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What's on For Families in North East Edinburgh

Free or Low-Cost Activities and Support for Families during the Holidays



Discover! Easter

Portobello High School, 1 Milton Road, EH15 3BY

Tues 9th, Weds 10th, Thurs 11th, Tues 16th, Weds 17th and Thurs 18th April.

Free provision for families who have been recommended by their primary school.

Families can take part in a range of activities which include storytelling, music instruction, sports, games and other fun visiting workshops and outings, meals provided. Access to a range of support and advice services available. Families who have not previously attended

Discover! should register their interest with their school and check if they would be eligible.

Professionals wishing to make a recommendation for a local family should contact

growingconfidence@edinburgh.gov.uk

Easter Playscheme

Venchie Children and Young People's Project, 61 Niddrie Mains Terrace, EH16 4NX

Tue 9th -Thu 11th April, Tue 16th- Thu 18th April, 11am-3pm, Free and lunch provided

To register please Tel: 0131 629 9546 Email: info@venchie.org.uk

FREE Packed Lunches

Venchie Children and Young People's Project, 61 Niddrie Mains Terrace, EH16 4NX

All children living in Niddrie, Craigmillar, Bingham and surrounding areas eligible.

Monday 8th April- Thursday 18th April, each weekday between 12-1pm.

Fill out a registration form before the holidays or on the first day you collect your child's lunch.

Tel: 0131 629 9546 Email: info@venchie.org.uk

Craigentinny Community Centre Playscheme

9 Loaning Rd, Edinburgh EH7 6JE

Craigentinny Community Centre Management Committee and Lifelong Learning

Sports activities, Spring themed arts and crafts and games.

Tuesday 10th-Thursday 12th April, 10am-2pm, ages 5-11years.

Breakfast, fruit and juice provided, packed lunch should be brought.

Priority given to local families who currently use the centre.

£5 registration and £10 for the 3 days. Subsidised places available for low income families.

Tel: 0131 661 9404 Email: donna.melrose@ea.edin.sch.uk

Excel Easter Programme, St Francis RC Primary

Run by the Jack Kane Community Centre and partners, Holiday programme Mon 8th April- Fri 12th April, 10am-12pm for Primary 4-7 children who attend St Francis School. Fun activities and sports to promote health and wellbeing. Sessions are free and include breakfast, lunch and fruit.

For more information contact St Francis RC primary school.

Dr Bell's Family Centre

15 Junction Place, Leith, EH6 5JA

Easter Holiday programme, free for eligible Leith families with at least one child under 5 years.

Tues 9th, Weds 10th, Thurs 11th and Tues 16th, Weds 17th and Thurs 18th April. Variety of family trips and activities, breakfast and packed lunches provided.

Please contact Dr Bell's for more information Tel: 0131 553 0100

Hope Church

135 Mountcastle Drive South, EH15 3LR

Friday 12th April 'Trip to the park' meet at Hope Community Cafe at 10am

Saturday 20th April 12-3pm Easter Adventure

To book a place contact us on <https://www.hopebingham.co.uk/contact/>

www.facebook.com/hopecommunitycafebingham

Niddrie Community Church

12 Hay Drive, EH16 4RY.

Easter Adventure Saturday 20th April, 11am - 2 pm. Stories and "chocolate hunts", crafts and baking. Free, donations optional. Affordable food available in the café.

For more information please call into the café.

Outdoor Play Rangers Sessions

Free fun drop in outdoor play- games, construction tasks, messy and scrap play, all resources and support provided by play rangers. Sessions are open to all, most suited to primary aged children. The rangers are not offering childcare so if children attend it is on the understanding that they are free to leave if they choose to.

Every Tuesday 3.15- 5.15pm Bingham Park,

Every Wednesday 3-5pm Brunstane School grounds,

Every Friday 12.15- 2.15 Brunstane School grounds, 3- 5pm Bingham Park

Figgate Park RSPB Family Activities

Mountcastle Dr N, EH8 7SE

Planting sunflowers to take away, bug hunts and various 'wild challenges'.

Thursday 11th and Friday 12th April 10am-4pm.

Bring scrap paper and crayons and look out for the new brass rubbing plates around the park!

Pilrig Park

Pilrig St, EH6 5BA

Friday May 3rd, 2.00pm and/or Sunday May 5th, 11.00am Spring Nature Search event

Abercorn Sports Club Free Open Day

Abercorn Crescent, EH8 7HZ

Saturday 30th March 1-5pm Fun Filled day of tennis and squash activities, all ages and abilities welcome. All equipment and refreshments provided.

Register for free at <http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AbercornSportsClub/Events>

**Easter Closing Dates for all Edinburgh Libraries-
closed Fri 19th Sun 21st and Mon 22nd April open as normal Sat 20th April**

Piershill Library

Puppet Animation Festival- Dagba's Forset Tales 30minute performance, Friday 12th April, 3.30pm. Suitable for children aged 5 and above. Free event but ticket required from library.

Bookbug Wednesdays 2-2.30pm

Polish Rhymetime 11-11.30 am, 13th and 27th April, 11th and 25th May, then every 2nd Saturday

Polskie rymowanki spotkania odbywaja sie co druga sobote 11.00-11.30

Storytime with Kenny and the Magic Rug Time, Fridays 10.30am (Library closed 19th April)

Saturday Craft sessions 11th and 18th April at 3pm, 5-12years

Under 8's must be accompanied by a parent/carer over 12 to all library activities

For more information call Piershill Library on 0131 529 5685

Play Talk, Read Bus

Morrisons, Piersfield Terrace, Friday 10th May 2019 10.00-1pm and 2-4pm

Free Activities for 0-3year olds

Craigmillar Library

Sat 13th April, 2pm Puppet Animation Festival- Free family screening of The Red Turtle. Contact the library for more information.

Baby and toddler Rhymetimes Tuesdays 11am-12pm

Craigmillar Library Polish Rhymetime monthly Wed 24th April, Wed 29th May 10-11am

Saturday Storytimes with Eric Brennan, 27th April 11am-12pm 'Here comes the Easter bunny'

Portobello Library

Bookbug Wed 10th and 17th April 10.30am

Bookbug each Saturday 11.30 am, running on 13th and 20th April

Holiday Activities-

Wednesday 10th April at 2pm, Design your own egg

Friday 12th April, Easter Egg Doilies

Wednesday 17th April, Make your Easter Rabbit

Suitable for 5 to 10 years – Under 8's must be accompanied by a parent/carer over 12

For more information call Portobello Library on 0131 529 5558

McDonald Road Library

Sat 6th April, 2pm Puppet Animation Festival- Free family screening of The Red Turtle. Tickets available on Eventbrite.

Wed 10th April. 3.30pm Dogs Trust Storytelling and workshop

Sat 13th April, 2pm Puppet Animation Festival- Free family screening- The Incredibles. Tickets available on Eventbrite.

Mon 15th April 11am Puppet Animation Festival- - Foxes and Crows puppet workshop. Ages 7-9years, please bring a sock. Tickets available on Eventbrite.

Bookbug Friday 12th April and 4th January 10.30-11.00am then weekly.

Library Craft Sessions for 4-11years, Fridays 12th April and Wed 17th April 3-4pm

Chatter books- a fantastic free book club for 8-11years olds, share books and enjoy activities.

Starts Wed 3rd April, runs 1st Wed of each month 3.30-4.30pm, term time.

For more information contact Mcdonald Road Library on 0131 529 5636

Leith Library

Bunny Tales Wed 9th April 11-11.30am

Bookbug Wed 10th April and Tue 16th April 10.30-11am

Easter craft session for 4-10year olds Friday 12th 2.30-3.30pm and Wed 17th April, 2pm

Mad Hatters Tea Party Saturday 13th April, 2pm

Classic Fairy tales Thu 18th April 2.30pm

Contact Leith Library for more information on 0131 529 5517

Active Schools Spring Sports Programme

Leith Academy Multi Sport Camp, P1-7 children. 8-12th April 15th-19th April 10am-1pm

A variety of sports and activities will be on offer throughout the week.

Any queries contact Lee.goodfellow@ea.edin.sch.uk

Trinity Academy Multi Sport Camp for P1-7 children. 8-12th April 10am-3pm

A variety of sports across the week from Basketball, Athletics, Football and more in Trinity Academy's main sports hall.

Any queries contact Ryan by email ryan.mcgill@ea.edin.sch.uk

Free for families receiving free school meals or £30-£50 per week. Please provide lunch, snacks and water.

To book a place go to <https://www.joininedinburgh.org/sports/active-schools/>

Cooking Sessions run by YMCA /One Parent Families

YMCA, 1 Junction Place, Leith, EH6 5JA

Free cooking sessions for single mums and dads. Starts Wed 3rd April 12.15-2.15pm

For more information Tel: 0131 556 3899 or email info@opfs.org.uk

Guitar Lessons, Bridgend Farmhouse

Free taster guitar lessons for all ages on Wed 4-6pm, 3rd April, 24th April, 1st May, 8th May.

Limited places, book by contacting Gavin Jack on 08890486140

Easter Basketball Camp

Easter Holidays Tuesday 16th April-Thursday 18th April 2019

P1-P7 10.00 -11.30, £5 per session (reductions available for families on low income)

Under 14's, 16's and 18's skills sessions 11.30-1.00pm £5.00 per day

Under 18's Scrimmage Session 1.00-2.00 pm £3.00 per day

Register at www.cityofedinburghbasketball.net/camp/ For more information please contact Katie

McPherson Email: cityofedinburgh@gmail.com

Ocean Terminal

Get ready to Experience the Unexpected! Sat 6th-Mon 22nd April

Discover 12 giant animatronic Dinosaurs taking over the whole of Ocean Terminal over all three floors –they roar, they move, breathe... lets hope they don't bite!!

Try your luck at our Super sized Easter Egg Trail – collect entry forms from the Customer Service Desk, find all 6 Easter themed eggs around the centre, draw the shape detailed at each egg and return your form for a chocolate treat!

<https://www.oceanterminal.com/news-events/easter-experience-the-unexpected-1116>

RSPB Wild Day Out

Free drop in event, Saturday 13th April, 10am-4pm, Holyrood Park Education Centre

Face painting, worm charming, minibeast hunts, a nature science lab and lots of other hands-on activities.

www.rspb.org.uk/wilddayout Tel: 0131 317 4100, email rspbscotlandevents@rspb.org.uk

Edinburgh Science Festival

Saturday 6th April – Sunday 21st April in different venues

[https://www.sciencefestival.co.uk/whats-](https://www.sciencefestival.co.uk/whats-on?type=event&display=view_as_grid&searchTerm=&searchSuitability%5B%5D=&searchSort=eventOccurance.dateStart+asc&displayPerPage=9&page=1)

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Activities at the Royal Botanic Gardens

Easter Treasure Hunt

Monday 15th April – Sunday 21st April 2019, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

FREE No Booking Required

Easter Trail

Sat 6th to Mon 22nd April, 10am-4.30pm daily, age 3+

Join the Botanic Bunny on a quest to explore new frontiers in our family Easter Trail! Complete the trail and receive your yummy Easter treat.

Pick up a trail booklet from John Hope Gateway reception, £2 per trail

Art Explorers

Sun 7th April, 1–4pm (drop-in) All ages, £3

Join us for an afternoon of creative fun and be inspired to make your own work of art. Real Life Science Studio, John Hope Gateway

Scottish Parliament Family Days

Saturday 6th and 13th April, Free, drop in 10am-4pm, all ages.

Adventures in science. Journey through space and discover the marvels of modern science through hands-on activities. Tour the Universe and explore the wonder of the night sky in an inflatable planetarium and enjoy interactive exhibits – from controlling lightning to seeing through a hole in your hand! You can also meet an astronomer, hold a meteorite, learn more about how Earth and space interact and lots more.

<https://www.visitparliament.scot/family-days/>

Activities at The National Museum

Chambers Street, EH11JF

Magic Carpet and Magic Carpet Minis

Magic Carpet and Magic Carpet Minis explore themes in the Museum through songs, stories, rhymes, touch and play.

Sessions are for individual families with a minimum of 1 adult to 2 children ratio.

Sessions run on Fridays during term time, with Magic Carpet and Magic Carpet Minis on alternate Fridays.

Magic Carpet Minis suits ages 0 to 2 years, 5 April, 10.30 and 11.30 am

Magic Carpet suits ages 2 to 4 years, 29 March, 10.30 and 11.30 am

Sessions are free but there are limited places, advance booking online is required.

www.nms.ac.uk/national-museum-of-scotland/whats-on/magic-carpet/

Activities at The National Portrait Gallery, 1 Queen Street, EH21JD

Wee Treasures

Ages 2-5, 6 April, 10.30 & 11.30am

Multisensory storytelling in the gallery, inspired by a different painting each month.

Postcard Portraits

Ages 6+, younger siblings welcome too. Sun 12th May, 2-4pm

Pick your postcards, find the portraits and create your own personal masterpieces.

BYOB: Bring Your Own Baby/ Bump Ages 0-1 years

Mon 1st April, 13th May, Tours: 10.15, 11am & 11.30am

Monthly informal chats in the gallery for grown-ups with their wee-est ones

Open Studio- Make an Impression Ages 1-3years

Drop in, Tuesday 2nd April, 10.30am -12.30pm

Messy, open, art-making mornings in the Farmer Studio. Bring a change of clothes! younger

Activities at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art (Modern One)

75 Belford Road, EH4 3DR

Walk, Talk, Make Ages 2-5

Monthly free art-making and sculpture hunting outdoors.

Sat 20th April, drop in between 11am-12:30pm. Fruit included. Free, no booking required.

<https://www.nationalgalleries.org/event/walk-talk-make-ages-2-5-8>

Family Art Tour Ages 6+,

Saturday 30th March, 11-11.45am. Younger siblings welcome too.

Short, interactive, creative tours. The perfect introduction to art for your whole family. BSL interpreted.

Poster Club: Paolozzi and Warhol Ages 4-12

Family Drop-in Art Making

Every weekday of the holidays, 2-4pm

Mon 8th -Fri 19th April – not weekends!

Free, no booking required

<https://www.nationalgalleries.org/event/poster-club-paolozzi-warhol-ages-4-12>

Children with Additional Support Needs

The Yard, 22 Eyre Place Lane, EH3 5EH

Offers disabled children/young people, and their siblings, the chance to experience creative, adventurous indoor and outdoor play in a well-supported environment.

New members are welcome at any family session for their first free taster visit with no booking necessary. Any child with a disability can become a member.

<https://www.theyardscotland.org.uk/blog/easter-holidays-2019-opening-times>

Closed Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th April for maintenance

Tel: 0131 476 4506 or email: info@theyardscotland.org.uk

Edinburgh Inclusive Dance Classes

Edinburgh Dance Academy, 193-195 St John's Road, EH12 7SL

Sun 28th April, 26th May, 30th June, 9.30-10.30am. Cost £6.50

Edinburgh Dance Academy and Active Schools are running monthly dance workshops for Edinburgh pupils aged 10-16years with additional support needs.

Email hello@eda.scot or call 0131 334 4299

Activities at The National Portrait Gallery, 1 Queen Street, EH21JD

Autism friendly early opening All Ages FREE

All families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder are invited to explore the Portrait Gallery before the doors open to the public and take part in creative, sensory activities. Numbers very limited, booking essential.

Sundays: 28 April; 26 May; 30 June, 9-10am

To book please contact 0131 624 6428 or email AMurray@nationalgalleries.org

The National Museum

Chambers Street, EH11JF

Edinburgh Science Festival Build and Break ages 5+

Build, break and create in the unique free play session. Visit *BUILD IT* to unlock your creative spirit and build magical, massive structures with the super-sized construction blocks then head over to *BREAK IT* to be set loose on a huge pile of discarded electronics with a screwdriver and a pair of pliers – rip old pieces of tech apart to discover what they are made of and learn which parts we might be able to reuse.

Early door opening for Autistic children and Families 9-10am Mon 15th April and Tue 16th April

www.sciencefestival.co.uk/event-details/early-doors-build-and-break

Autism After Hours

Visit the museum on your own terms once the public have gone home.

For autistic young people age 14+ and their families or carers.

Tuesday 21st May, 5.30-7pm. Sessions are free but should be booked in advance.

Please book by emailing Laura Bennison l.bennison@nms.ac.uk or Tel: 0131 247 4199

Active Schools Activities for Children with Additional Support Needs.

Opportunities for children with ASN in Edinburgh and information on the annual Para Sport Event for children with physical or sensory impairments.

<https://www.joininedinburgh.org/sports/active-schools/inclusion/>

Play Sense Create

A new Multi-arts project for primary aged young people aged 4-9years with Additional Support Needs/Disabilities and their families. Featuring dance, music, art, drama and more!

WHALE Arts, 30 Westburn Grove, EH14 2SA,

Wednesday 10th April, contact the center for time.

Mon 15th April- 10am-1pm, Trip to the National Galleries of Modern Art

To book call 0131 458 3267, email: info@whalearts.co.uk

Help2Heat

Outreach advice and support for families with disabled children in their own home. Help with benefits, energy saving advice, access to grants and wider supports. Available until June 18th 2019. Email: advice@actiongroup.org.uk Tel: 0131 475 2315

Community Food

Hope Community Cafe Free Meals, 135 Mountcastle Drive South, EH15 3LR

Every Wednesday Free Community Meals available for local families, 5.30pm.

Affordable meals available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at the Community Café 10-2 pm

www.hopebingham.co.uk www.facebook.com/hopecommunitycafebingham

Foodbanks

Foodbanks are able to provide emergency food for three days to anyone who finds themselves in crisis. Anyone needing help will need a valid foodbank voucher. To find out which agencies can issue vouchers contact The Foodbank on 0131 444 0030 or Social Care Direct on 0131 200 2324/Out of Hours 0800 731 6969. Vouchers can be taken to the nearest Foodbank Centre where volunteers give a warm welcome, can offer support and put together a nutritious food parcel.

www.edinburghne.foodbank.org.uk/

Please note Foodbanks may be closed on Easter public holidays, please call in advance.

Craigmillar Foodbank, Bristo Memorial Church, 196 Peffermill Road, EH16 4AJ

Opening times: Tue 11:00 - 14:00 Thu 11:00 - 14:00 Sat 12:30 - 14:30 Tel: 07946 628 976

Broughton Foodbank, Broughton St Mary's Parish Church, Bellevue Crescent, EH3 6NE

Opening times: Mon 13:30 - 15:30 Thu 13:30 - 15:30 Tel: 07805 204 009

South Leith Parish Church Halls, 6 Henderson Street, Leith EH6 6BS

Opening times: Monday 13:00-14.30 Fri 15:00-17:00 Tel: 0131 554 2578

North Leith Parish Church Halls, 1b Madiera Street, Leith, EH6 4AW

Opening times: Tuesday 10:00-12:00 Friday 10:00-12:00 Tel: 0131 553 7378

Leith St Andrew's Church Hall, 410-412 Easter Road, Leith, EH6 8HT

Opening times: Tuesday 13:00-14.30 Thursday 10:00-11.30 Tel: 0131 553 8839

Pilrig St Paul's Church Hall, 1a Pilrig Street, Leith, EH6 5AH

Opening times: Wednesday 16:30-18:00 Tel: 0131 553 1876

St Margaret's Parish Church Halls, 48 Restalrig Road South, EH7 6LE

Opening times: Wednesday 11:00-12.30 Tel: 0131 554 7400

Support and Information

Family and Household Support Christmas Holiday Drop ins/Phone Support

Support and advice from Housing and Family Support staff on benefits, budgeting and debt. Help with tenancies or housing bids. Email northeast.familyandhouseholdsupport@edinburgh.gov.uk
Drop in–North East Neighbourhood Office 101 Niddrie Mains Road Tue and Thu 2-4pm
Drop in- Leith Library 26-30 Ferry Road Fridays 10am-12pm (Closed Good Friday 19th April)
Duty contact number: 0131 529 7168

Big Coat Drop and free Coat Exchange with Leith Collective, Ocean Terminal

Have you got a winter coat you don't wear anymore? Take it down to The Leith Collective Ocean Terminal (1st floor, next to White Stuff) who, in partnership with NE Edinburgh Foodbank and Streetwork, will pass it on to someone that needs it.
All sizes wanted from kids to adults. Mon - Fri 10.30am - 6pm, Sat 11am - 6pm, Sun 11am - 5pm

Need a winter coat but funds won't allow? The NE Edinburgh Foodbank can help or will provide vouchers to come and select a coat from The Leith Collective. Streetwork can also help or will issue vouchers. If you don't currently use either of these services, simply visit The Leith Collective where they can help.

VOCAL Support for Carers

VOCAL Carers Café, 60 Leith Walk, EH6 5HB

Support available for carers 9am to 5pm. Closed Good Friday 19th April and Easter Mon 22nd April.
Tel: 0131 622 6666 www.vocal.org.uk

Parent Helpline previously Parentline Scotland – Children 1st

Free helpline, email and web-chat service offering advice and support for parents and carers
Mon-Fri 9am- 9pm Sat and Sun 9am-12 pm. Tel: 08000 28 22 33
www.children1st.org.uk/help-for-families/parentline-scotland/

Lone Parent Helpline-One Parent Families Scotland www.opfs.org.uk

Information and advice for single parents. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.00pm Tel: 08088010323

Social Care Direct- Children and Families Social Work

Request help or advice about a child or vulnerable adult requiring support due to illness, disability or at risk or harm. Tel: 0131 200 2324 Out of Hours 08007316969

Domestic Abuse Freephone 24 hr Helpline

Support for Women experiencing domestic abuse and their friends and family. Translation facilities available for callers whose first language is not English. Tel: 0808200247

Programmes Activities and Groups for Parent and Carers

For information on the support available for Parents and Carers in North East Edinburgh visit www.edinburgh.gov.uk/pacs or contact the Parent and Carer Support Development Officer, Lifelong Learning on 0131 469 3081

If you would like to add activities to a future *What's On for Families in NE Edinburgh* list or if any information in this list is incorrect please email supportingparentsandcarers@edinburgh.gov.uk



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