpiece with an array of numbers from The Wall, Alan Parker's film and across the spectrum of the original show, and Pink Floyd's iconic repertoire.



The Medics Reveal - 6 April 2019

The Medics' Reveal is a fabulous annual variety dance show fully produced, choreographed and performed by students from the University of Edinburgh Medical School to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust. Over the last five years, the Reveal has raised over £70,000 for the charity and the last two years have sold out the Assembly Rooms.

Saba Douglas Hamilton: A Life with Elephants - 17 April 2019

Join Saba Douglas-Hamilton, the highly acclaimed elephant conservationist and wildlife TV presenter of This Wild Life and Big Cat Diaries for an evening of exciting animal stories and intimate behind the scenes tales of life in Kenya with her young family. Includes Q+A and post show signing.



Zumba MC with ZJ Mauricio Camargo - 25 May 2019

Join us for an evening to remember with USA ZJ and International sensation Mauricio Camargo!

Assembly Rooms - Highlights

Jon Ronson – Tales From the Last Days of August and The Butterfly Effect - 27 May 2019

Critically acclaimed, award-winning, best-selling writer, journalist and documentary filmmaker Jon Ronson returns to the UK in May with his new show Tales from The Last Days of August and The Butterfly Effect. In this brand new show, Jon will recount his recent adventures in the porn world - based on his hit podcasts The Butterfly Effect and The Last Days of August. It'll be a mysterious, funny, sad tale about porn, kindness, violence, bad thoughts, and the wonders of remaining curious.

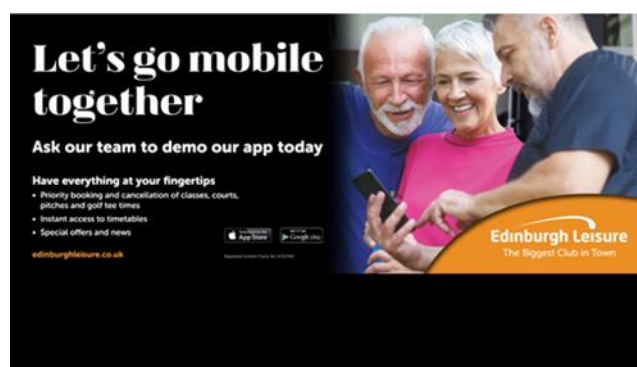


DH Concerts present – Gary Faulds Live - 29 June 2019

He's gone from gigging in the back room of a pub to selling out five theatres, the country's best comedy club, the country's biggest comedy club and a tour of Cyprus! The dream is well and truly alive for Gary Faulds, helped by the two million who tune in to watch his Facebook live videos every month.

Full details can be found on the Assembly Rooms website – [here](#)

Edinburgh Leisure – Lets Go Mobile



Edinburgh Leisure has got a new drive to get older members to use the Edinburgh Leisure app for booking their activities. Research has indicated that around 65% of bookings are now made using the app and those who are using are highly satisfied.

Edinburgh Leisure – Lets Go Mobile

However, customers currently using the app tend to be younger, working females who attended classes regularly. So Edinburgh Leisure is reaching out to our older members to break down some of the technical barriers by getting our Welcome Hosts to interact with these customers. They hope that by having a demo of how the app works, showing them how easy it is to use that they will download it to their phones and start to use.

City Art Centre – Edwin G Lucas Inspired Fashion Show

During the closing weekend of the Edwin G Lucas exhibition (Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 February) students from the Fashion and Textile Design department from Edinburgh College delivered fashion shows at the City Art Centre profiling garments and accessories directly inspired by the Edwin G Lucas exhibitions. In the weeks leading up to the shows the students visited the City Art Centre and studied the line, colour and form in the paintings and then created garments inspired by this. As well as the textile students, various make-up and film and video students were also involved. Projects like this gives these young students valuable experience of doing a real and tangible project in a public space. It builds confidence and gives them experience while transitioning from college to industry. The City Art Centre was buzzing and each of the three fashion shows attracted an audience of over 200 people. Edwin G Lucas's son also visited both days and was absolutely delighted that the next generation is so inspired by his father's work. He publicly thanked everyone involved and was photographed with the students. On Sunday the Herald photographed the show and Edwin Lucas's grandsons were also there.



Edinburgh Leisure – Dalry Swim Centre Reopening

Dalry Swim Centre reopened its doors on Wednesday 30 January after a major refurbishment, which had seen it closed since last July. Everyone has been praising the transformation of the building, and delighted that it's retained all the original character/features at Dalry. The customer journey has been improved with the introduction of Easy Access, using technology to support the staff, and allowing more time to interact with customers, which has been positively received. In the first two days, 53 memberships were sold and the majority of these have been using the tablets onsite.

Wendy Avinou, the general manager at Dalry commented: "What has been special for me was our opening day. There was the same buzz and excitement that you feel on Christmas Day; an electric surge throughout the venue, welcoming people together and sharing the reveal and glory of our venue together. I wish I could bottle that feeling. This has been a real team effort and I do need to reiterate my thanks to all those on the project team and support services who have helped us during the closure, through to preparation for reopening. I also want to thank my team at Dalry who have worked their socks off cleaning and scrubbing the venue to get it ready for the public, as well as for their positivity and enthusiasm since reopening. If you've not managed to get in for a look, please pop by as the team would be delighted to welcome you."



Lauriston Castle - Programme

For more than 400 years, enchanting Lauriston Castle has overlooked the River Forth at Silverknowes, near Cramond. Set among 30 acres of woodland and beautiful gardens, Lauriston Castle is a special place to visit. The Castle itself has a beautiful Edwardian interior, from which we take inspiration for many of our workshops. Downstairs are the servants' quarters, including the maids' hall and the atmospheric old kitchen, where a warm welcome awaits you during the winter months.

Booking

Pre-booking and advance payment are essential for all events. Methods of booking:

Online – visit the website at www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk

Telephone - telephone the City Art Centre on 0131 529 3993 (Monday to Sunday 10.00am – 5.00pm)

In person – visit the City Art Centre, 2 Market Street, Edinburgh EH1 1DE (Monday to Sunday 10.00am – 5.00pm)

For full details of all events please visit our website – [here](#), or contact Margaret Findlay, Learning and Programmes Manager for further information (by email at Margaret.findlay@edinburgh.gov.uk or by telephone on 0131 529 3963.



EVENTS:

Lectures

Monday 13 May, 10.30am - *Son of Surrealism, Father of Pop*

Costumed Performances

Sunday 5 May, 2.00pm and 3.00pm - *Sprucing up Lauriston*

Lauriston Castle - Programme

Special Events for Families

Sunday 21 April, 10.00am – 1.00pm - *Easter at the Castle*

Archaeology Scotland at Lauriston Castle

Saturday 4 May, 2.00pm – 4.00pm - *Touch the Past - Hands on Museum*

Saturday 11 May, 2.00pm – 4.00pm - *Archaeologists for a Day*

Saturday 1 June, 2.00pm – 4.00pm - *Roman Lamp Making*

RSPB Scotland at Lauriston Castle

Friday 12, Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 April, 10.00am-4.00pm

Special Events for Adults

Saturday 8 June, 2.00pm - *Lazing on a Sunny Afternoon*

Saturday 15 June, 7.30pm for 8.00pm - *Gosford Park at Lauriston Castle* (To book: <http://gosfordpark.eventbrite.com>)

Adult Craft Workshops

Saturday 25 May and Sunday 26 May, 10.30am - 3.30pm - *Mosaic Panels*

Saturday 15 June, 10.30am - 3.30pm - *Cyanotypes on Fabrics and Paper*

Family Workshops

Saturday 4 May, 10.30am - 12.30pm - *Over the Rainbow*

Sunday 12 May, 10.30am - 12.30pm - *It's Spring at the Castle!*

Sunday 2 June, 10.30am - 12.30pm or 1.30pm - 3.30pm - *Glorious Gardening*

Saturday 8 June, 11.00am – 3.00pm - *The Deep Blue Sea*

Sunday 9 June 10.30am - 12:30pm - *Summer Meadow Mobile*

Lauriston Castle – Schools Programme

The Museums and Galleries service are running a big school programme in March at Lauriston Castle, with 12 schools visiting. Some schools are from nursery and P1 and they are coming to do our Fairyland theme - the children are excited because a dragon has got trapped at Lauriston Castle and the children are enlisted to come and find clues and cast magic spells to cast the dragon back to fairyland where it should live. It is designed to interpret Lauriston in as imaginative way as possible for very young children. The remaining schools are from upper primary and they are doing our Upstairs Downstairs project where they will experience how it was to live in the Edwardian period. They will have an immersive hands-on experience which involves dressing up as Edwardians and experiencing life downstairs as servants and upstairs as wealthy Edwardians.

Edinburgh Leisure – Coach Recruitment Days



Edinburgh Leisure is hiring qualified swimming and gymnastics coaches. A recruitment open day was held on 26 February at the Royal Commonwealth Pool (2.00-7.00pm), and additional recruitment days will be held on 28 March and 2 May 2019.

This will give interested people an opportunity to meet the team, ask questions and even make an application to join the biggest coaching club in town. Anyone wishing to make an application during the recruitment day will be assessed by the means of a behaviour/competency task, as well as a meet and greet with the assessors.

Whilst the event is focused on recruiting swim and gymnastics coaches, unqualified coaches and coaches from other disciplines are welcome to come along and chat to the team on the day. For information on coaching with Edinburgh Leisure or to make an application online, visit www.edinburghleisure.co.uk/coach-with-us

Museum of Childhood – Bringing Up Baby

The Museum of Childhood has opened a new temporary exhibition *Bringing Up Baby* which explores decisions faced by parents when expecting a baby and once the new baby has arrived. Since August 2017 every new baby in Scotland has been presented with a Baby Box from the Scottish Government <https://www.parentclub.scot/baby-box> filled with clothes, books, bedding and toys. One of these boxes, presented to the Museum by the Scottish Government, is on display as a focal point of the exhibition, alongside clothes and infant care books and equipment from the historic collections.



Royal Commonwealth Pool

The Commie Pool was buzzing on Saturday 5 January, when an adult open evening was held, giving members and non-members the opportunity to try out free fitness and pool tasters, promoting some of its new and its established fitness classes. From Aquadash to Bodycombat to swim technique to Zuma, the classes had everyone working up a sweat and challenging their bodies in a good way.

Edinburgh Leisure – Funding and Sponsorship

Over the last few months, the funding and sponsorship team at Edinburgh Leisure has signed up four new corporate partnerships and raised £38,000:

- Baillie Gifford are donating a massive £30,000 to fund Edinburgh Leisure's 'Jump In Swim' project. Their generous support means Edinburgh Leisure can continue to run Jump In from January to November 2019 and help a further 320 pre-school children from some of Edinburgh's most deprived areas, giving them the opportunity to learn how to swim. This is Edinburgh Leisure's first philanthropic corporate partnership and the relationship looks set to blossom. Baillie Gifford want to help make Edinburgh a great place to live and work and we're very proud to help them do that.
- Cole AD, an advertising agency representing Capital Theatres, has booked advertising space on the Commonwealth Pool scoreboard, where they have been running advertising campaigns for various shows. The scoreboard has been a big hit with customers and Capital Theatres staff alike, who regularly swim at the venue with their families. This partnership was initially agreed on a three-month trial and due to the success, Cole AD have expressed an interest in extending this agreement until July 2019.
- The Lane, another advertising agency, booked advertising space at the EICA for a short campaign running between 7 January – 4 February 2019, to promote a play based on mountaineer Joe Simpson's memoirs. Although this was a short campaign, The Lane Agency have expressed interest in working with Edinburgh Leisure again.
- Barratt Homes booked a range of advertising space across Gracemount, the Royal Commonwealth Pool and Tumbles. They have been promoting their affordable housing scheme called 'Golden Share', backed by the City of Edinburgh Council, and only available to existing Edinburgh residents or people who can prove they have strong connection with the city.

The funding team have also been delighted with two generous donations towards their Positive Destinations project, which uses the power of sport and physical activity to engage and support young people in Edinburgh leaving school without education, employment or training prospects. Before Christmas Edinburgh Leisure received a fantastic £23,000 from the State Street Foundation and on their first day back after Christmas, they received £2,000 from the Souter Charitable Trust.

Ageing Well – Walking Their Way to Health

Sue Hodges, one of Ageing Well's Walk leaders from the Monday morning walk, which heads out from Tesco's near the Gyle/Corstorphine each week, has compiled some statistics on what their group has achieve. They have had 609 visits over the past year and covered 1,200miles, which is very impressive.

This group, in particular, have been quite innovative by introducing 'Strength and Balance' exercises on the walk. While they hand out leaflets and encourage walkers to do strength and balance exercises at home, there is always a chance some do not do it, so half way into the walk, they all line up along a fence and do strength and balance exercises there and then. It adds joy and a fun element to the walk while having benefits for their health and wellbeing. There're quite a few giggles so the core is being worked too. The walkers are all on board with it and it just makes for a smashing walk all round.



Book Collection – Talk

Lyn Stevens, Curator at the Museum of Childhood, gave a talk at the Centre of the History of the Book at Edinburgh University <https://www.ed.ac.uk/literatures-languages-cultures/chb> on 15 February about the Museum of Childhood book collection and how the Museum has been working with SELCIE <https://www.blogs.hss.ed.ac.uk/selcie/2016/12/24/welcome-to-selcie-2/> to research and improve access to the 15,000 books in store.

Edinburgh Leisure – Discarded Uniform Clean-up

In the uniform re-design a few years ago the charity 'SOS Kit Aid' helped Edinburgh Leisure get rid of over 125 bags of out-of-use uniform. These were sent to groups in Hungary, Bulgaria and Ukraine. Knowing that some sites have a build-up of discarded but still perfectly wearable pieces of uniform that is taking up space at the moment, Edinburgh Leisure is working with them again to do a clear-up.

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SOS Kit Aid exists because sport changes lives. Their mission is to recycle sports kit for the benefit of young people in the UK and overseas, so they are given a sporting chance. They make a positive and tangible impact on children's lives by giving them the chance to participate in sporting activities; promote social inclusion; and protect the environment. Their vision is to give all children access to sport, and in doing so, reduce the volume of sports kit in landfill sites.

It's a great opportunity to divert items from landfill and make a positive difference to communities in other parts of the world to get active and achieve more.

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