



This week there are some great events coming up and a couple of membership updates (a new reception bell and membership cards) which we hope will help enhance your welcome and inclusion within the Grassmarket Community. If you have any questions about the activities and events happening at the Grassmarket Centre please phone us on 0131 225 3626 or email us at info@grassmarket.org. Have a fantastic week!

New reception bell: As the corridor to the administration office and kitchen needs to be kept clear for the ease of the catering team and quiet for events, a new bell has been installed on reception to make it easier to contact staff. If there is no reception volunteer on duty and you need assistance, please ring this bell and a member of staff will come to reception.



Membership cards: we are really excited to be launching new Grassmarket Community membership cards. We hope these will enhance the sense of belonging and emphasise that we truly value each individual's contribution to the community. We hope you will like them too! You do not need to have this card with you to attend activities at the Grassmarket Centre. It is not compulsory to have it with you at any time. It includes handy contact details for the Centre so that you can get in touch with us to book activities from wherever you are.

Cards will be given to new members upon joining to extend our welcome and help them feel included from the start. Of course we would like all current members to receive one of these too. The membership cards will be available on reception from tomorrow (Tues 15th May).

Data protection: Some of you may know that new data protection legislation is coming into force later this month. When you pick up your card we would like you to complete a data consent form. This form will explain to you how we use data at the Grassmarket Community Project. If you have any queries about your data please speak to Gillian or Hazel, who will help.

What's on this week...

Book event – A Pilgrimage of Homecoming: this talk is tomorrow (**Tues 15th May**) at **4:30pm**. The author, Alastair McIntosh, will give a talk and there is the chance to purchase his book *Poacher's Pilgrimage* at an exceptionally low price (cost) for vulnerable attendees on a low-income. The event is free and refreshments will be available. Everyone is very welcome. Please come along.



Ceilidh evening this Thursday!

CAS Trips are holding an event for International Students at the Grassmarket this Centre and have invited us all to join them at a ceilidh evening on **Thursday at 7:15pm**. Members are very welcome and encouraged to come along and enjoy the music and dancing. The last ceilidh event was great fun and we really hope to see some of you there!

Picture House:



Poppies for Peace, Mon 14th May, 7pm *A thought provoking film reflecting on the current state of the World 100 years since: “the War to End All Wars”. This film, a tribute to Harry Patch (1898-2009), last surviving soldier of WW1 asks: “Has their sacrifice been betrayed by our failure to end war?”*

Please note: film contains archive footage of WW1 and stills taken from subsequent wars.



Dunkirk, Mon 21st May, 7pm *In May 1940, Germany advanced into France, trapping Allied troops on the beaches of Dunkirk. Under air and ground cover troops were slowly evacuated from the beach using every serviceable naval and civilian vessel that could be found. “Christopher Nolan’s first history movie is bold, visceral and powerful, with many moving scenes” – Plugged In*

Grassmarket Tartans: If you have a ½ day or full day free on a Monday then why not volunteer for our award winning tartan Social Enterprise? You will feel part of a small team/family of volunteers. You will learn skills, develop your confidence and creativity. The group make things for the International Film Festival, as well Walker Slater Tailors/shop. Last year we won an International Trade Award for the products we made and sold to 7 countries via our e-commerce website. We have recently made products given by the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon to the Chinese Government and the President of South Africa!



We believe in developing the team and engaging in educational as well as fun trips and activities – all FREE to celebrate everyone’s achievements. In the last two years this has included: a three-day trip to London, a day at New Lanark, to the Isle of Bute and recently aboard the Walter Scott paddle steamship on Loch Katrine. All free and all part of being part of this wonderful award winning team.

Help us grow our social enterprise whilst growing your own confidence, volunteering and employability skills! Or simply enjoy being part of this wonderful team. No experience necessary. Just commitment and the willingness to work together. Get in touch now with volunteer@grassmarket.org or speak to David or sign up at reception.