

You are invited to an open meeting to discuss The Evergreen project on

Thursday 13 June at 7pm Riddles Court, 322 Lawnmarket, Edinburgh

The Evergreen Project in Edinburgh's Old Town - building a community in words and images

The place we live is built on stories, not only its exciting and imminent history but what we and others say about the way we live now. These stories add up to the meaning of the place we call home. They provide us with a sense of who we are and why we live here. The Evergreen Project will help remind us of old stories and stimulate the telling of new ones, celebrating the local environment, local culture and how it connects with the rest of Scotland, Europe and the wider world.

What is The Evergreen?

The Evergreen is an Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust project in partnership with the University of Edinburgh and a range of educational, arts and cultural organisations. It consists of a publication in four parts – one for each season - to be published in 2014 and 2015, along with a programme of learning, skill-sharing, events and celebrations. The publication *The Evergreen: A New Season in the North* will consist of new writing (fiction, poetry and prose) and visual art. The learning programme will support the production of the publication, build local knowledge and skills and allow the whole community to get involved: residents, workers, learners, local organisations and businesses. The project will have an active web presence including on-line and e publications.

What is the bigger picture?

Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust is committed to the regeneration of the Old Town as a living community by building the knowledge and skills of the local population, improving the environment and developing community assets and businesses. Building on the tradition of Allan Ramsay and Patrick Geddes, The Evergreen forms part of the wider Word Bank project, EOTDT's vision for a community-owned publishing, writing and literacy centre in the Old Town

How can you get involved?

Participate, learn, volunteer your skills in any of the following areas: Creative Writing, Visual Arts, Design, Scottish Literature, History, Publishing, Events, Performing Arts, Natural History, Environmental Studies – and any other discipline or endeavour that helps make the city a better place to live.

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