

# 18th March '21 – NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES IN NORTH WEST EDINBURGH

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## Coronavirus

[Latest update on COVID-19 and our services](#)



## North Edinburgh Arts

The NEA Easter programme is running from 3 to 17 April, packed with lots of creative activities for all ages, from circus workshops to arts sessions for children and young people.

Read more in latest e-newsletter: <http://bit.ly/3IntUxz> or visit

<https://northedinburgharts.co.uk/whats-on/>



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Lothian Buses provides a high quality service to thousands of people – many of them travelling out of necessity to get to vital jobs or to help care for others.

Any disorder that impacts the safe and efficient operation of bus services is unacceptable.

Several areas of Edinburgh have experienced incidents resulting in serious disruption to services, including significant damage to buses resulting in service withdrawal and, in the most concerning cases, drivers have been injured.

**No one should face the risk or fear of serious disruption or injury when they go to work or when they use public transport.**

You can help us address this problem:

- Tell the police if you know someone who has targeted buses – help keep our city safe for everyone. Call 101 (999 in an emergency) or call CrimeStoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111
- If you have footage of anyone taking part in disorder, let the police see it – call 101 or email your local policing team via the Police Scotland website
- Help educate young people you know on the importance of our bus services, make sure they know the impact of actions – and have consequences for them too

Through Operation Proust, Police Scotland and Lothian Buses are working in partnership to keep our city safe and ensure every person who targets our buses is held to account for their actions.

**Scan the QR code or click the link to find more about the real-life impact of attacks on buses:**

<https://vimeo.com/522789290/24ca9d959f>



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## Adult Learning Services

Strategic Adult Learning Services - Newsletter - No. 1

March 2021

**H**i, during these difficult times, we hope our newsletter reaches you safe and well. As face to face classes remain on hold, we thought it would be useful to let you know about all that is happening across our different adult learning services. We also plan to send you regular newsletters with updates on each of our services, and other educational information.

**1**

### Adult Education Programme

We're currently offering an online programme and are planning to hold outdoor groups later this year

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### Adult Literacies

As we can't hold face to face groups, free online learning, digital support and over the phone learning are being provided to learners

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### ESOL

Weekly online classes at various different levels are available to adult learners for whom English is a second language

**4**

### Family Learning

We offer ways for parents to create strategies which help support their children's learning and development

**5**

### Outlook

As face to face classes aren't possible at the moment, we are holding online sessions and sending newsletters

**6**




### Syrian Resettlement Project

Our service offers both ESOL classes for Syrian adults, as well as family learning

**1** Edinburgh's Adult Education Programme (AEP) has been running for over a 100 years, offering day, evening and weekend courses to over 10,000 students per year. Our courses have traditionally run in a variety of venues including community centres, high schools, outdoor spaces, as well as venues offered by partner organisations, such as museums and historic buildings.

Since spring 2020 our courses have also been offered online whilst we have been unable to meet in groups. We are currently running an online programme and planning a spring term of both outdoor and online courses. For more information on our upcoming courses, please go to: <https://bit.ly/382uyLd> or contact us at: [adult.education@ea.edin.sch.uk](mailto:adult.education@ea.edin.sch.uk)

You can also follow us on social media:

-  [www.twitter.com/AepEdinburgh](https://twitter.com/AepEdinburgh)
-  [www.facebook.com/EdinburghAEP](https://www.facebook.com/EdinburghAEP)
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**2 Adult Literacies:** Adult Literacies' groups and courses are free for all adults who want to build skills and confidence in reading, writing, spelling or numbers. Learners decide what they want to work on and can learn at their own pace. Each person will be working towards a different goal. They may want to help their children with homework, write better work reports, manage money or work towards SQA qualifications. Small, friendly groups run in community centres and libraries across Edinburgh. Each group has a tutor and where possible has access to computers with support from a volunteer tutor.

Due to Covid there are no face-to-face groups running just now. Adults can continue learning online with digital support available to them or they can work with a tutor by phone and post.

For general enquiries please email: [ale@ea.edin.sch.uk](mailto:ale@ea.edin.sch.uk) | Adult Learning line: 0800 085 7672  
For more details contact Liz Highet - Adult Literacies Lifelong Learning Development Officer  
Email: [Liz.Highet@ea.edin.sch.uk](mailto:Liz.Highet@ea.edin.sch.uk) | Tel: 07922416232

Find on us Facebook and YouTube:

-  Facebook - Adult Literacy Edinburgh - <https://bit.ly/3pM7oii>
-  [www.youtube.com/channel/UC9N5k4EAiTJN9jy7ovaQrXg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9N5k4EAiTJN9jy7ovaQrXg)



**3 ESOL:** Adults who live in Edinburgh and for whom English is not a first language can apply to join one of our English (ESOL) classes. These classes are currently online using Microsoft Teams. Learners can improve their everyday communication skills, for example for their personal lives; for work and study; to help children with homework and to communicate with teachers, doctors, shopkeepers, neighbours and others. The classes also help learners understand more about life in Scotland and feel more included in their communities.

Weekly online English classes at different levels are available to adults for whom English is not a first language. New learners are invited to a language assessment meeting and then placed in an appropriate class or on a waiting list. New learners can be accepted into classes at the start of each term, provided there are spaces.

For general enquiries please email: [ESOL@ea.edin.sch.uk](mailto:ESOL@ea.edin.sch.uk) | Tel: 0800 085 7672  
For more details contact Karen - [Karen.buist@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.buist@edinburgh.gov.uk)

**4 Family Learning:** We work in partnership with teachers and other colleagues to deliver Family Learning workshops, groups, clubs and events for parents, carers and their children. These encourage family members to learn together as and within a family. They are designed to support parents and carers to create strategies to help their children's learning and development. They shine a light for them on the learning opportunities in everyday life at home, in the community and outdoors. In addition, parents and carers are supported to actively and meaningfully engage in their children's learning and life at school.

Examples of some Family Learning courses and projects delivered online in the past year are:



**Time for a Story:** online videos with stories, songs and activities to do together at home

▶ [www.youtube.com/channel/UCfyf4R4ek\\_mXcRQl5rbYzA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfyf4R4ek_mXcRQl5rbYzA)

**Help Your Child to Learn:** a series of 5 interactive online workshops for parents and children which use the Primary 3 Read, Write, Count resources. Read, Write, Count bags Unpacked will be launched very soon with video clips that can be accessed by families both in Edinburgh and more widely across Scotland. "I think that all Dads should do this. It's opened my eyes to think of new ways to help my son's learning." Fraser, parent from the Dads' Group.

▶ <https://youtu.be/5z5K6Q921qM>

**Family Learning support for parents with children learning at home:** a series of 3 interactive online sessions for parents with children of primary school age who have been learning at home due to lockdown.

For more information contact Karen - [Karen.buist@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.buist@edinburgh.gov.uk)



**5** **Outlook:** We offer individual guidance, information, classes and educational support. The service enables people who access mental health services to take up a variety of both local and City-wide opportunities. Short, free, beginner level courses are available in a range of subjects throughout the year, offering an informal way to try out new subjects in small groups. Learners are invited to meet with a worker when first accessing the service to discuss their interests, different services on offer and what to expect when accessing Outlook courses. People can both self-refer or be referred through an agency.

Face to face services have been suspended due to Covid-19, but we are offering some online classes, YouTube videos and supporting learners with our monthly newsletters. If you would like more information about the Outlook, please see our contact details below.

Outlook general email - [CLD.OP@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:CLD.OP@edinburgh.gov.uk)

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**Syrian Resettlement Project (SRP):** We offer two services for people from Syria, these are English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes. The Family Learning Project supports Syrian families to learn English together. More information on the SRP can be found by going on to our Facebook page:

▶ Facebook - [www.facebook.com/SRPEdinburghTeam](https://www.facebook.com/SRPEdinburghTeam)

ESOL: offers a range of classes, including Beginner Level. Our aim is to provide high quality, responsive ESOL services for Syrian refugees, which will then enable them to develop English language skills, improve communication with local services and feel more included and settled



within their local communities. Our classes are small, friendly and very welcoming. Contact Karen or Hannah about ESOL. [Karen.riddell@ea.edin.sch.uk](mailto:Karen.riddell@ea.edin.sch.uk) - [Hannah.avison@ea.edin.sch.uk](mailto:Hannah.avison@ea.edin.sch.uk)

- YouTube - English Snacks - <https://www.youtube.com/EnglishSnacks>

**SRP Family Learning:** We deliver online courses for Syrian families across Edinburgh. Our aim is to provide learning opportunities around every day English language for adults. Family Learning encourages parental involvement in their children's learning, and provides a platform for parents to support one another and come up with everyday learning opportunities for the whole family. We also offer online storytelling and craft activities for families.

- Family Learning Storytelling - [www.youtube.com/channel/UCfyvf4R4ek\\_mXcRQL5rbYzA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfyvf4R4ek_mXcRQL5rbYzA)

If you would like to know more about the Family Learning Project, then you can speak with Mhairi or Shingai. [Mhairi.mcneill@ea.edin.sch.uk](mailto:Mhairi.mcneill@ea.edin.sch.uk) - [Shingai.maramba@ea.edin.sch.uk](mailto:Shingai.maramba@ea.edin.sch.uk)

We fully appreciate that Covid-19 has negatively impacted peoples lives and that the current situation is particularly challenging for various reasons. Here are some links, information and contact details for financial and mental health support services.

**Mental Health Information Station:** The service is lead by NHS occupational Therapists, input is drawn from health and social care staff, peer support workers, volunteers and third sector partners. The service is a one stop shop acting as a source of support, information and sign posting to ensure that people have access to the right support as early as possible.

Tel: 0131 537 8688 (Thursdays from 9.30am to 4.30pm)

Email: [MentalHealthInformation@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:MentalHealthInformation@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)

Web: <https://services.nhslothian.scot/mentalhealthinformationstation/Pages/default.aspx>

**The Trussel Trust:** This is a foodbank service that offers emergency food parcels to people who are struggling financially, you need to obtain a referral before being able to access these. For general enquiries or more information on this service, please use the contact details below:

Tel: 01722 580 180 | Email: [enquiries@trusselltrust.org](mailto:enquiries@trusselltrust.org) | Web: <https://www.trusselltrust.org/>

**The Advice Shop:** this is a free service provided by the City of Edinburgh Council which offers advice and support around welfare rights and reducing personal debt.

Tel: 0131 200 2360 | Email: [advice.shop@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:advice.shop@edinburgh.gov.uk)

Web: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/benefits-grants/money-advice-help-debt/1>

**The City of Edinburgh Council:** For the latest Covid-19 guidelines and more information on the City of Edinburgh Council services, please go to: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/>

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Dirliebane Theatre Company creates clown theatre performances for children, young people and their families.

Our shows involve gentle, character clowning that creates naive, optimistic, fun, light, strong characters that children and young people can engage with. We develop our shows with the help of children and young people to access and explore their thoughts and experiences at key stages in their lives.

During Covid Dirliebane have been exploring new ways to continue connecting with children and schools when direct engagement is more difficult. Through their new CHANGE Programme they are offering a range of high-quality artistic resources which can be accessed digitally.

Artistic Directors, Fiona Ferrier and Rachel Colles, have extensive experience in devising, performing and improvising for children and young people. They use slapstick, humour, rhythm, music, improvising and storytelling to create open, playful and interactive engagement with children and young people.

## Schools Resource Pack

This resource pack has been specially designed to offer children and young people high quality creative activities to support their emotional development.

They are FREE and provide a helpful and enjoyable toolkit for teachers to use with children and young people to explore emotional literacy and aid in their mental, social, and emotional wellbeing.



**"That was the best thing I have seen for children for a really long time. And I have been teaching for a long time!" Teacher on SPACE"**



## RESOURCE 1: BOUNCE – The Challenge Enthusiasts

**Format:** 5 short films (available with BSL interpretation), activity pack and scripts pack. Suitable for P2-P5

Sally and Destiny are very excited to be Challenge Enthusiasts. From yoga to flour and lots more in-between they discover how attempting these challenges make them feel.

Each film is around 6mins long and is based around an emotion: Angry, Sad, Excited, Nervous and Embarrassed.

The series is accompanied by an emotion's activity pack with arts-based games and ideas to explore emotions in-class/ at home further, and a script pack to explore, practice and perform each emotion in the films including props and design worksheets

[DOWNLOAD HERE](#)

## Teacher Feedback

*"Entertaining, shows emotions as real and allowed, would absolutely use as a starting point for discussion" P4 teacher*

*"Very thought provoking for the children. It touched on lots of the things that they worry about in going to school." Teacher on BIG*

*"I liked the suggested strategies to use that came up on the screen and the children recognised theirs" P5 teacher*

*"The films were funny and engaging." P3/4 Teacher*

*"A great way of communicating the worries children might have" Parent on BIG*



## "GREAT STARTING POINT FOR INTRODUCING HEALTH AND WELLBEING" P6 TEACHER

## RESOURCE 2: SPACE – How to be ready for Anything

**Format:** 5 short films (available with BSL interpretation), activity and script packs. Suitable for P6 - P7

Stella and Dorothy, your Modern Experts in Change and Transition, have to make a new presentation – How to be Ready for Anything.

These films support health and wellbeing by focusing on 4 key strategies:

- Recharging yourself
- Break it down & Give it a Try
- Expressing Emotions
- Finding your support pyramid.

The series is accompanied by an activity pack with arts-based games and ideas to explore the themes of the films further, and a series of scripts to explore, practice and perform with, including props and design worksheets.

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# FUNDING AND OPPORTUNITIES

## 'In it together' Project

### Children and Families Worker

Carrick Knowe is a busy parish church situated in the west of Edinburgh. The church buildings act as a focal point for the community, attracting more than 800 people through the week to a variety of church and community organisations.

We are looking for a Children and Families worker to take forward an existing project which over the past seven years has successfully delivered a range of events for families in our community such as 'Meal and a Movie' evenings, Cooking with Children classes, and craft afternoons. There is an established network of volunteers who are available and keen to support the work.

This appointment is for twelve months initially from a mutually agreed start date. The post is part-time, 10 hours per week, paid pro-rata based on an annual salary of £25,624. You will have an operational budget to pay for events and expenses.

We would expect you to work two hours on Sunday morning and two four hour sessions during the week (flexible and negotiable). You will report to the Minister as line manager and Chair Person of the Project, and to the Project Steering Group and Kirk Session.

Further information about the church and parish, and an application form for this job can be found on our website [www.ckchurch.org.uk](http://www.ckchurch.org.uk). You can also get more information from our Minister, Rev Fiona Mathieson 0131 334 9774, or 07895184022 [fmathieson@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:fmathieson@churchofscotland.org.uk), or from our Joint Session Clerk, Finlay Buchanan 07742 965 432 [finlay.buchanan@gmail.com](mailto:finlay.buchanan@gmail.com)

Completed application forms, along with a full C.V. and the names and addresses of two referees should be sent to the Minister at 21 Traquair Park West, Edinburgh EH12 7AN by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### EPAD/CREATIVE EDINBURGH PRACTICE SUPPORT FUND - OPEN NOW



***This is your last chance to apply for the final round of the Practice Support Fund.***

Edinburgh Performing Arts Development (EPAD) and Creative Edinburgh are working in partnership to deliver a new Practice Support Fund for freelance artists, technicians and creatives working in the arts and creative industries in Edinburgh.

The fund is open to all freelance professional artists/creatives living in the City of Edinburgh Council area. It is funded by the City of Edinburgh Council as a one-off intervention to support creative freelancers during the current Covid-19 crisis. They welcome applications from all areas of the City of Edinburgh and are particularly keen to receive applications from those who have not received funding from other sources during the period of the Covid-19 pandemic.

You can apply for a grant of up to £500 to sustain your practice in practical ways. For more information and to make an application, please go [here](#).

**Applications close by 7pm on Monday 22 March.**

**Although I try to filter events that have passed, cancelled or changed, please check dates and times with organiser, especially during these times, thanks, Elaine**

Please email me at [elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk) if you have any community news to share.

**Preferred format is a link to your website or a jpeg or word document if possible, and I would ask you to give me as much notice of events as possible to enable local people to attend if interested.**

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