**Settling in with the Past**

A short (five-week) discover and connect programme for people who are new to Edinburgh or those who are long-term residents and may enjoy exploring an eclectic mix of heritage and stories about characters from, and characteristics of, Auld Reekie. This programme may support developing a sense of belonging.

Settling in with the Past sessions will take place, weekly from Thursday 12 October-Thursday 16 November 2023. 3.30-5pm.

The University of Edinburgh Heritage Collections Civic Engagement team in partnership with Edinburgh Museums and Galleries.

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| Week | Date | Title & Descriptor | Venue/s |
| 1 | Thur. 12 Oct  3.30-5pm | Growing a Green City  Green living is not as new as you might think. One Edwardian Edinburgh man was passionate about the wellbeing benefits of green spaces. This session is a brief introduction to Patrick Geddes, his work in Edinburgh and his global legacy. | UoE Main Library |
| 2 | Thur. 26 Oct  3.30-5pm | Building Knowledge  In this session you will be introduced to some of the key architect alumni from the University of Edinburgh, discover some of the stories and characters that shaped University buildings in the Old Town and gain insights about the drivers that led to the development of the New Town. | UoE Main Library |
| 3 | Thur. 2 Nov  3.30-5pm | A visit to the Museum of Edinburgh this session will look at James Craig and his plans for the New Town and introduce participants to the history of Huntly House (the Museum of Edinburgh building) and its changing fortunes over the centuries. | Museum of Edinburgh  Canongate, foot of the Royal Mile |
| 4 | Thur. 9 Nov  3.30-5pm | Literary Legends  Exploration of the University’s founding activities that have contributed to Edinburgh being a UNESCO City of Literature. You will also get to view some of the University’s Rare Books Collection. | UoE Main Library |
| 5 | Thur. 16 Nov  3.15-5pm | Medicine in the City  Discover one of Scotland’s trailblazing medical women. The suffragist, war hero, teacher, and pioneer Elsie Inglis made a tremendous impact on women’s healthcare as well as Edinburgh’s unique medical history. Explore some our collection items relating to this impressive woman. | UoE Main Library with a visit to the Anatomical Museum |