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SCOTTISH  
INTERNATIONAL  
STORYTELLING  
FESTIVAL

# IMAGINE

15-31 OCTOBER 2021

TRACS TRADITIONAL  
ARTS-CULTURE  
SCOTLAND

# WELCOME

**We invite you to imagine something different, somewhere else, someone else. To look again at ourselves and at the world around us.**

For the 2021 festival programme we are delighted to present a hybrid series of live and online events, which we hope will do justice to the spirit of our usual festival activity.

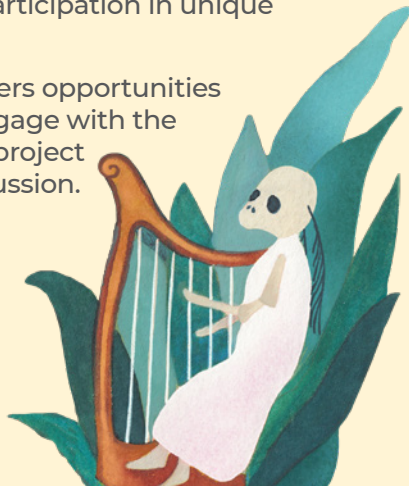
Our Imagine series invites us to delve into different pasts, futures, or the timeless present, to challenge what we know and create the images of what we are yet to discover. These stories form the core of our live programme, alongside some great Open Hearth evenings, as we plan to welcome new and old friends back into the Scottish Storytelling Centre, something we have all missed.

We welcome our international performers online in the same ceilidh tradition, hosted by some of the best Scottish storytellers, whilst our Guid Crack and Global Lab sessions offer online participation in unique storytelling ceilidhs and workshops.

Our popular Community & Family programme offers opportunities for families, schools and community groups to engage with the wonder of storytelling, whilst the Talking Statues project aims to create a platform for new stories and discussion. As ever, we round up the festival with the Feast of Samhuinn, in accordance with Celtic tradition.

Human connections will continue to thrive through stories, regardless of where we are in the world. Please come with us as we imagine what might be possible!

## The Festival Team



The Scottish International Storytelling Festival is organised by **TRACS** (Traditional Arts & Culture Scotland), which brings together the **Traditional Music Forum**, **Scottish Storytelling Forum** and **Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland**, from its base at the **Scottish Storytelling Centre**. TRACS showcases Scotland's traditional arts in a contemporary world, making them more accessible to all.

Supported through **Scottish Government's Festivals Expo Fund**, **Creative Scotland**, **City of Edinburgh Council**, **Festivals Edinburgh**, **Digital Expo** and the **Italian Cultural Institute Edinburgh**.





# ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The festival programme is a hybrid approach of online opportunities and in-person live events. Our event categories ensure your storytelling experience is exactly what you are looking for, be it from the comfort of your own home, in outdoor locations or in one of the festival venues. All our live plans are subject to Scottish Government guidance in the autumn period.

## HOW TO BOOK

Tickets for events at the Scottish Storytelling Centre (including most online events) can be booked by phone, online or in person through the Scottish Storytelling Centre's Box Office. Other partner venues and regional events have their own booking outlets, as listed.

**+44 (0) 131 556 9579**  
**[sisf.org.uk](https://sisf.org.uk)**

### Access Information

A full Access Statement and list of our accessible events is available on our website at **[sisf.org.uk](https://sisf.org.uk)**

## EVENT TYPES

### Live | Indoor

Live storytelling events in festival venues.

### Live | Outdoor

Live storytelling events in outdoor locations.

### Online | Live

Traditional storytelling sessions broadcast live online.

### Online | Open-floor

Traditional storytelling sessions broadcast live online, with open-floor contributions.

### Online | Pre-recorded

Storytelling performances filmed in advance, often with a live Q&A.

### Online | Workshops

Online workshops and presentations broadcast live from the Scottish Storytelling Centre, with online audience participation.

**All in-person events will be subject to Scottish Government health & safety guidelines in October. Please read the Centre's **COVID** guidelines before travelling to the venue.**

## BECOME A ★ SUPPORTER

The generosity of our Festival Supporters and funders allows us to bring our work to life, share it with the widest possible audience and keep our ticket prices affordable. Thank you!

You can become a Storytelling Centre Supporter too, for year-round rewards!

### Festival Supporter - £24 (expires on 31 December 2021)

- Discounts on many live SISF events at the Storytelling Centre
- 10% discount at the Storytelling Centre's bookshop, during SISF 2021 dates
- 10% discount in the Haggis Box's Storytelling Café, during SISF 2021 dates
- Free access to the online versions of our Imagine events post-festival
- Contribute to the ongoing development of SISF

### Book your Supporter Pass

Online: [sisf.online.red61.co.uk/memberships](https://sisf.online.red61.co.uk/memberships)

Call: +44 (0)131 556 9579

Email: [supporters@scottishstorytellingcentre.com](mailto:supporters@scottishstorytellingcentre.com)

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# FESTIVAL EXHIBITION

FRI 15 – SUN 31 OCT

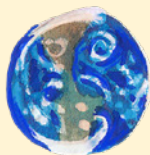
## From Her Cave

Live | Indoor

Scottish Storytelling Centre  
Mon - Sun: 10am - 9pm | Free

**Miren Asiain Lora** is an award-winning illustrator, who has exhibited internationally at the Bologna Children's Book Fair and the New York Society of Illustrators 2019. From her cave - Miren's studio - she works on new commissions and personal projects as exciting new paths to be explored and wandered. Her festival exhibition includes a selection of some of her most remarkable works from 2015-2021, with illustrations, book-albums and film and record covers. Miren has been awarded the Ibero-American Illustration Catalogue Award 2015, the Cuatrogatos Foundation Award 2020 and the Euskadi Literature Award 2020 and we are delighted to host her work in the Scottish Storytelling Centre.

[www.miaslo.com](http://www.miaslo.com)



Miren Asiain Lora  
Mirari Echávarri López

# COMMUNITY & FAMILY PROGRAMME

The **SISF Community & Family Programme** takes place **Mon 11 Oct – Tue 30 Nov** pairing local storytellers with schools and community groups in digital and small-scale live settings – keeping things safe and slow with a varied and enjoyable programme for all. Community groups and schools can take part in **The Big Scottish Story Ripple** by holding a storytelling event led by a storyteller from the SSF Storytelling Directory.

Groups can apply for a subsidy that will cover the cost of their storyteller's fees. In return, successful applicants must offer a good deed back to their local community on or before St Andrew's Day.

For more information contact  
[storytelling@tracscotland.org](mailto:storytelling@tracscotland.org)



Daniel Serridge

# GET CREATIVE



**WED 20 – WED 27 OCT**

## Talking Statues

### Imagine dedicating a statue...

If you could honour someone with a statue or tell the unheard narrative of a monument that already exists – who would it be and what story would you tell?

Now is your time to imagine who should be on a plinth and tell their story.

Audiences across Scotland are invited to:

- Research community or family history by using archives, libraries, online portals or conversation.
- Join the social media discussion with #TalkingStatues Tue 26 Oct
- **Online Storytelling Skills Workshop**  
Wed 20 Oct | 7pm (2hrs) | Free (ticketed)
- **Talking Statues Story Exchange**  
Wed 27 Oct | 7pm (2hrs) | Free (ticketed)
- **Talking Statues Walking Tours with Mercat Tours**  
Saturdays in Sep and Oct | 11am (1hr 45)



**'EVERY BLOCK OF STONE HAS A STATUE INSIDE IT AND IT IS THE TASK OF THE SCULPTOR TO DISCOVER IT.'**

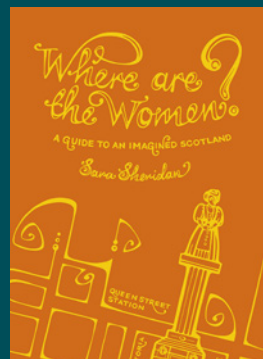
**MICHELANGELO BUONARROTI**

**WED 20 – MON 25 OCT**

## SISF Art Challenge: Making Statues

For this year's SISF 5-day Instagram art challenge we are asking you to pick your personal heroes and to celebrate them with a statue, real or imagined. Let the camera be your chisel, the paint brush be your tool.


From **20 – 25 October** we will dedicate a different daily art style to inspire your imagination. The winners will be announced on **27 October** and receive a copy of Sara Sheridan's *Where are the Women? A Guide to an Imagined Scotland*.



Check our Instagram **@scotstoryfest** for updates and follow the hashtags **#SISFArtChallenge** **#MakingStatues**



# OPENING CONCERT



FRI 15 OCT

## Roch the Wind

Live | Indoor

Scottish Storytelling Centre  
7.30pm (1hr 30)  
£10 (£8) ★ £7.50

Re-imagine a Scotland, her  
glens, lochs and hills shaped  
by the earth mother  
Goddess, the Cailleach.

'Roch the Wind' is a feminine  
meditation of Hamish  
Henderson's iconic *Freedom  
Come A' Ye*, fusing music,  
words and imagery in a hymn  
to belonging, to home, and  
to freedom. Written and  
performed by **Janis Mackay**,  
with **Rowan Zeinu** and **Gica  
Loening**, with photographs  
by **Catriona Murray** and  
dramaturgy by **Liam Hurley**.

Photo by Catriona Murray

# BY SUCH GLIMMERS WE SEEK YOU

## GEORGE MACKAY BROWN 100

A special opening weekend of events celebrating the Orcadian poet, author and storyteller, and Founding Patron of the Scottish Storytelling Centre, **George Mackay Brown** on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

## SAT 16 OCT

### Off the Map

Live | Indoor

7.30pm (1hr)  
£10 (£8) ★ £7.50

Four tales of amazing women, real and imagined, retold in words by **Áine King** with music by **Karen Tweed** and **Jennifer Wrigley**. Four tales of love, courage and incredible journeys that shift between history and mystery, story and song. A shoal of stories, sometimes dark and often magical, storm-tossed from Orkney's ancient shores across the Atlantic, splashing off the map into dreams... and drifting back again on the returning tide.

Part of the Imagine series

## SUN 17 OCT

### The Storm Watchers

Live | Indoor

4pm (1hr 30)  
£8 (£6) ★ £5.50

A chance to see the recently created film of George Mackay Brown's early play *The Storm Watchers*, performed by a cast of

Orcadian women filming in their homes on mobile phones during lockdown. A powerful and poetic piece, the drama presents the lives, anxieties, regrets, fears and memories of women as they deal with the waiting and the aftermath of a storm with all their men at sea. Followed by a short Q&A with director **Gerda Stevenson** and composer **Alasdair Nicolson**. Presented in association with the **St Magnus International Festival**.

## SUN 17 OCT

### Raking Among the Treasures

Live | Indoor

6.30pm (1hr)  
£8 (£6) ★ £5.50

Co-writers **Barbara McLean** and **David Campbell** begin with some memories of George before taking us more deeply into his world. In a collage of recordings and readings, story, music and song, this affectionate portrait includes an exploration of the pain of his adolescence; the story of St Magnus; his celebration of society's outcasts and of Orkney's rich history - all seen through the prism of his poetry and prose. With music by **Wendy Weatherby**.



George Mackay Brown  
Orkney Library and Archive



Jennifer Wrigley  
photo by Amanda Jackson

## SUN 17 OCT

### Open Hearth: George Mackay Brown 100

Live | Indoor

8pm (2hrs 30)  
£10 (£8) ★ £7.50

Storytellers and musicians gather round the hearth for a relaxed traditional session of stories and music. Hosted by **Tom Muir**, with contributions from **George Gunn**, **Áine King**, **Gerda Stevenson** and introducing **Ailsa Dixon**. Music from **Karen Tweed** and **Jennifer Wrigley**.



# IMAGINE

A woman with long, wavy red hair and a gentle smile is the central figure. She is wearing a dark blue and white patterned jacket over a black top. She holds a black Remington Portable typewriter across her chest. A white piece of paper with the word 'Imagine...' written in a cursive font is tucked into the typewriter. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting with foliage.

Dip into dreams and desires, lost worlds and worlds yet unimagined. Imagine from the outside in, and the inside out. Created for this year's festival and performed live at the **Scottish Storytelling Centre** (unless noted), all events in the Imagine series will be available online post-Festival.

Áine King  
*Photo by Antony Hodgson*





Ladies Who Like It  
Photo by Anna Moffat

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**THU 21 OCT**

## Mohan: A Partition Story

Live | Indoor

7.30pm (1hr)  
£10 (£8) ★ £7.50

A moving, visceral and emotive storytelling performance by **Niall Moorjani**, which retells their Grampa's experiences of the Partitioning of India. With first-person telling from 'Mohan's' perspective, the story is interwoven with fascinating and, at times, haunting historical insight. An evocative and thought-provoking evening of oral storytelling, with accompanying live music from **Sodhi**.

**SAT 16 OCT &  
SUN 17 OCT**

## Super Duper Story Generators!

Live | Indoor

11am, 11.45am, 12.30pm, 2pm,  
2.45pm & 3.30pm (30min)  
£8 for 1 group per session  
Pre-booking essential | 3+

Join storyteller **Beth Hamilton-Cardus** from Good Yarns for an epically interactive story session that's 100% powered by YOUR imagination. During each session Beth will work with one child/family at a time to create a tale that's bespoke to them. Maybe you want astronaut princesses, haunted bus stops, badgers making ice-cream (!) or something completely different - wherever the adventure goes is totally up to you!

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**TUE 19 OCT**

## Ladies Who Like It

Live | Indoor

7.30pm (1hr)  
£10 (£8) ★ £7.50

Imagine a space where women could tell and hear each other's joyful, life-affirming stories about sexuality, shared with warmth, compassion and knowing laughter. An evening of humorous, inspiring and informative contemporary collected tales about sex, presented for the wellbeing and inspiration of other women, and for those who care about them. Performed by **Marie Louise Cochrane** and **Heidi Docherty**, with musical accompaniment and original songs from **Suzanne Fivley**.

**FRI 22 OCT**

## Oracles

Live | Indoor

7.30pm (1hr)  
£10 (£8) ★ £7.50

Millennial woman, **Sarah Grant**, struggles to live up to the legacy of her Grandmother, the "Oracle of Glasgow": she who sees all, hears all, tells all. As a modern storyteller, Sarah tries (and fails) to translate traditional storytelling onto platforms like the family WhatsApp group chat, TikTok, marketing adverts and many more. How can the lessons learned at our ancestors' knees survive in the digital world? Does the legacy of women passing down stories end with the current generation? Oracles is a story about family, legacy, womanhood and traditional storytelling, grounded in a mix of traditional storytelling and spoken word.

**SAT 23 OCT**

## From Floor Sweeper to Climate Pioneer

Live | Indoor

7.30pm (1hr)  
£10 (£8) (£32) ★ £7.50 | 7+

Discover James Croll, the Scottish janitor born into poverty and dogged by ill health who became the self-taught father of climate science. Using storytelling, props, film animation and historical interpretation, storyteller **Nicola Wright** will present Croll's theories - which inform today's study of climate change - and tell his remarkable life story to a family audience.



Amanda Edmiston  
Photo by John Ritchie

**SAT 23 OCT**

## What Language Do Mermaids Speak?

Live | Indoor

7.30pm (1hr)  
£10 (£8) ★ £7.50

Imagine the scene – a North-East fisherman encounters a mermaid. What will happen? How will they react? Will these two, from very different worlds, find a way to communicate? Join **Khlood Ereksousi** (Arabic), **Craig McCulloch** (BSL), **Ailsa Dixon** (English), **Jackie Ross** (Doric) and **Alex Thomson** (Visual) as they retell the family story of Fittie's Purse, in multiple languages.

**MON 25 OCT**

## Spàrr | Rivet

Online | Pre-recorded

With live Q&A  
8pm (1hr 30)  
PWYC (£5-£10)

Several excellent artists come together to present an extended story based on several traditions from the Isle of Lewis and the oral history of Govan. A blind woman has known tragedy more than once in her life and does everything in her power to protect the youngest of her four sons from the sea. A collaborative performance devised by storyteller **Ian Stephen** alongside **Laura Cameron Lewis** and **Mike Vass**, with illustrations by **Christine Morrison**.

**TUE 26 OCT**

## Wolf Girl

Live | Indoor

7.30pm (1hr)  
£10 (£8) ★ £7.50

Storyteller **Daiva Ivanauskaitė** and singer **Agnė Čepaitytė** present the true story of Ingrid Ramm from Königsberg, a city that no longer exists. After WWII thousands of orphans from East Prussia travelled to Lithuania in search of food and shelter. These children are known as Wolfskinder. Ingrid Ramm was one of them, a lonely young refugee who fought for survival with the help of imagination, determination and luck. Daiva's family opened their doors to the Wolf Girl. This storytelling performance combines fragile memories, fantastic tales and classical German songs – the ones Ingrid's mother used to sing.



**THU 28 OCT**

## Cottongrass

Live | Indoor

8pm (1hr)  
£10 (£8) ★ £7.50

Far to the North, an Elk watches over a Princess. This tale lies in the community of stories between our waking and sleeping mind, our hopes and fears, our imaginings and questions. **Harriet Grindley** and **Maria MacDonell**, with musician **Kai Dudley** use words, music, image and physicality to conjure a constellation of dreams from a momentous journey of life.



**SAT 30 OCT &  
SUN 31 OCT**

## John Muir and the Missionary's Dog

Live | Indoor

2pm (1hr)  
£10 (£8) (£32) ★ £7.50 | 7+

Join **Richard Medrington** and **Rick Conte** from 'The Man Who Planted Trees' and storyteller **Andy Cannon**, on the trail of the legendary John Muir. We follow Muir from a window ledge in Dunbar to the brink of a crevasse in Alaska to find out what connects this conservation pioneer, a remarkable dog and an indigenous tribe clinging on to their culture and their land.

**SAT 30 OCT**

## Handing On

Live | Indoor

7.30pm (1hr)  
£10 (£8) ★ £7.50

"I never thought I was leaving my children anything of value, I have no jewels or money, but you've made me realise the simple things are treasures in themselves. Treasures because of the stories, the words we hand on..." (Margaret, 92).

Mother and daughter **Jean** and **Amanda Edmiston**, storytellers, artists and plant people come together to share a new performance offering a magical glimpse into a multidimensional project of curating familiar family objects and inspiring stories that create real value beyond the clamour of gold! Video by **Bash Art Creative**.



Harriet Grindley  
Photo by Andy Catlin



# FAMILY EVENTS

Fun for all the family in the October school holidays, with stories, dancing, music, science... and more stories! All events held at the Scottish Storytelling Centre.

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**MON 18,  
WED 20 &  
FRI 22 OCT**

## Hip, Hop, Story, Stop!

Live | Outdoor

10am & 11.15pm (45min)  
£5 | All Ages

Like to dance? Here's your chance! Like a rhyme? This is your time! Bust a move?

Come and groove!

Join **Claire & Fergus McNicol** for dancing, stories, rhymes and raps. Active fun for all the family, from 1 to 101. Remember, bring your dancing shoes and dress to impress! Themes: The Monster Mash (Mon), Whirling & Twirling Autumn Leaves (Wed), Wee Witches and Ghosties (Fri).



Beth Hamilton-Cardus  
Photo by Ashley Erdman

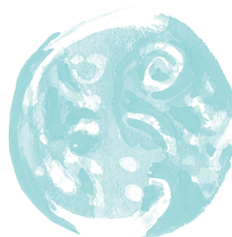
**TUE 19 OCT**

## Imagine Utopia: Kamishibai Workshop

Live | Indoor

11am (1hr 30)  
£5 | 7+

Experience the art of Kamishibai storyboard with renowned storyteller, harpist and Urasenke Japanese Tea Master **Mio Shudo**. Along with enchanting harp music, Mio will welcome you to the world of original Japanese storytelling and show you how to create Kamishibai and some secret tricks! You will also learn manga drawing techniques, story composition and performing skills.



THU 21 OCT

## Rainbow Dolphin

Live | Indoor

10.30am & 12pm (30min)  
£5 | 3+

Rainbow Dolphin loved to swim and play, diving in and out of the waves in the deep water. They felt so happy, jumping towards the sky, higher and higher until one day Rainbow Dolphin could not see the sky! No clouds. No colours. Will they find their magic powers to put colour back into the sky? Come along and join in this colourful, fun, magical, musical journey with fiddler **Marie Fielding**.

SAT 23 OCT

## Baldylocks and the Three Chairs

Live | Indoor

11am, 11.45am, 12.30pm, 2pm,  
2.45pm & 3.30pm (30min)  
£8 per group  
Pre-booking essential | 4+

Come on in, pull up a pew, take a load off and choose the right chair for you in this storytelling experience from Baldylocks storyteller **Daniel Serridge**. Based around three chairs built specifically for the Museum of Childhood, an intimate audience will be invited to hear a story on the chair that fits just right. Whether you're sitting pretty or a sitting duck depends on you, so choose wisely and try to do it before the bears come home! Designed for max 3 groups at a time.



Rick Conte  
Photo by Mihaela Bodlovic

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# OPEN HEARTH

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Storytellers and musicians gather round the hearth for a relaxed traditional session of stories and music as we welcome friends back into the Netherbow Theatre. As the darkness closes in and we gather around the symbolic fire this is the perfect way to end your day!

Scottish Storytelling Centre  
£10 (£8) ★ £7.50 unless stated.

Mara Menzies





SUN 17 OCT

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8pm (2hrs 30)

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MON 18 OCT

## Open Hearth

Live | Indoor

7.30pm (2hrs)

Hosted by **Tim Porteus** with **Gauri Raje**, **Wendy Woolfson** and **Heather Yule**.

WED 20 OCT

## Open Hearth: Heart of the Cosmos - Our Moon

Live | Indoor

7.30pm (2hrs)

Hosted by **Linda Williamson**, with **David Campbell**, **Claire Hewitt** and **Mio Shudo**.



Ailsa Dixon  
Photo by Holly Edgar

SUN 24 OCT

## Open Hearth: Rising Voices

Live | Indoor

2pm (2hrs)  
£8 (£6) ★ £5.50

Hosted by **Shona Cowie** and introducing **Taryam Boyd**, **Ailsa Dixon** and **Ffion Philips**.

SUN 24 OCT

## Open Hearth

Live | Indoor

7.30pm (2hrs)

Hosted by **Ruth Kirkpatrick**, with **Shona Cowie**, **Marion Kenny** and **Niall Moorjani**.

MON 25 OCT

## Open Hearth

Live | Indoor

7.30pm (2hrs)

Hosted by **Claire McNicol**, with **Douglas Mackay**, **Jess Smith** and musician **Kath Campbell**.



WED 27 OCT

## Open Hearth: Queer Folks' Tales

Live | Indoor

7.30pm (2hrs)

Hosted by **Lauren Bianchi**, with **Turan Ali**, **Jo Clifford** and **James Ley**.

FRI 29 OCT

## Open Hearth: Sensing Stories

Live | Indoor

7.30pm (2hrs)

Hosted by **Mara Menzies** with **Zebib K. Abraham**, **Nasim Rebecca Asl**, **Sanjay Lago**, **Raheema Sayed** and **Brenda Vengesa**.

SUN 31 OCT

## Open Hearth: Samhuinn Spirits

Live | Indoor

7.30pm (2hrs 30)

Hosted by **Bea Ferguson**, with a coven of terrifying tellers!

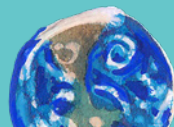
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<b>WED 20 OCT</b>				
10am & 11.15am	Hip, Hop, Story, Stop!	SSC	Live   Outdoor	12
11am	Folk Tales from the Garden	Hopetoun Crescent Garden	Live   Outdoor	22
1.45pm	Global Lab: Foremothers' Stories: Finding Treasures	Online	Online   Workshop	20
4pm	Three Rivers Rising	WLVC	Live   Indoor	22
7pm	Talking Statues Workshop	Online	Online   Workshop	5
7.30pm	Open Hearth: Heart of the Cosmos - Our Moon	SSC	Live   Indoor	15
<b>THU 21 OCT</b>				
10.30am	Rainbow Dolphin	SSC	Live   Indoor	13
11am	Folk Tales from the Garden	Leith Community Croft	Live   Outdoor	22
11am	Story Tours: Heart of Midlothian	NLS	Live   Outdoor	23
1.45pm	Global Lab: Wingless	Online	Online   Workshop	20
7.30pm	Imagine: Mohan - A Partition Story	SSC	Live   Indoor	9
8pm	Global Hearth: Walter Scott and City Writers	Online	Online   Live	18
<b>FRI 22 OCT</b>				
10am & 11.15am	Hip, Hop, Story, Stop!	SSC	Live   Outdoor	12
11am	Folk Tales from the Garden	Dr Neil's Garden	Live   Outdoor	22
1.45pm	Global Lab: Odin's Eye	Online	Online   Workshop	20
7.30pm	Imagine: Oracles	SSC	Live   Indoor	9
8pm	Guid Crack: with Michael Williams	Online	Online   Open-floor	19

## Venue Key

**NLS** National Library of Scotland  
**RBGE** Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh  
**SCBC** St. Columba's by the Castle Scottish Episcopal Church  
**SSC** Scottish Storytelling Centre  
**WLVC** Water of Leith Visitor Centre



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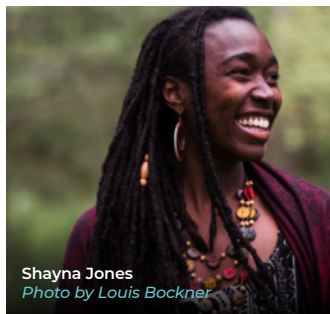
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<b>SAT 23 OCT</b>				
11am-3.30pm	Baldylocks and the Three Chairs	SSC	Live   Indoor	13
11am	Talking Statues: Walking Tours	SSC	Live   Outdoor	5
2.30pm	Imagine: From Floor Sweeper to Climate Pioneer	SSC	Live   Indoor	10
7.30pm	Imagine: What Language Do Mermaids Speak?	SSC	Live   Indoor	10
8pm	Global Hearth	SSC	Online   Live	18
<b>SUN 24 OCT</b>				
2pm	Open Hearth: Rising Voices	SSC	Live   Indoor	15
7.30pm	Open Hearth	SSC	Live   Indoor	15
8pm	The Stories of Life: Birth, Love and Death	Online	Online   Pre-recorded	19
<b>MON 25 OCT</b>				
1.45pm	Global Lab: Storytelling and Activism	Online	Online   Workshop	21
7.30pm	Open Hearth	SSC	Live   Indoor	15
8pm	Imagine: Spàrr   Rivet	Online	Online   Pre-recorded	10
<b>TUE 26 OCT</b>				
1.45pm	Global Lab: Greening the City	Online	Online   Workshop	21
2pm	Handing On: Workshop	Online	Online   Workshop	23
7.30pm	Imagine: Wolf Girl	SSC	Live   Indoor	10
8pm	Global Hearth: Scotland and Cape Breton	Online	Online   Live	18
<b>WED 27 OCT</b>				
1.45pm	Global Lab: Freeing the Feminine	Online	Online   Workshop	21
2pm	Story Tours: Heart of Midlothian	NLS	Live   Outdoor	23
7pm	Talking Statues Story Exchange	Online	Online   Live	5
7.30pm	Open Hearth: Queer Folks' Tales	SSC	Live   Indoor	15
<b>THU 28 OCT</b>				
1.45pm	Global Lab: Revitalising Gaelic Storytelling in Scotland and Canada	Online	Online   Workshop	21
8pm	Imagine: Cottongrass	SSC	Live   Indoor	11
8pm	Global Hearth	Online	Online   Live	18
<b>FRI 29 OCT</b>				
1.45pm	Global Lab: Regenerative Stories	Online	Online   Workshop	21
7.30pm	Open Hearth: Sensing Stories	SSC	Live   Indoor	15
8pm	Guid Crack: with Allison Galbraith	Online	Online   Open-floor	19
<b>SAT 30 OCT</b>				
11am - 4pm	Family Day at the Botanic	RBGE	Live   Outdoor	23
11am	Talking Statues: Walking Tours	SSC	Live   Outdoor	5
11.30am	Stories at the Balm Well	The Balm Well	Live   Outdoor	23
2pm	Imagine: John Muir and the Missionary's Dog	SSC	Live   Indoor	11
7.30pm	Imagine: Handing On	SSC	Live   Indoor	11
8pm	Global Hearth	Online	Online   Live	19
<b>SUN 31 OCT</b>				
2pm	Imagine: John Muir and the Missionary's Dog	SSC	Live   Indoor	11
7.30pm	Open Hearth: Samhuinn Spirits	SSC	Live   Indoor	15
8pm	Guid Crack: Ghostly Tales	Online	Online   Open-floor	19
<b>MON 1 NOV</b>				
7pm	Dante in Edinburgh: Transformations of Love	SCBC	Live   Indoor	23



# ONLINE EVENTS



## GLOBAL HEARTH



Shayna Jones  
Photo by Louis Bockner

Online | Live

Scottish hosts invite international storytellers to gather round the digital hearth for relaxed sessions of stories from home and abroad. The perfect way to end (or begin) your day!

### SAT 16 OCT

#### Global Hearth

Online | Live

8pm (2hrs)  
PWYC (£5-£10)

Hosted by **Beverley Bryant**, with **Shayna Jones** (Canada), **Hend Al Qattaa** (Palastine) and **Colin Urwin** (Northern Ireland).

### TUE 19 OCT

#### Global Hearth

Online | Live

8pm (2hrs)  
PWYC (£5-£10)

Hosted by **Daniel Allison**, with **David Heathfield** (England), **Sheena Khalid** (India) and **Polina Tšerkassova** (Estonia/Russia).

### THU 21 OCT

#### Global Hearth: Walter Scott and City Writers

Online | Live

8pm (2hrs)  
PWYC (£5-£10)

Hosted by **Anna Fancett** (Edinburgh), with **Marcus Green** (Seattle), **Nuala Hayes** (Dublin) and **Dima Matta** (Beirut).

### SAT 23 OCT

#### Global Hearth

Online | Live

8pm (2hrs)  
PWYC (£5-£10)

Hosted by **David Francis**, with **Zahra Afsah** (Iran), **Peter Chand** (England) and **Ana Lines** (Brazil).

### DIMÀIRT 26 DÀMHAIR

#### Cuideachd thar Chuain: Cèilidh eadar Alba is Alba Nuadh

Beò | air loidhne

8f (2hrs)  
Tiogaidean (£5-£10)

Le fear an taighe **Màrtainn Mac an t-Saoir** (Alba), **Emma NicLeòid** (Alba), **Coinneach MacCoinnich** (Canada) agus **Hannah Krebs** (Canada).

Thèid an tachartas seo a chumail tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig. Fàilte ron a h-uile duine.

### TUE 26 OCT

#### Global Hearth: Scotland and Cape Breton

Online | Live

8pm (2hrs)  
PWYC (£5-£10)

Hosted by **Martin MacIntyre** (Scotland), with **Emma MacLeod** (Scotland), **Kenneth MacKenzie** (Canada) and **Hannah Krebs** (Canada).

This cèilidh will be held in Gaelic. All welcome.

### THU 28 OCT

#### Global Hearth

Online | Live

8pm (2hrs)  
PWYC (£5-£10)

Hosted by **Janis Mackay**, with **Wangari Grace** (Kenya), **Bil Lepp** (USA) and **Muhammed Jawhar Yasin** (Kurdistan).

SAT 30 OCT

## Global Hearth

Online | Live

8pm (2hrs)  
PWYC (£5-£10)

Hosted by **Michael Kerins**, with **Markus Luukkonen** (Finland), **Tamar Eluned Williams** (Wales) and **Csenge Virág Zalka** (Hungary).

# GUID CRACK SESSIONS

Online | Open-floor

8pm (2hrs 30)  
PWYC (suggest £5)

Join us online for three sessions of Edinburgh's long-running storytelling night, with a special guest storyteller each time and the usual open-floor opportunity to share a tale of your own.

FRI 22 OCT

## You Won't Believe What Happened Next!

With guest **Michael Williams**.

FRI 29 OCT

## Lanarkshire Folk Tales: Our Ancestors' Journeys

With guest **Allison Galbraith**.

SUN 31 OCT

## Ghostly Tales

With guest **Pauline Cordiner**.

# ONLINE SESSIONS

SUN 24 OCT

## The Stories of Life: Birth, Love and Death

Online | Pre-recorded

With live Q&A  
8pm (1hr 30)  
PWYC (£5-£10)

With great warmth and precision, **Johannes Geworkian Hellman** and **Tine Winther** delve into some of life's great events - birth, love and death - weaving story and music together. Johannes is Sweden's foremost hurdy-gurdy player who constantly tests and moves boundaries with curiosity and respect. Tine is a storyteller at the Land of Legends in Sweden who tells stories from her own life, alongside her interpretation of an old legend in this performance.

Followed by a live Q&A with the performers.



Michael Williams



Allison Galbraith  
Photo by Finlay Stevenson

# IMAGINE ONLINE

All events in our **Imagine** series will be available to watch online post-festival.

**Spàrr | Rivet**  
**Mon 25 Oct | 8pm**  
Online Only

# GLOBAL LAB

Online | Workshops

1.45pm (2hrs 45) Daily  
PWYC (£5-£15)

**Global Lab** is an open community of creativity and co-learning. It is hosted by the **Scottish International Storytelling Festival** in partnership with **The Earth Stories Collection** and **The Earth Charter** movement. Each session involves presentations, discussion and a short interval. Hosted by Festival Director **Donald Smith**.

## WEEK 1

MON 18 –  
FRI 22 OCT

### Connecting Stories

Join a conversation round the globe between stories and storytellers of all kinds. Disconnection brings repressed memories and partial vision that divide and deplete our humanity. Connection brings understanding and wellbeing. All of this week's topics are growing in the hands of the contributing storytellers. Listen to the sharing and then grow the conversation.

MON 18 OCT

### Lost Stories

Storytellers **Lily Asch** and **Csenge Virág Zalka** connect continents and traditions, exploring lost stories and tracing the movement between cultures, tradition and transformation. Intertwining their own cultural roots, they reveal how such stories are still active in and through our contemporary selves.

TUE 19 OCT

### Talking Story

Storyteller **Kelly Kanayama** connects Hawaii and Scotland, exploring identity in the diaspora of cultures, recontextualising folktales through different cultural lenses and looking beyond Western and writing-heavy cultures. She strives to bring Hawaiian cultural perspective to everyday life, where "Talking Story" means more than "Storytelling".

WED 20 OCT

### Foremothers' Stories: Finding Treasures

**Sigurborg Kr. Hannesdóttir** and **Sigurbjörg Karlsdóttir** connect the generations through female ancestors. Exploring ourselves as the link in a line of generations through storytelling is a rich and healing practice. In Iceland, where family connections are highly valued, Sigurborg and Sibba have pioneered work dedicated to female ancestors. Hear some of their stories and share the process of building such personal tales, learning from our foremothers' journeys.



Grian Cutanda  
Photo by Marta Ventura

THU 21 OCT

### Wingless

What happens to a butterfly when you tear off its wings? What happens to a mother's heart when her child is torn from her arms? Does the loss of a language mean the taming of a tongue? Who remains to bear witness when the truth lies buried? What is our responsibility when the lies are irrevocably revealed? Join Scottish Traveller **Jess Smith** and Canadian storyteller **Leah Stinson** in a workshop exploring contrasts and parallels between Scotland's policy of "Taking the Tinker out of the tent" and Canada's residential school commitment to "Take the Indian out of the child."

FRI 22 OCT

### Odin's Eye

Storyteller **Alice Fernbank** connects traditional tales of wisdom holders and seers with a personal journey through illness and wellbeing. Explore seeing and sight with an invitation to look within, and envision a future, as seen perhaps through Odin's Eye. How are such myths re-inhabited by our contemporary selves?



## WEEK 2

MON 25 –  
FRI 29 OCT

### Regenerating Stories

Green renewal is not just about protecting life on planet earth, it is essential for life continuing on planet earth - there is no Plan B. However, Plan A needs wisdom, creative play and joy, as well as knowledge and skill. Our collective actions must win hearts and minds for life-giving, regenerative change. This week's topics are an invitation to join that process.

MON 25 OCT

### Storytelling and Activism

Founder of The Earth Stories Collection **Grian Cutanda** is joined by **Waverli Neuberger**, **Daniel Munduruku**, **Alette Willis**, **Malcolm Green** and **Mara Menzies** to show how, in very different continents, indigenous tales can inspire and illuminate our feelings and actions for the future.

TUE 26 OCT

### Greening the City

How can communities and creatives, with public services and private support, come together to re-birth our cities as places of wellbeing? As a small city set between hills and sea, Edinburgh should be able to come together. Join **Morvern Cunningham**, **Andrew Crummy**, **Linda Fitzpatrick**, **Kate Wimpers**, and **Janis Mackay** to help envision a different future.

WED 27 OCT

### Freeing the Feminine

Storytellers **Catriona Blanke** and **Kirsten Milliken** explore female archetypes, often diminished and sometimes demonised, in myths, legends and folk and fairy tales worldwide. The dominant stories in our culture focus on the hero quest and the warrior archetype. It is time to redress this imbalance so that solutions to the dual environmental and social crises facing humanity can source feminine qualities. Workshop participants, whatever their gender, will delve into themselves to rediscover and reconnect with their unique feminine aspects, to nurture environmental and social change.

THU 28 OCT

### Ath-bheòthachadh sgeulachdan Gàidhlig ann an Alba agus Ceap Breatainn

A bheil àite aig sgeulachdan is seachas a thaobh ath-bheòthachadh mion-chànain? Anns a' bhùth-obrach seo a bheir sùil air an t-suidheachadh ann an Alba is Canada, cluinnidh sinn bho chuid de na daoine a tha air a bhith gu mòr an sàs ann a bhith ag innse is a' leasachadh sgeulachdan sa Ghàidhlig: **Màrtainn Mac an t-Saoir**, **Iain Seathach**, **Ruairidh MacIlleathain** agus **Seòras Mac a' Phearsain**. Bruidhnidh sinn mu dheidhinn sgeulachdan ann an nàdar agus anns an àrainneachd, a' lorg seann

sgeulachdan bho thasglainn is eile, ag innse sgeulachdan ann an dà chànanain agus a' togail na Gàidhlig tro sgeulachdan is seachas. Bidh cothrom ceistean a chur is còmhraidh mu dheidhinn nan cuspairean seo. Bidh an tachartas seo dà-chànanach.

### Revitalising Gaelic Storytelling in Scotland and Cape Breton

Can storytelling help sustain a minority language? This workshop will look at Scotland and Canada with contributions from some of the main players in the renaissance of the Gaelic storytelling tradition: **Martin Macintyre**, **John Shaw**, **Ruairidh Maclean** and **George Macpherson**. We will explore storytelling in the natural environment and landscape, the renewal of traditional repertoires, bi-lingual storytelling, and language acquisition through stories. This will be a bilingual event.

FRI 29 OCT

### Regenerative Stories

What kind of stories and storytelling can reconnect us with the natural world? This workshop shows how new forms and settings are emerging and invites you to explore and develop your own approach for the future. With **Jos Collins**, **Douglas Mackay**, **Adele Clark** and other representatives from the **Re-generate Network**.



# EDINBURGH PARTNERS

THU 14 OCT

## Blood and Gold: A Journey of Shadows

Online | Live

National Library of Scotland  
5pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed)

**Mara Menzies** performs stories from her new novel *Blood and Gold*, exploring themes of loss and oppression, while asking us to examine our own identities, attitudes, and humanity. Mara will be joined by author **Tendai Huchu** to discuss her novel.

Booking: [Eventbrite](#)

TUE 19 - FRI  
22 OCT

## Folk Tales from the Garden

Live | Outdoor

11am (1hr) | Free (drop-in)

Enjoy family and adult sessions of stories in some of Edinburgh's community gardens. Suitable for accompanied children 3-7, or for adults interested in garden settings and lore. All events are hosted by **Donald Smith** to mark his classic *Folk Tales from the Garden*, illustrated by Annalisa Salis. With contributions from guest storytellers.

TUE 19 OCT

Redhall Walled Garden

With **Jane Mather**.

WED 20 OCT

Hopetoun Crescent Garden

With **Michael Kerins**.

THU 21 OCT

Leith Community Croft

With **Allison Galbraith**.

FRI 22 OCT

Dr Neil's Garden

With **James Spence**.

Events are drop-in, but please check the gardens' websites in advance for Covid updates.



Neil Sutcliffe  
Photo by Vincent Jozajtis

## WED 20 OCT Three Rivers Rising

Live | Indoor

Water of Leith Visitor Centre  
4pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed)

The Water of Leith, the River Tay and the Firth of Forth are a constant source of inspiration for storytellers **Svend-Erik Engh**, **Claire Hewitt** and musician **Neil Sutcliffe**. 'Three Rivers Rising' celebrates the stories, songs, music and lore of these waters that weave through the communities and land we live in.

Booking: [Eventbrite](#)



THU 21 & WED 27

## Story Tours: Heart of Midlothian

Live | Outdoor

Meet at National Library of Scotland  
Thu 21 Oct | 11am (1hr 30)  
Wed 27 Oct | 2pm (1hr 30)  
Free (ticketed)

Join storyteller **James Spence** and National Library of Scotland curator **Ralph McLean** on a journey around the closes and wynds of Edinburgh's Old Town. The tour will focus on the stories, locations, and historical background of Sir Walter Scott's 1818 novel *Heart of Midlothian* and marks the 250th anniversary of the author's birth.

Booking: Eventbrite

TUE 26 OCT

## Handing On: Workshop

Online | Workshop

National Library of Scotland  
2pm (1hrs 30) | Free (ticketed)

Mother and daughter **Jean and Amanda Edmiston**, storytellers, artists and plant people, lead an interactive online workshop offering insights into curating and combining familiar household treasures with inspiring stories, domestic folklore and family anecdotes to create a magical, personal collection, which offers real value beyond the clamour of gold. Bring along or have in mind a small everyday object you love and consider the story of why it's significant!

Booking: Eventbrite

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

SAT 30 OCT

## Family Day at the Botanics

Live | Outdoor

Royal Botanic Garden  
Edinburgh  
11am (5hrs)  
Free (drop-in)

Join us for a day of family fun with storytellers popping up throughout the community garden in RBGE. The day will also feature the Botanics' popular Halloween Trail and a special appearance by STORM, Vision Mechanics' 10m tall goddess of the sea, created in response to the climate crisis. Full programme available online prior to the event.

SAT 30 OCT

## Stories at the Balm Well

Live | Outdoor

The Balm Well, grounds of  
Toby Carvery Liberton  
11.30am & 12.45pm (45min)  
Free (drop-in)

Scottish waters possess many otherworldly secrets. Discover the Balm Well where kings have bathed and listen to tales of magical water creatures, Kelpies, Selkies and Nymphs. With storyteller **Jane Mather**. Please dress appropriately for the weather. The event is drop-in, but please check the venue's website in advance for Covid updates.

[www.tobycarvery.co.uk](http://www.tobycarvery.co.uk)



Folk Tales from the Garden  
Illustration by Annalisa Salis

MON 1 NOV

## Dante in Edinburgh: Transformations of Love

Live | Indoor

St Columba's by the Castle  
Scottish Episcopal Church  
7pm (1hr 15) | Free  
(tickets via SSC Box Office)

When Dante first caught a glimpse of Beatrice, a new spring surged up in human consciousness and culture. Dante became a poet and pilgrim of love, and many have followed him since, not least the Romantic and religious poets and artists of every century. In this performance, Italian storyteller **Giovanna Conforto** uncovers the earliest roots of Dante in love, while **Donald Smith** goes on pilgrimage to Florence in search of the true grail... With songs and music by **Simone Caffari**. Supported by the Italian Institute of Culture, in celebration of the 700th anniversary of Dante's death.



# GO LOCAL

In these unprecedented times we embrace, more than ever, the ethos of slow travel and invite you to rediscover the place you live in through stories and music. Find out more about local storytelling events across Scotland.

Pauline Cordiner



## 📍 Angus

Edzell

SUN 31 OCT

### Gorge-ous Nature Stories

Live | Outdoor

Blue Door Walk, Gannochy Bridge, Edzell, Brechin, DD9 7UX  
2pm (2hrs) | £8 (£6)

Join storyteller **Cara Roberts** through the Blue Door on this story walk beside the beautiful Gannochy Gorge. Come and find out some of the myths and stories associated with our native species and landscape. Hear folktales, and share celebrations of the rivers, trees and birds that have shaped our understanding of the world. Please be aware the path is uneven, for more info contact below.

**Booking and info:**  
**Cara Roberts** [cara@onenatureeducation.com](mailto:cara@onenatureeducation.com)  
[www.onenatureeducation.com](http://www.onenatureeducation.com)

## 📍 Argyll

Dalmally

SUN 3 OCT

### Leaving Iona

Live | Indoor

St Conan's Kirk, Lochawe, Dalmally, PA33 1AQ  
3pm (1hr) | By donation

It's Columba's wake. But where does his body belong - in Donegal or Iona? And who will tell the story - the monks,

the poets or the women? Join storytellers **Heather Yule** and **Donald Smith** on this special afternoon, as they follow the inner and outer journeys of Colmcille/Columba. In association with **Friends of St Conan's Kirk**.

Advance booking available. The event is followed by tea and cake.

**Booking and info:** [enquiries@stconanskirk.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stconanskirk.org.uk)

## 📍 Clackmannanshire

THU 21 –  
THU 28 OCT

### Wild Hillfoots Storytelling Festival

Live Storytelling | £5

**Hillfoots Tales** welcome a host of guest storytellers for a special week of events celebrating the stories and legends of our people and landscape.

**21 Oct, 7pm:**  
Legends at Legends

**23 Oct, 2pm:**  
Story Fest Folklore

**26 Oct, 7pm:**  
Three Rivers Rising

**28 Oct, 7pm:**  
Wild Hillfoots Storytelling Workshop

Join storytellers **Eleanor Bell**, **Joanne Dowd**, **Svend-Erik Engh**, **Laura Fyall**, **Claire Hewitt**, **Paraig MacNeil** and **Neil Sutcliffe** for live storytelling, good company and a little music.

**Booking and info:**  
**Joanne Dowd**  
[joanne@hillfoottales.co.uk](mailto:joanne@hillfoottales.co.uk)  
07980 655 906

## 📍 Dumfries & Galloway

Dumfries

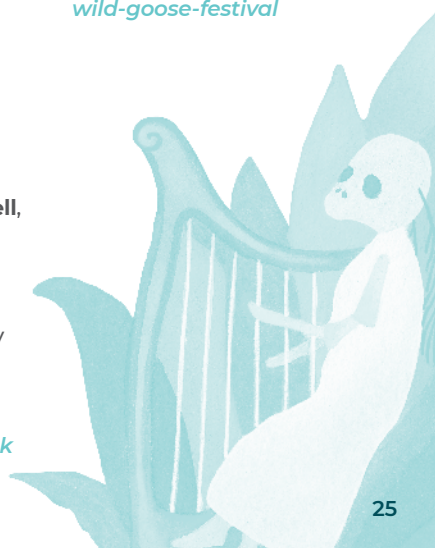
SAT 16 –  
SAT 23 OCT

### Wild Goose Festival: Nature, Creativity & Place

We are all naturalists now! And these are the stories we tell.

Held in Dumfries and its surroundings, the Wild Goose Festival uses the migratory route of the Barnacle Geese between Svalbard and the Solway Estuary to join people, nature and ideas. Supported by the Scottish International Storytelling Festival and produced by **The Stove Network**, the 2021 theme will be explored through storytelling performances and workshops, and by engaging a wide audience with all the many ways stories can be told.

**Full programme, booking and info:** [www.thestove.org/wild-goose-festival](http://www.thestove.org/wild-goose-festival)



## 📍 Dundee

Events hosted by  
**Blether Tay-Gither**

Booking and info:  
*Owen Pilgrim*  
[storypilgrim@hotmail.com](mailto:storypilgrim@hotmail.com) or  
*Blether Tay-Gither FB page*

### SUN 24 OCT

## Imagine – Storytelling for Families

Live | Outdoor

Dundee Botanic Garden,  
Riverside Dr, Dundee, DD2 1QH  
2pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed)  
Donations welcome

**Blether Tay-Gither** storytellers, including **Sheila Kinninmonth** and **Owen Pilgrim**, dive into the theme of Imagine through stories and tales for the Scottish International Storytelling Festival. This event coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Dundee Botanic Garden.

### TUE 26 OCT

## Imagine – with Mara Menzies

Live | Indoor

HMS Unicorn, Victoria Dock,  
Dundee, DD1 3BP  
7pm (2hrs) | £5

Join the Dundee storytelling group **Blether Tay-Gither** as we host a special live event aboard the always atmospheric HMS Unicorn, with our very special guest storyteller **Mara Menzies** and songs from local musician **Lynne Martin**. Mara, along with the Blether storytellers, will be exploring the theme of Imagine through stories. We wonder where your imagination will take you...

26 Box office: 0131 556 9579

## 📍 Eyemouth

### SAT 13 NOV

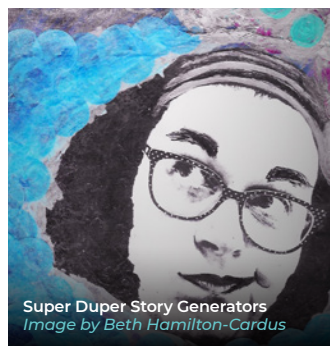
## People and the Sea

Live | Indoor

Venue info: see contact  
email below  
6pm (1hr 30)  
Free, by donation

Join the cast of 'People and the Sea', founding members of **Berwickshire Coastal Arts**, and producer and musical director **Ellie Logan** for a premiere of the film 'The First Wave', accompanied by stories and reminiscences. 'The First Wave' is a short film by **Kate Sweeney** and **Roma Yagnik**, based on recordings, interviews and workshops undertaken by local people involved in the 'People and the Sea' project, featuring footage and stories from Eyemouth and surrounding coastal villages. The film is a legacy project from the Get up and Tie Your Fingers Theatre productions of 2016 and 2017, which told the story of the 1881 Fishing Disaster.

Booking and info: *Ellie Logan*  
[seasangsinging@gmail.com](mailto:seasangsinging@gmail.com)



## 📍 Fife

### MON 15 – SUN 21 NOV

## Super Duper Story Generators!

Online | Pre-recorded

Free

Join storyteller **Beth Hamilton-Cardus** from Good Yarns for an epically imaginative online story session that's all about helping you create the tale for yourself! Maybe you want astronaut princesses, haunted bus stops, badgers making ice-cream or something completely different - wherever the adventure goes is totally up to you! Suitable for nursery and primary-school aged kids and their grown-ups.

The event is pre-recorded and available to watch any time for the whole week. Delivered with **Fife Libraries**.

Part of the **Imagine series**

To watch the event and for more info: [www.onfife.com](http://www.onfife.com)



## **Glasgow**

**FRI 15 OCT**

### **Woodland Wonder**

**Live | Outdoor**

Damshot Woods, meeting point Damshot Crescent, G53 5HE

5pm (2hrs, 30min slots)

Free (ticketed)

Have you ever imagined what magic lives in the forest?

Experience the wonder of Damshot Woods and journey on an immersive storytelling adventure with **Daiva Ivanauskaitė** and local storytellers! Grab your coats and scarves and discover stories that will spark your imagination alongside art installations created by local children & young people.

Hot chocolate will be provided to keep you cosy on your walk, but please dress appropriately for the woods. Parts of the woods are not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies. Please contact us if you have any accessibility requirements so we can arrange alternative options.

This performance may include the use of flashing lights. Hosted by **The Village Storytelling Centre**.

**Booking and info:** [info@villagestorytelling.org.uk](mailto:info@villagestorytelling.org.uk)



## **Highland**

**Strathpeffer**

**FRI 15 OCT**

### **Stories, Tunes & Songs of a Highland Childhood**

**Live | Indoor**

Highland Museum of Childhood, Old Victorian Station, Strathpeffer, IV14 9DH  
3pm (1hr 15) | £5

Join storyteller **Lizzie McDougall** and musician **Siannie Moodie Clarsach** as they share a treasure trove of highland tradition: giant stories, fairy stories, mystery and history tales, tunes, songs, folklore, riddles and rhymes in this perfect Highland setting. Suitable for all from 4 to 104. Limited capacity, advance booking recommended.

**Booking and info:**  
[highlandmuseumofchildhood.org.uk](http://highlandmuseumofchildhood.org.uk)  
[curator@highlandmuseumofchildhood.org.uk](mailto:curator@highlandmuseumofchildhood.org.uk)

**SUN 14 NOV**

### **A Woman Walks into a Bar...**

**Live | Indoor**

Coul House Hotel, Contin, Strathpeffer, IV14 9ES  
2.30pm (1hr) | £10 (£8)

A woman walks into the bar of an inn in a small West Highland fishing community. It's a ceilidh house, and she is a wandering singer. For every story she has a song, and for every song there's a story... With storyteller **Bob Pegg**, singer **Christina Stewart** and clarsair **Bill Taylor**. Tickets include



Bob Pegg

tea and home-made scones after the performance. Suitable for adults and older children.

**Info:** [Bob Pegg](mailto:Bob Pegg)  
[catsback@gmail.com](mailto:catsback@gmail.com)  
**Booking:** [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

**Maryburgh**

**SAT 16 OCT**

### **Brahan Storywalk**

**Live | Outdoor**

Brahan Estate, Maryburgh, nr Dingwall, IV7 8EE  
3pm (1hr 30) | £8

Meet storyteller **Lizzie McDougall** at the Hospice Stone at Brahan and join her on an enchanted storywalk through the Dell to The Seer Stone. We will stop under the trees for tales of the legendary Brahan Seer and his gift of Second Sight, and other Seer Stories including the Seer Standing Stones. The event is open air, please wear warm clothes and appropriate shoes. Suitable for adults and older children. Limited capacity, advance booking recommended. The event is by kind permission of **Brahan Estates** and in aid of **Highland Hospice**.

**Booking and info:**  
[Lizzie McDougall](mailto:Lizzie McDougall)  
[lizzie.mcdougall@gmail.com](mailto:lizzie.mcdougall@gmail.com)  
[or brahan.com](http://www.brahan.com)



Barbara McLean, David Campbell and Wendy Weatherby  
Photo by Robin Gillanders

## Inverclyde

Greenock

**THU 28 OCT**

### Tales of the Oak

Live | Indoor & Online

The Beacon Arts Centre,  
Custom House Quay,  
Greenock, PA15 1HJ  
6pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed)

Storyteller and author **Paul Bristow** shares his story map with us, and wanders through the folklore and urban legends of his hometown, searching for a different way to tell stories about Inverclyde. Tales of bogles, pirates, monsters and mermaids are reinterpreted and retold by voices from across the community, with accompanying comic art illustrations. Presented in association with **The Beacon Arts Centre**.

**Booking and info:**  
[www.beaconartscentre.co.uk](http://www.beaconartscentre.co.uk)  
01475 723 723  
[info@beaconartscentre.co.uk](mailto:info@beaconartscentre.co.uk)

## Midlothian

Auchendinny

**SAT 23 OCT**

### Listening to the Land

Live | Outdoor

Three Hares Community  
Woodland, Auchendinny/  
Roslin  
2pm (3hrs) | £5

Where do stories come from? How can deep listening and kinship with the natural world give insights and inspiration amid turbulent times? Which folk tales and myths remain relevant, and how do stories evolve? The people of **Pilgrimage for Nature**, nearing the climax of their walk from London to COP26 in Glasgow, join storyteller **Douglas Mackay** at the Three Hares Woodland for a day of story sharing, nature connection, dialogue and performance. Celebrating ancient and emerging stories that offer a ray of light in these turning times.

**Booking and info:**  
[three-hares-woodland.org](http://three-hares-woodland.org)

Dalkeith

**THU 21 OCT**

### Into the Furrows of the World

Live | Indoor

Newbattle Abbey College,  
Newbattle Road, Dalkeith,  
EH22 3LL  
6.30pm (30min) - Tea & Coffee  
7pm (1hr 15) - Performance  
and Q&A | £7

Newbattle Abbey College is delighted to present an exclusive centennial celebration of the birth of Orkney writer George Mackay Brown, also marking the 70th anniversary of his arrival to study at the College in 1951, under fellow Orcadian poet, critic and novelist Edwin Muir. For this shy writer with precarious health, Newbattle was a redemptive place, and represented his first steps towards maturity as a writer of poems, novels, short stories and plays. Join **Barbara McLean, David Campbell** and **Wendy Weatherby** as they share their affectionate portrait of George in this collage of recordings, story, music, and song.

**Info:** 0131 663 1921 [events@newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk](mailto:events@newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk)  
**Booking:** Eventbrite



## North East

Events hosted by  
Elphinstone Institute

Booking and info:  
[elphinstone@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:elphinstone@abdn.ac.uk)

### TUE 12 OCT

## Stories from Deeside to India

Online | Live

7pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)

Come on a story journey through time and space to hidden glens, haunted castles, enchanted forests, and Himalayan peaks as storyteller **Cathy Low** tells tales from her native Deeside and from her second home in India.

### TUE 19 OCT

## Imagine the Best Musician

Online | Live

7pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)

Born in Kamakwie in northern Sierra Leone, storyteller **Usifu Jalloh** is a highly experienced, talented, and award-winning performer and educator whose storytelling style encompasses international languages, music, dance and themes. Join Usifu as he tells a tale he learned when he was only seven years old, which still inspires him today.



Usifu Jalloh  
Photo by Wajiha Ahad

### TUE 26 OCT

## Spooky an Sinister Tales fae the North-East

Online | Live

7pm (3hrs) | Free (ticketed)

Five o oor bravest storytellers explore uncanny tales o e Nor-East o Scotland in a night o online collaboration. Jyne us tae learn aboot e Nor-East's ghaisties an ghoulies, its witches an warlocks. Bit dinna jist listen – we wint ye tae share yer ain tales, inna. Iss event is open tae aa brave sowls!

Five of our finest storytellers explore unsettling tales of the North-East of Scotland in a collaborative online evening. Join us to learn of the North-East's ghosts and ghoulies, its witches and warlocks. But don't just listen – we want you to share your own tales, too. The event is open to all brave souls! With **Grace Banks, Sheena Blackhall, Jackie Ross, Pauline Cordiner** and **Diana Peers**.

Aberdeen

### FRI 15 OCT

## GAS Friday Fling with Zahra Afsah

Online | Live

7pm (2hrs) | Free

Join **GAS - Grampian Association of Storytellers** at their monthly event with renowned Iranian storyteller, **Zahra Afsah**. Zahra grew up in Tehran and has shared the tales of her people and her land all over the world. Be enthralled by this magical teller as she takes us on a journey through Persian tales ancient and modern.

Booking and info:  
[grampianstorytellers.wordpress.com](http://grampianstorytellers.wordpress.com)  
[gas\\_story@hotmail.com](mailto:gas_story@hotmail.com)



**SAT 30 OCT**

## Stories of our Living Rivers and Glens

Online | Live

7pm (2hrs) | Free

Come and join an online story ceilidh hosted by storyteller **Grace Banks** wi participants fae a ower - music, song, word and pictures inspired by oor livin rivers an glens.

This ceilidh is a wee celebratory reflection of an on-going project led by the **Dee and Don Ceilidh Collective** - where folk have shared their personal touch of the land on a communal story map. Their contributions have provided the stimulus for composers to create new musical and song pieces which will then be shared with the community.

A fine evenin o craic, wi tales an sangs fae Grace interspersed wi 'cameos' fae folk o a different kinds.

*Info: Grace Banks  
silverhaar@gmail.com  
FB @GBanks22 or  
07595 873 888*

*Booking: Eventbrite*

**Dufftown**

**SAT 30 OCT**

## Halloween Tales for Quines & Loons

Live | Indoor & Online

Mortlach Memorial Hall, 1, 6  
Albert Pl, Dufftown, AB55 4AY  
6pm (1hr 45) | Free (ticketed)

The home of faeries and wisps, witches and spirits, Scotland's rich folklore comes to life every Halloween night, as the bairns go guising and the adults coorie in with a wee dram.

Join us for an evening of Halloween games and story time with **Jackie Ross**, before everyone heads out guising to ward off evil spirits for the coming year.

The event will be in person, but the story time will also be accessible online via live broadcast.

*Booking and info: info@  
destinationdufftown.com  
FB @destination.dufftown*

**Johnshaven**

**FRI 8 OCT**

## Tales from Land and Sea – From Smugglers Coast to ancient weaving village

Live | Indoor

Johnshaven Heritage Hub  
Museum, The Lifeboat House,  
Fore Street, Johnshaven,  
DD10 0EU  
7.30pm (2hrs, with interval) | £6

Step into the stories of two quirky communities, from the beautiful 'Smugglers Coast'



fishing village of Johnshaven to the ancient handloom weaving village of Kilbarchan. Join acclaimed storyteller **Anne Pitcher** and singer-songwriter 'Johnner Jack' **Andy Shanks** for a spellbinding evening of stories, songs and art.

*Booking and info: Andy  
Shanks 07877 716 650 or  
Johnshaven Heritage Hub  
Museum 01561 361 683*

**Mintlaw**

**SUN 17 OCT**

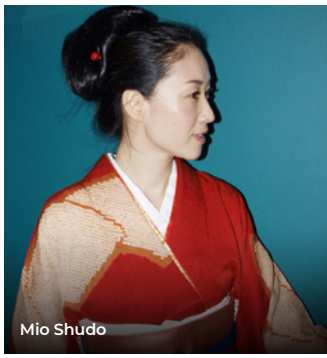
## The Fairmer's Ferret an Ither Tales

Live | Indoor

Aberdeenshire Farming  
Museum, Aden Country Park,  
Mintlaw, AB42 5FQ  
1pm, 2pm & 3pm (45mins)  
Free (ticketed)

Join storytellers **Sheena Blackhall** and **Jackie Ross** as they take you on an interactive journey through stories and songs featuring the animals – both wild and domestic – that live on the farm. Lots of fun for all the family. Don't worry, we will keep the ferrets under control!

*Booking and info:  
01771 624 590 or email  
joanne.edwards@  
aberdeenshire.gov.uk*



Mio Shudo

## Orkney

THU 28 –  
SUN 31 OCT

### Orkney Storytelling Festival

Join us on the 12th edition of the small festival with a big heart and enjoy a four-day programme of storytelling events. Orkney storytellers will gather with their special guests: the Japanese storyteller and Master of the Japanese Tea Ceremony **Mio Shudo** and storyteller and musician **Anne Hunter**, who tells traditional tales from Scotland and around the world. Young storyteller **Ailsa Dixon** will also share her stories, in celebration of her Orcadian heritage.

*Full programme, booking and info: [www.orkneystorytellingfestival.co.uk](http://www.orkneystorytellingfestival.co.uk)*

## Outer Hebrides

Stornoway

WED 27 –  
SAT 30 OCT

### Faclan: The Hebridean Book Festival

“Islands: Worlds in Isolation” is the 2021 theme, partly inspired by the impact of the pandemic and partly by Faclan’s spectacular setting in the Outer Hebrides.

As we continue to emerge from lockdown, Faclan 2021 is once again set to consist of four days of live events at An Lanntair, including film screenings, an exhibition and a fringe programme supported by **Outer Hebrides LEADER**.

WED 27 OCT

### Spàrr | Rivet

Live | Indoor & Film Screening

An Lanntair, Kenneth St,  
Stornoway, HS1 2DS  
8.15pm (1hr 30) | Ticketed

Several artists come together to present an extended story based on several traditions from the Isle of Lewis and the oral history of Govan. A blind woman has known tragedy more than once in her life and does everything in her power to protect the youngest of her four sons from the sea. A collaborative performance devised by storyteller **Ian Stephen** alongside **Laura Cameron Lewis** and **Mike Vass**, with illustrations by **Christine Morrison**.

The event includes a live introduction presented by the artists, followed by the film version of the show. In collaboration with **An Lanntair**.

**Part of the Imagine series**

*Booking and info: from 17 Sep on [lanntair.com/faclan](http://lanntair.com/faclan)*



### The Mearns

FRI 29 OCT

### Scary Fairy Stories

Online | Live

6pm (2hrs) | Free

Join storyteller **Pauline Cordiner** to find out why Fairies are amongst the scariest creatures in Scotland! Irritating imps, plagues of pixies, killer kelpies, tragic tarrans, hot-headed heroines and much more. There will also be a **Scary Fairy Lantern Competition** judged on the night. So get yourself all dressed up and sit in the candle-light for an evening of Halloween tales for all the family!

As we go deeper into the evening, the stories will get scarier. Pauline will begin with stories best for the wee ones before we all decide the best Scary Fairy Lantern – after which Pauline will give us scarier stories best suited for older children and adults.

*Booking and Info: [sandragdavison@gmail.com](mailto:sandragdavison@gmail.com)*



Claire Hewitt  
Photo by Derek Prescott



Munro Gauld  
Photo by Chris Cachia Zammit

## **Perth and Kinross**

### **Aberfeldy**

Events hosted by  
**Birks Cinema**

1 Dunkeld St, Aberfeldy,  
PH15 2DA

*Booking and info:*  
[birkscinema.co.uk](http://birkscinema.co.uk)

**THU 28 OCT**

## **Three Rivers Rising**

**Live | Indoor**

7.30pm (1hr) | £0 - £12

The Water of Leith, the River Tay and the Firth of Forth are a constant source of inspiration for storytellers **Svend-Erik Engh, Claire Hewitt** and musician **Neil Sutcliffe**. 'Three Rivers Rising' celebrates the stories, songs, music and lore of these waters that weave through the communities and land we live in.

In case of new Covid regulations the event will be live streamed online.

**THU 4 NOV**

## **Film & Storytelling**

**Live | Indoor**

6pm (2hrs) | £0 - £12

### **The Summer Walkers (53min)**

In this 1976 film **Timothy Neat** documents the lives of some of Scotland's Highland Travellers.

### **The Gruagach Solais (1hr)**

Come gather round the fire of inspiration where stories of wise blacksmiths and brave bellows makers will warm the dark night. Songs and local tunes collected by **Munro Gauld** will weave their magic around the tales in celebration of Perthshire Traveller Willie MacPhee - Piper, Tradition Bearer and the last of the tinsmiths. With local storyteller **Claire Hewitt** and musician **Munro Gauld**.



Graham Liney  
Photo by Scottish Crannog Centre

## Aberfeldy

Events hosted by  
Scottish Crannog Centre

Loch Tay, Aberfeldy, PH15 2HY

Booking and info: [www.crannog.co.uk](http://www.crannog.co.uk), 01887 830 583,  
[info@crannog.co.uk](mailto:info@crannog.co.uk)

## SAT 9 & SUN 10 OCT

### Celtic Autumn Story Weaving Weekend

Live | Outdoor

10am (6hrs) | Tours start every  
45 mins (1hr 30)  
£5 (free for under 5s)

Take a tour through a jam-packed weekend full of music, song and stories, with storytelling themed activities. Performances throughout the Saturday from author **Mandy Haggith** and Sunday from singer/songwriter **Christine Kammerer**, with stories, activities and songs all weekend by storyteller

**Graham Liney**, performance artist **Taylor Waggoner**, singer **Isobel Hanby** and many more. Join us to weave stories and songs, inspired by the iron age textile in our care, and even try your hand weaving on our community loom. Advance booking recommended.

## THU 21 OCT

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## SUN 31 OCT

### Samhuinn Festival for Halloween

Live | Outdoor

7pm (2hrs)  
£10 (£5 child, free for under 5s)

Join us for an evening of music, storytelling, magic and fire, as we celebrate the ancient Celtic festival of Samhuinn. Headline acts include **The Leveneers**, **Dave Delph** and **Izzie Hanby**, alongside the **Hedgewitches**, shadow puppet performances, Halloween games, and our famous Ram Burn!





Heather Yule  
Photo by David McIntosh

## Pitlochry

Events hosted by  
Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Port Na Craig, Pitlochry,  
PH16 5DR

Booking and info:  
[pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com](http://pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com)

## SAT 23 OCT

### A Necklace of Stories from the Highlands and Islands

Live | Outdoor

12pm (1hr) | Ticketed

Be transported to the magical Hebridean Islands and the Highlands of Scotland through stories and legends collected by folklorist Otta Swire, who captured the spirit and traditions of a bygone era. Through story, music and imagery, storytellers **Bea Ferguson** and **Heather Yule** will explore the captivating tales of these lands, and the people and strange creatures who dwell there. The event is outdoor, please dress appropriately for the weather.

34 Box office: 0131 556 9579

## SAT 30 OCT

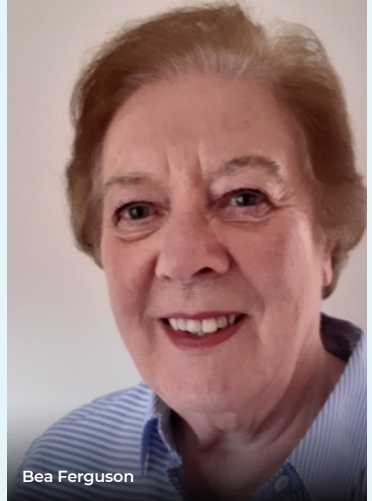
### From Floor Sweeper to Climate Pioneer

Live | Outdoor

12pm (1hr) | Ticketed

Discover James Croll, the Scottish janitor born into poverty and dogged by ill health who became the self-taught father of climate science. Using storytelling, props and historical interpretation, storyteller **Nicola Wright** will present Croll's theories - which inform today's study of climate change - and tell his remarkable life story to a family audience. The event includes a Q&A session with the artist. Both sessions are outdoor, please dress appropriately for the weather.

Part of the Imagine series



Bea Ferguson



Nicola Wright  
Photo by Lydia Gschosmann

Kilbarchan

**FRI 12 NOV**

## Tales from Land and Sea – From Smugglers Coast to ancient weaving village

Live | Indoor

Old Kilbarchan Library Centre,  
9 High Barholm, Kilbarchan,  
Johnstone, PA10 2EF  
7.30pm (2hrs, with interval)  
£6

Step into the stories of two quirky communities, from the beautiful 'Smugglers Coast' fishing village of Johnshaven to the ancient handloom weaving village of Kilbarchan. Join acclaimed storyteller **Anne Pitcher** and singer-songwriter 'Johnner Jack' **Andy Shanks** for a spellbinding evening of stories, songs and art. Bring your own bottle & nibbles.

*Booking and info: Old Kilbarchan Library Centre 01505 706 070, Anne Pitcher 07708 059 770.*



Svend-Erik Engh

## Shetland

Sandwick

**THU 28 OCT**

## Waves, Wirds & Wirset

Live | Indoor

Hoswick Visitor Centre,  
Hoswick, Sandwick, ZE2 9HL  
2pm (1hr 30, with interval)  
Free (ticketed) | Donations welcome

Join us for a dementia friendly afternoon of tunes and tales of the sea, woven together with 'wirds' from local poets. Enjoy your afternoon tea whilst Yell singer and sailor **Barry Nisbet**, storyteller **Jan Bee Brown** and local poet **James Sinclair** share 'wirds' of wit and wisdom.

All proceeds to go to Alzheimer Scotland to develop local creative projects for folk living with dementia and their carers.

*Booking and info: Jan Bee Brown 07799 852 162*

## Stirling **WED 27 OCT**

## Three Rivers Rising

Live | Indoor

The Tolbooth, Jail Wynd,  
Stirling, FK8 1DE  
7pm (1hr) | £7 (£5)

The Water of Leith, The Tay and the Forth are a constant source of inspiration for storytellers **Svend-Erik Engh**, **Claire Hewitt** and musician **Neil Sutcliffe**. 'Three Rivers Rising' celebrates the stories, songs, music and lore of these waters that weave through the communities and land we live in.

*Booking and info: [stirlingevents.org](http://stirlingevents.org) or 01786 274 000*



# HOW TO GET HERE



The Scottish Storytelling Centre's award-winning building is the hub of the Festival, located halfway down Edinburgh's Royal Mile, within easy walking distance of Princes Street and Waverley train station. There is no parking directly outside the Centre, but several buses stop on South Bridge, with a taxi rank close by.

Scottish Storytelling Centre | 43-45 High Street | EH1 1SR



## TICKETS

0131 556 9579 | [sisf.org.uk](http://sisf.org.uk)

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