Welcome to this quick & simple guide to creative resources that are available in the South West area of Edinburgh.

The types of activities have been categorised using some basic symbols as follows.

Digital Arts. - photography, film, design & technology, digital art, digital Sentinel

Music. - singing / choirs, rhyme time, drama, dance

Writing. - creative writing, poetry, reading groups, book clubs

Art & Crafts. - drawing & painting, paper crafts, printmaking, sculpture, jewellery

Fabric Crafts. - knitting groups, sewing & fabric crafts, patchwork

★Activities for children & young people.

NOTE: Arts activities and other opportunities will frequently change. Please check with the relevant centre or organisation to see what is currently available.

This publication has included activities that are broadly creative and on offer to adults, young people and children within South West Edinburgh.

Adult education courses run for a specific number of weeks whilst other arts activities will form part of a centre’s programme and may run throughout the year.

Voluntary organisation like Whale Arts, Gorgie Collective, The Welcoming and the Polwarth Canal Shed will run a variety of different arts projects to reflect local need and available funding.

Feb 2019
Community Centres

Balerno Community Centre
0131 451 5756
Women’s Institute. (Tues 7.30 - 9pm: 1st of month)
Pentlands Caledonia Pipes & Drums. (Fri 7 – 9.30)

Carrickvale Community Centre
0131 443 6971
Adult Education classes stop for the summer
Bristo Band. Reharsals. (Thurs 6 – 8pm)
Highland Dance. Various classes. (Contact Frankie 07479 171 737)
Sequence Dancing. (Fri 1.45 – 3.45)
Sew & Sew self-help group. (Thurs 10 - 12.00)
Upholstery. (Tues 12.45 - 2.45 & Wed 10 – 12.00)
Vale Group. Arts & Crafts. (Thurs 10.30 – 3pm)
★ Acro Dance 4+yrs (Fri 4 – 5.30)
★ Art Club. 5~10yrs (Mon 6 - 8pm)
★ Baby Ballet. Various ages 0~5yrs (Fri 9.15 - 10.45)
★ Guitar Classes. 8~18yrs. (Wed 6 - 7.30)
★ Keyboard Classes. (Thurs 4.30 – 6pm)
★ Modern/Jazz Dance 6+yrs (Fri 4pm - 5.30)

Clovenstone Community Centre
0131 453 4561
Summer Activities for children & families will be running during the holiday period. Including arts & crafts, sporting activities and days out.

Gate 55.
0131 458 5095
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Gorgie War Memorial Hall
0131 443 6971
★ Children’s Club. 6~11yrs (Fri 5 – 7pm)

Juniper Green Community Centre
0131 458 3751
Normal programme of arts activities will start again between mid-August & mid-October.

Email regularbookings@junipergreenvillagehall.co.uk
Phone 0131 458 3751 for more information’.

Pentland Community Centre
0131 445 2871
DIY Crafting (Wed 6.45 – 8.45)
Linus Project Group making quilts (Tues 1.30 – 4pm. Fortnightly)
Pentland Tryst Art Group (Mon 10.30 – 12.30)
Tryst Patchwork Group (Tues & Fri 10 – 12.00)
Ratho Community Centre
0131 333 1055
Art Group. (Tues 7 - 9pm)
SWI. Includes some arts & crafts. (Wed 7 - 8.30pm: 2nd of month)

St Brides Community Centre
0131 346 1405

Summer 2019. See Jazz Programme?

LEARN TO PLAY JAZZ & BLUES MUSIC
DURING THE FESTIVAL:
Check out the Edinburgh Napier University Jazz Summer School or Sing Jazz – see page 7

YEAR ROUND:
St Brides Centre is host to the Edinburgh Blues Academy and to the Edinburgh Jazz School which offer weekly music lessons running until the end of July, and then again in the Autumn.

Sally Thomas-Smith, Martin Howe, Cerys Holland and Dean Gibson (Black Diamond Express) offer Edinburgh Blues Academy sessions on group performance.

Patrice McDowel and friends help Edinburgh Jazz School students improve their musical skills in harmony, rhythm and improvisation.

For more info, please contact info@dadsrockacademy.org.uk or visit the website at: www.dadsrockacademy.org.uk

Weekly music lessons for young people aged 7-16 and their family! Tuesday nights 6.30pm - 8.30pm at Edinburgh College,
Community Groups, Centres & Halls

Colinton Mains Community Centre
0131 441 6597
Art Group. (Thurs 1.30 - 4pm)

Currie Community Centre
07545529204
Craft Group. (Mon 7 - 8.30)
Guitar Lessons. All levels. Adults & Children (Tues 8 - 9pm)
★ Shoogly Peg Theatre Group. Young people. (Thurs 6.30 - 7.30)

Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre
0131 466 0678
★ Mhairi Hogg. School of Dance. (Thurs 4.30 – 7pm & Fri 4.30 – 6.30)
★ Mhairi Hogg. School of Dance. (Sat 9 – 1pm)
★ Youth Café 13~15yrs including Arts & Music (Tues 6 - 8pm)
★ Youth Café 12~18yrs including Arts & Music (Sun 6 - 8pm)

Gorgie Dalry Stenhouse Church
0131 337 7936
All Singing All Dancing. Special Needs Group. (Thurs 11 – 12.30)
Scots Music Group. (Wed 10 – 12.00)
Singing Group for Dementia & Carers. (Tue 2 - 4pm: 1st & 3rd of month)
**The Canal Shed.** Drennan Hall, Polwarth Church. 07790 885 969. ¦ thecanalshed@gmail.com  
(Every Wednesday 10am – 1pm)  
Various arts projects running at different times. Including; gardening, woodworking, creative arts and crafts, canal-related heritage and conservation activities.

**St Michael’s Parish Church**
0131 478 9675
Scots Music Group. (Wed 10.30 – 12.30)  
Showcase. Music Group. (Thurs 7.30)  
Springwell Golden Voices. (Thurs 10.30 - 12.30) – not running during the summer  
★The Young Ones. Music and Drama. (Sat 10 – 12.00) - returns in October

**St Joseph’s Centre. Balerno Parish Church**
0131 449 6186  
(Tues 2.30 – 4pm: last Tues of month)  
Palm Café for people with dementia & their Carers. Includes music and crafts.

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**The Welcoming** (for newcomers to Edinburgh)
0131 346 8577  
Singing Group: (Wed 7.30 – 9pm at St Martin’s CRC, Dalry)
WHALE Arts is a community arts organisation in Wester Hailes, Edinburgh. We offer regular groups, one-off events & free sessions for all ages. Check www.whalearts.co.uk for up to date info, how to register and what’s on.
out & about group

Stills Gallery
AMBIT: Photographs from Scotland
Tuesday 28th May
Meet at St Brides at 11.30am
(.....or at Stills at about 12.00)

Not sure about going to exhibitions or museums on your own?
Come and join this friendly group.

Everyone welcome

Contact Margaret.
0131 458 5095 or 07719 420 397 or
Email. margaret.drysdale@edinburgh.gov.uk

Summer visits will include;
The Modern Art Gallery, Jupiter Artland,
the Edinburgh Festival and the Scottish National Portrait Gallery.

The ‘Out & About Group’
We will meet monthly to visit different exhibitions or one of the museums.
Libraries

Your local library provides much more than a chance to go along and borrow a book or two. It is a great place to visit for information or get involved in a range of activities for all the family. If you want more information check the website. http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/libraries

Currie Library currie.library@edinburgh.gov.uk
0131 529 5609
Book Group. (Mon 1 – 2pm: 1st of month)
Book Group. (Wed 7 - 8pm: 1st of month)
Craft & Chat. (Wed 6.30 - 7.30: Fortnightly)
Poetry Group. (Wed 6.30 - 7.30: Fortnightly)
★ Bookbug. 0~4yrs (Thurs 10.30 – 11am)
★ Bookbug. 0~4yrs (Fri 10.30 – 11am)
★ Chatterbooks. 8~12yrs (Wed 3.30 – 4.30: 3rd of month)
★ Children’s Creative Writing Group. P5~P7 (Sat 3 – 4pm: Fortnightly) limited spaces
★ Crafts for Children. 5~12yrs (Thurs 3.30 – 4.30)
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★ Crafts for Children. 5~12yrs (Thurs 3.30 – 4.30)

Fountainbridge Library fountainbridge.library@edinburgh.gov.uk
0131 529 5616
Adult Writers’ Group. (Wed 6.30 – 8pm)
Book Groups. (Mon 6.30 - 8pm: 2nd of month & 6.30 – 7.30: 3rd of month)
IT Drop In. (Mon 2 – 4pm)
★ Bookbug. 0~4yrs. Older siblings welcome. (Thurs & Sat at 10.30am)
★ Kids’ Craft. 5~10yrs (Sat at 3pm)

Balerno Library balerno.library@edinburgh.gov.uk
0131 529 5500
★ Bookbug. 0~4yrs (Wed 1.30 – 2pm)
★ Children’s Knitting Group. 5+yrs (Fri 2.30 – 3.30)
★ Storytime. 2~5yrs (Mon 2 – 2.30pm)
★ Storytime. 2~5yrs (Tues 10.30 – 11am)

Balgreen Library balgreen.library@edinburgh.gov.uk
0131 529 5585
Book Group. (Wed 7 - 8pm: last of month)
★ Bookbug. 0~4yrs (Sat 11am)

Colinton Library colinton.library@edinburgh.gov.uk
0131 529 5603
Book Group 2. (Tues 2 - 3pm: last of month)
Book Group. (Wed 6.30 - 7.30pm: last of month)
★ Bookbug. 0~4yrs (Tues 2.30 – 3pm)
★ Bookbug. 0~4yrs (Fri 10.30 – 11am)
★ Chatterbooks. 8~10yrs (Tues 3.45 – 4.45: 3rd of month term time only)
★ Children’s Knitting Group. 5+yrs (Wed 3.45 - 4.45)
★ Crafts for Children. 5~12yrs (Fri 3.30 - 4.30)
★ Lego Club. 6~12yrs (Sat 11.30 – 12.30)

Oxgangs Library oxgangs.library@edinburgh.gov.uk
0131 529 5549
Book Group. (Wed 10.15 - 11am: 1st of month and 6.30 - 7.30: 1st of month)
Yap & Yarn. (Tues 10.30 - 12.00)
★ Bookbug. 0~4yrs (Tues, Fri & Sat at 10.30)
★ Chatterbooks. 8~11yrs (Mon at 4pm: Fortnightly)
★ Children’s Craft Club 4~12yrs (Fri 2.30 - 3.30)
★ Lego Club. 4~yrs (Sat 12.00 – 1pm)
★ Share a Story. Under 5yrs (Mon at 10.30)
★ Tiger Tales. Stories & Crafts. 4~8yrs (Wed at 3.30 and Sat at 2.30)
Ratho Library  ratho.library@edinburgh.gov.uk
0131 333 5297
Adult Book Group. (Mon 6.30 – 7.30: 1st of month)
Adult Colouring In Group. (Fri 11 – 12.30: Fortnightly)
Adult Craft Group (Sat 2 - 4pm. Fortnightly)
Book and Blether. (Wed 2 – 4pm: Fortnightly)
Knit and Knatter. (Mon 2 - 4pm)
★ Bookbug. 0-4yrs (Thurs 10.30 – 11am)
★ Children’s Crafts (Tues, Thurs & Fri at 2pm)
★ Kids Craft/ Games group (Sat 11.30)

Sighthill Library  sighthill.library@edinburgh.gov.uk
0131 529 5566
Adult Colouring in Group. (Mon 6.30 - 7.30)
Knit and Knatter. (Fri at 2pm)
★ Bookbug. 0~4yrs (Fri 10.45 – 11.30)
★ Children’s Crafts (Mon, Wed & Fri at 2pm and Sat 11am)

Wester Hailes Library  westerhailes.library@edinburgh.gov.uk
0131 529 5667
Crime Club Book Group. (Mon 6:30 - 7:30: 1st of month)
‘Current Concerns’: current affairs discussion group (Tues 10 –12.00, 1st of month)
Games Group alternating with Knit and Knatter. (Wed 2 - 4pm)
The Welcoming Women’s Café (Tues 10.30 – 12.00)
Wester Hailes Book Group. (Thurs 2 – 3.30: last of the month)
★ Bookbug 0~5yrs (Tues 10:45 - 11:45)
★ Chatterbooks. 8~11yrs (alternate Thursdays 3.45 - 4.45)
★ Children’s Film Club. (Sat 11 - 1pm: Last of month)
★ LVL-UP Youth Group. 12~16yrs (Tues 6 – 7.30)
★ Tiger Tales. 5~8yr (Fri 1.30 - 2.30)
★ Wester Hailes Film-makers 12 -17yrs (Mon 4 – 5.30)
135 Years St Michael’s Parish Church
Photographic Competition and Exhibition

To celebrate the long history of our congregation in the community, we invite budding photographers - of all ages and ability - to enter a competition which will form an exhibition in St Michael’s Parish Church during the Edinburgh Festival, 10th – 18th August 2019.

Categories:
1. People
2. Landscape
3. Flowers and Plants
4. Animals
5. “Heart & Soul of Edinburgh” (a supportive community)
6. Then & Now (with support of SCRAN)
   (All photos must be taken within a 1 mile radius of St Michael’s Church)

For further details, inspiration, support, and how to enter please visit the Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/InspiredPhotographyStMichaels/

Contact Rev Andrea Price, minister of St Michael’s Church
APrice@churchofscotland.org.uk or phone 0131 443 435
Scottish charity number 060028

Health & Wellbeing Projects

Broomhouse Health Strategy Group
0131 467 7678
No art groups

Dove Centre
0131 453 4656
Art. (Tues 10 - 12.00)
Arts & Crafts. (Thurs 2 - 4pm) or (1.30 - 3.30)
Needlecraft. (Thurs 10 - 12.00)

Health All Round
0131 337 1376
Health groups that includes Art Therapy and Dance & Movement Therapy.
Art for Fun. (Tues 11 – 12.30)
Write On. (Thurs 3 - 4.30)

The Health Agency
0131 453 9400
Making cards for all occasions. (Wed 5 - 7pm)
Room for Art (Mon 10 – 1pm)
Working with words/ Open Book reading & writing group (Wed 11.30 – 1pm. Fortnightly)

https://www.joininedinburgh.org/