

Storylab



6th-26th October 2007
www.storylab.co.uk

Explore the magic of storytelling!



discover the storyteller in you!



be inspired by a treasure-trove of timeless stories



create and share stories of your own

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Welcome to StoryLab!



StoryLab is a new three week celebration of Scotland's young storytelling and storymaking talent, running from the 6th to the 26th October 2007.



The Scottish Storytelling Centre and John Knox House

Anyone can tell a story

What's happening?

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At StoryLab HQ, the Scottish Storytelling Centre in Edinburgh, there's an action-packed October holiday programme of hands-on storytelling, art, music and multi-media workshops, plus inspiring storytelling performances... The Centre has also teamed up with partner organisations across the City – read on to find out how you can take part.

Who is it for?

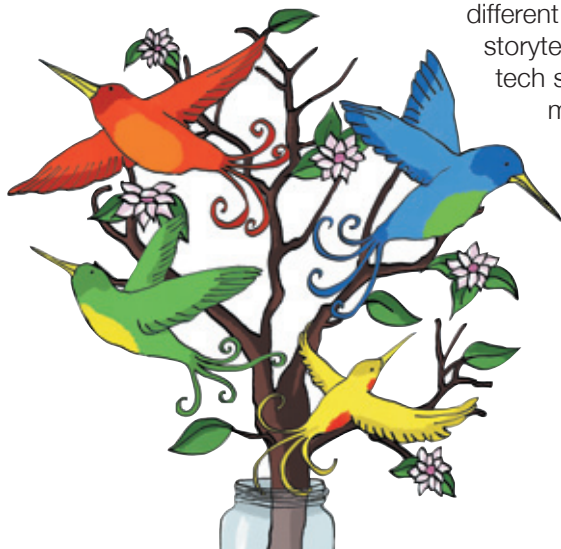
Most events are ideal for 8-14 year olds, with the chance for whole families and younger and older children to join in. And the annual Tell A Story Day on 26th October is a great opportunity for everyone to take part in some DIY storytelling!

Check out www.storylab.co.uk

The StoryLab interactive website is fizzing with ideas for experimenting with storytelling and storymaking at home and at school. An online showcase, support materials and national events listings mean libraries, community groups, schools and arts organisations can create their own StoryLab event, anywhere in Scotland.

To find out more and join the StoryLab mailing list, visit the website, email storylab@scottishstorytellingcentre.com or visit the Centre and sign up.

Stories are for everyone! StoryLab is the ideal place to experiment with storytelling, create your own stories and play with different ways of making stories – try out live storytelling skills, explore high tech and low tech stories through computer gaming, art, movement, music, creative language or puppetry.



Stories are all around us – and StoryLab is bubbling with ideas for ways to discover Scotland's story gems and uncover the magic of tales, myths and legends. Become a storyteller's apprentice and learn from the wizards of the Scottish tradition or make story history at the cutting edge of this modern artform.

Anyone can tell a story

Find out how to turn your own words, imagination, memory and ideas into pure story gold. Be inspired by spell-binding performances and find out just what storytelling can do.

Everyone needs storytelling, young or old. It's entertainment, reminiscence, good company and education all in one. Storytelling is live, people to people, among friends, in families, in schools and libraries, care centres and communities, places of worship, hospitals and homes.



Sat 6 Oct
11.30am-3.30pm



The Great Bird Exchange

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Craft, storytelling and exhibition. Create your own beautiful bird, decorate it with a personal message and send it flying off while you hear and join in with bird stories from storytellers Ewan McVicar and Ken Shapley. Since 1997 the Bird Exchange has helped hundreds of Scottish and Ugandan school children exchange bird images, has raised funds for Ugandan projects and created links between Scotland and Africa through the arts. All ages **Free**

Sat 6 Oct
1.00pm

Film

Tales of Earthsea (screening)

Filmhouse

From the legendary Studio Ghibli, this adaptation of one of Ursula Le Guin's fantasy books was directed by the son of legendary Ghibli genius Hayao Miyazaki. It's the tale of Earthsea, a magical land where The Balance is off and the world collapsing. Skilled wizard Ged is dispatched to find the evil sorcery at the root of the problem. Along the way he encounters young Prince Arren and together they set off to save Earthsea. Dubbed in English. Age 8+ **£4.50/3**

Sat 6 Oct
7.00pm

Music



Songs for Africa

Scottish Storytelling Centre

An evening of infectiously lively song from the Singing Children of Africa young people's touring choir. All proceeds to the Samson Chivatsi African Children's Appeal, which raises money for a school education for the children of Utange, Kenya. In partnership with the Edinburgh Folk Club. All ages **£6/£5**

Sun 7 Oct
1.00pm (2hrs)

Film-making

Tales of Earthsea (event)

Filmhouse

Be inspired by *Tales of Earthsea* to create your own magical story and make your own film. Led by Kara Johnston Age 8+ **£2**

Mon 8 Oct
10.30am

Schools Event

Identities

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Contact: esther@scottishstorytellingcentre.com

Wed 10 Oct
7.00pm

Monthly Event

Storytelling Café: StoryLab

Scottish Storytelling Centre

A special edition of the Centre's monthly live storytelling evening, with storyteller Lari Don. **£3**

Fri 12 Oct
3.00-5.00pm

Workshop

StoryLab: Story Sticks

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Start the holidays with enchanting story ideas from storyteller Ruth Kirkpatrick and then find out how to put your very own story on a stick to take home and tell again. Age 6+ **£6** per person

Fri 12 Oct
6.45pm (60mins)

Storytelling Performance

Scotland's Treasure-trove: Celtic Legend

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Explore the gems of Scotland's storytelling tradition, with epic Celtic tales from storyteller Claire McNicol and live music from Margaret Smith. Age 6-adult **£6** per person

Sat 13 Oct
10.00am (3hrs)

Puppetry



Exploring Africa: Storytelling and Puppet-making

National Library of Scotland

Join storyteller Jill Webster to discover the murky jungles, dry deserts, creepy crawlies and scary animals that David Livingstone discovered in his journeys through Africa. Then create your own puppet and take part in a performance for parents and friends. This event will be repeated on **Saturday 20th Oct**, 10.00am - 1.00pm at the David Livingstone Centre in Blantyre, Tel: 01698 823140. In partnership with the David Livingstone Centre. 7-12 years **Free** but ticketed 0131 623 3845 or events@nls.uk

Sat 13 Oct
11.00am-4.00pm

Art & Storytelling

The Big Draw

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Create an enchanted forest! Draw and make using reclaimed and recycled materials among the stunning sculpture and furniture of designer, sculptor and woodsman Tim Stead, in the Centre's light and airy Storytelling Court. Be inspired by live storytelling for all ages from Wendy Woolfson. Part of the national Big Draw project. All ages **Free**

Mon 15 Oct
10.30am-1.30pm

Music & Story

Giant's Chaos with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Four giants on four planets make an enormous mess! But the fifth giant, Stan Corn, has other ideas... Hear the story, create your own music, learn a new song and take part in a mini concert with five musicians from the SCO brass section. Age 8-10 **£5** per person

Mon 15 Oct
1.30-4.30pm

Workshop



StoryLab workshop with Doc Williams

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Stories are all around us, and are an essential part of the way in which human beings communicate. Join Doc in the StoryLab and experience the magic of storytelling. Acquire new skills and build your confidence at telling tales, while learning new ways of expressing yourself. Find out how YOU can be your own storyteller – no previous experience necessary! Why not also try StoryLab with Jean Edmiston on Friday 19th? Age 12+ **£12**

Tue 16 Oct
10.30am-3.30pm

Workshop

Gamemaker workshop

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Use the latest software to explore storytelling in computer gaming. Create your own game during this day-long workshop with Judy Robertson. Places are limited – advance booking essential! Please bring a packed lunch. In partnership with Heriot-Watt University. Age 12+ **£20**

Tue 16 Oct
2.30pm (2hrs)

Storytelling

StoryLab: Spell-binding stories

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Conjure up your own fantastical stories, tall tales and enchanted characters with the help of storytelling wizard Judy Paterson. Age 6-12 **£4** per person

Wed 17 Oct
11.00am (90mins)
Storytelling

StoryLab: Riddles, Rhymes and Stories

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Roll up your sleeves and get stuck in to the world of tongue-twisters and riddles. Storyteller Senga Munro rattles through rich riddles and stories from Scotland and beyond, and helps you to create and tell riddles of your own. Age 8-12 **£4** per person

Wed 17 Oct
2.00pm (90mins)
Storytelling



Kalahari Stories

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Stories are packages of feelings, thoughts and knowledge, a universal language through which we can learn about each other. Join Kelone Khudu-Petersen on the Kalahari story landscape, and be ready to do your part to fill the stories with sound and action. Supported by the Royal Bank of Scotland.

All ages **£2** adults/**£1** children
Tickets from the Scottish Storytelling Centre

Wed 17 Oct
2.30pm (2hrs)
Puppetry

Puppets and Folk Tales

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Puppeteer and storyteller Sylvia Troon gives you a taster of her version of a traditional Scottish tale, and then helps you create your own characters and story twists. Make a puppet to take home, and join in with a mini-performance at the end of the workshop for your family and friends. Age 8-10 **£6** per person

Wed 17 Oct
6.45pm (60mins)
Storytelling Performance

Scotland's treasure-trove: Northern Lights

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Explore the gems of Scotland's story heritage, with tales of selkies, trows and magic from the Norse lands. With storytellers Ruth Kirkpatrick and Ron Fairweather. Age 6-adult **£6** per person

Thur 18 Oct
11.00am (40mins)
Storytelling



Old Town Adventure

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Join storyteller Robert Howat to hear some tales of Old Edinburgh and the characters who once roamed these streets, then pick up a brand new Old Town Adventure pack and set off on a journey of discovery! Explore the crooked closes, twisty wynds and intriguing buildings of Edinburgh's Canongate and find out the stories preserved in the very stones themselves. Self-guided walk, with family activities along the way. Begin and end at the Scottish Storytelling Centre. In association with Edinburgh World Heritage and the City of Edinburgh Council. Families with children aged 7-12. Children must be accompanied. **Free** but ticketed

Thur 18 Oct
& Fri 19 Oct
2.00-4.00pm
Storytelling & Maskmaking

Captured!

Museum of Edinburgh

With the help of carnivals, masks and a spider, you don't have to be what other people think you are! Stories can help you survive, just as they helped the people who were captured and sold as slaves. But what are the stories...? Find out in this storytelling and mask-making workshop. With storyteller Beth Cross.

Age 6-10 **Free** but booking essential Call 0131 529 3962

Fri 19 Oct
10.30am-1.30pm
Workshop

Storylab with Jean Edmiston

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Discover or develop your own storytelling skills. Explore the power and importance of stories with experienced storyteller Jean Edmiston. Ideal if you came to StoryLab with Doc Williams (Mon 15th October), but no experience necessary!

Young people aged 12+ **£12**

Sat 20 Oct
11.00am (1hr 30mins)
Storytelling & Art

A Mile of Stories

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Explore a mile of stories in Julie Lacombe's Royal Mile mural and join storyteller Bea Ferguson to hear the tale that links all the strange and wonderful characters. Then help artist and illustrator Julie to create a brand new story-mural, and tell the tale yourself. Age 6+ **£4** per person

Sat 20 Oct
2.30pm (1hr 30mins)
Storytelling

Out of the Woodwork

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Join storyteller and writer Jean Edmiston to hear powerful and beautiful stories inspired by the tactile, resonant wood furniture and sculpture of Tim Stead. Discover more about Tim Stead's work and legacy, and try using his intricate carved puzzles to inspire stories of your own. Age 8-adult **£4** per person

Mon 22 Oct
10.00am-4.30pm
Adult training event

Zest For Life: Storytelling in the Early Years

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Good food, good play, good sleep and good stories! These are the building blocks of a happy nourishing childhood. Come to this bumper Early Years event to find out how quality storytelling can help defeat the 'toxic childhood' syndrome. This in-service is suitable for all nursery and infant school staff and for anyone involved in the care of the very young. With Jenny Watson, Senga Munro, Eric Brennan, Marie Louise Cochrane and Sylvia Troon.

£30.00/£24.00 including lunch & refreshments

Tue 23 Oct
11.00am (60mins)
Storytelling & Movement



Moving Stories for Wee Ones

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Join storyteller Michael and dance artist Ximena for a fun, lively, interactive morning of stories and creative movement for pre-schoolers. Introduce your wee ones to live storytelling, find out how stories can be told through movement too, and discover a new way to engage their imagination – and yours! Healthy fun for all. Pre-schoolers and accompanying adults.

£4 per child, accompanying adults free

Fri 26 Oct
11.30am & 3.00pm (50mins)
Storytelling

Tell A Story Day

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Do it yourself! Live storytelling in the Global Stories Bothy. Come to listen or be inspired to create and share your own stories with family and friends. 11.30am, preschoolers & parents with Judy Paterson, 3pm after school session with Allison Galbraith.

£2 per person



Get a StoryLab Passport

Look out for special offers when you book more than one event, and plan your October holiday week in advance!

Ask at the box office or call 0131 556 9579.

Family ticket

Family ticket (group of 4) for 'Scotland's Treasure-trove' performance events on Fri 12th & Wed 17th: £20 (save £4!)

StoryLab 2007 partners

City of Edinburgh Museums and Galleries

Museum of Edinburgh
142-146 Canongate, Edinburgh

Tickets and information: 0131 529 3962



Filmhouse

88 Lothian Road,
Edinburgh EH3 9BZ

Tickets and information: 0131 228 2688
www.filmhousecinema.com



National Library of Scotland

George IV Bridge,
Edinburgh EH1 1EW

Tickets and information:
0131 623 3845 or events@nls.uk
www.nls.uk



Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Exhibition Hall Forest Room,
20A Inverleith Row, Edinburgh, EH3 5LR
www.rbge.org.uk

Tickets from: Scottish Storytelling Centre
0131 556 9579 or www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk
Tickets on the day subject to availability

ROYAL
BOTANIC
GARDEN
EDINBURGH



Scottish Chamber Orchestra

www.sco.org.uk

Tickets from: Scottish Storytelling Centre
0131 556 9579 or
www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk



David Livingstone Centre

165 Station Road, Blantyre G72 9BY

Tickets and information: 01698 823140
www.nts.org.uk



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To book your place call the Storytelling Centre box office or visit the Centre in person. Tickets for some events are available at partner venues – please check the event listing for more information. Tickets for some events are limited – be sure to book your place in plenty of time! Tickets can be paid for by cash, credit or debit card or cheque in person, or by credit or debit card over the phone and on the Centre's website.

To find out more about StoryLab and join the StoryLab mailing list, visit the website **www.storylab.co.uk**
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