



NEW FAMILY ACTIVITY AREA

IN MUSEUM OF EDINBURGH HUNTLY HOUSE 142 CANONGATE ROYAL MILE EDINBURGH EH8 8DD

City of Edinburgh Museums and Galleries invite you to visit our new hands-on Family Activity Area in Museum of Edinburgh, on the historic Royal Mile. Visits are FREE. Also sample our imaginative workshop programme for families.

The home of the Museum of Edinburgh is picturesque Huntly House, which faces on to the Canongate and dates from the 16th century. The Museum of Edinburgh is home to important collections relating to the history of Edinburgh, from prehistoric times to the present day.

The new activity area acts as a base from which you can explore the rest of the museum. In our new area, you can do the following.

LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF EDINBURGH, FROM PREHISTORIC TIMES TO THE PRESENT DAY

Explore endless art activities. For example you can build and decorate an Edinburgh Old Town Tenement, make 18th and 19th century figures in historical clothes, make beautiful stained glass pictures, find objects and draw details on our detail quest-sheets. Experience our wonderful variety of art materials and texture baskets.

Spend time looking at our replica objects. Handle them and learn about what life was like in the 18th and 19th centuries



LEARN ABOUT 'OLD' AND 'NEW' EDINBURGH

► Have fun

Have fun dressing up in our varied and numerous quality historical replica costumes. For example, dress up as an 18th century lady and her maid, as an 18th century working woman or as James Forsyth, an 18th century Shoemaker.

► Relax

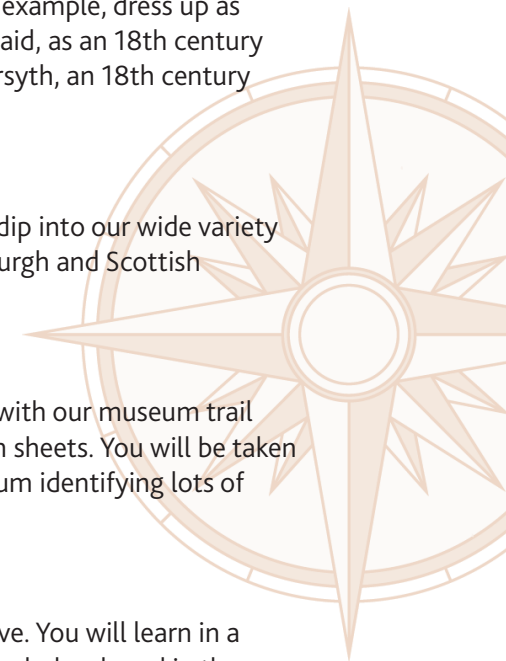
Relax in our library corner, and dip into our wide variety of reference books about Edinburgh and Scottish History.

► Play

Play at being Sherlock Holmes with our museum trail sheets, and object identification sheets. You will be taken on a journey through the museum identifying lots of fascinating objects.

► Explore

Explore our trade map interactive. You will learn in a very fun way about how Edinburgh developed in the 18th century from the port of Leith, and what countries Edinburgh traded with.



FREE SPECIAL EVENTS

FREE HISTORICAL COSTUME PERFORMANCES FOR FAMILIES IN THE FAMILY ACTIVITY AREA

Saturday 14 August

At home with Mrs Doig

Performances at 11.00am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm – each lasts 25mins.

Travel back to Georgian times and meet Mrs Doig, find out about Edinburgh life in the 1700s, learn the etiquette required by polite society, and be outraged at the seedy goings-on in the closes and wynds. Would you prefer the bustle of life in the Canongate or the grand society of the New Town?

Saturday 18 September

A night at the Assembly Rooms

Performances at 11.00am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm – each lasts 25mins

Join Mrs Doig and prepare for a visit to Edinburgh's grand Assembly Rooms. Discover the essentials of Georgian etiquette and dress necessary for a night of dancing and mixing with society.

Saturday 9 October

Life in Auld Reekie

Performances at 11.00am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm – each lasts 25mins

Listen as Mrs Doig reveals tales and gossip about the characters of Georgian Edinburgh. Learn how to behave when promenading on the High Street or Princes Street. Who better to help guide your way through the warren of closes and wynds and the colourful people who lived there?

Saturday 13 November

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FREE ART WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES IN THE FAMILY ACTIVITY AREA

Saturday 4 September

Dress up Georgian Peg Dollies

Either 10.30 am – 12.30 pm or 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Create tiny peg dolls all dressed up for a day out in style in Georgian Edinburgh, using lots of lovely papers and fabrics.

With Artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb.

Saturday 30 October

Pretty Plates Pottery Painting

Either 10.30 am – 12.30 pm or 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Inspired by the museum's beautiful ceramics collection, decorate your own ornamental plate inspired by the designs of the the past.

With Artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb.



Saturday 20 November

Crafty Clay Creatures

Either 10.30 am – 12.30 pm or 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Using self-hardening clay, sculpt your own animal figures inspired by the amazing sculptured fountain-head animals in the Museums collection
With Artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb.

There is no need to make a booking to visit the Activity Area, but booking is essential for the costume performances AND the art workshops, contact Margaret Findlay on **0131 529 3963**
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