to tamilies in Leith



Welcome

A warm welcome to all parents of young children in Leith.

This booklet contains information on what resources are available for parents/carers in the area. Originally put together by parents of young children in Leith, it has been updated by the North East Edinburgh Early Years Neighbourhood Forum.

We hope the information will be helpful to you.



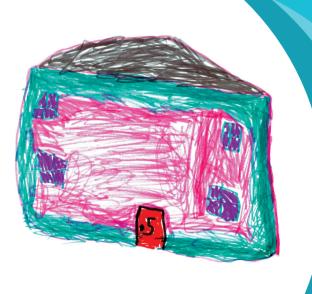
Most venues listed are wheelchair accessible but please phone to confirm.

For an online version: www.drbellsleith.org.uk

Contents

School, Pre-school and Childcare Provision	Page 4
Activities for Children	Page 8
Adult Education, Training and Employment	Page 14
Support, Information and Resources	Page 20
Parent & Toddler Groups and Playgroups	Page 28
Community Centres, Health and Social Work	Page 32
Acknowledgements	Page 36
Map	Page 38





Council Schools, Nurseries/Early Years Centres

City of Edinburgh Council Early Years Service

529 2103

For a full list of council and private nurseries, Surestart organisations, After School Clubs and PEEP groups, visit www.edinburgh.gov.uk/earlyyears

Childcare Information Service

0800 032 0323

Free, impartial service providing information on registered childcare throughout the city www.scottishchildcare.gov.uk

Abbeyhill Primary School/Nursery 661 3054

Abbey Street

www.abbeyhill.edin.sch.uk

Broughton Primary School/Nursery 556 7028

Broughton Road

www.broughton-pri.edin.sch.uk

Craigentinny Primary School/Nursery 661 2749

Loganlea Drive

www.craigentinny.edin.sch.uk





Fort Early Years Centre

554 4077

North Fort Street

Access to group care, pre-school, day care and outreach support for children under 8 and their families

Hermitage Park Primary School/Nursery 554 2952

Hermitage Park

www.hermitagepark.edin.sch.uk

Holy Cross RC Primary School/Nursery 552 1972

Craighall Road

www.holycross.edin.sch.uk

Leith Primary School/Nursery 554 4844

St Andrews Place

www.leith-pri.edin.sch.uk

Leith Walk Primary School/Nursery 556 3873

Brunswick Road

www.leithwalk.edin.sch.uk

Lorne Primary School/Nursery 554 2308

Lorne Street

www.lorne.edin.sch.uk

Pilrig Child and Family Centre 554 3040

102 Pilrig Street

Child and Family Centres provide access to group care, day care and outreach support for children under 8 and their families.

Stanwell Nursery School

554 1309

Junction Place

www.stanwell-nur.edin.sch.uk

St Mary's RC Primary School/Nursery 554 7291

Links Gardens

www.stmarysleith.org

St Ninian's RC Primary School/Nursery 661 3431

Restalrig Road South

www.st-ninians.edin.sch.uk

Trinity Primary School 554 2062

Newhaven Road

www.trinity-pri.edin.sch.uk

Victoria Primary School

476 7306

Newhaven Main Street www.victoria.edin.sch.uk

Community Nursery & Creche Facilities

Leith Academy Community Nursery

554 0606

For children under 5 years. Full or part time childcare for parents who live, work or train in the Leith area.

Dr Bell's Family Centre

553 0100

Quality, affordable creche. Call Dr Bell's Family Centre to register/book.

Drummond Community High School Creche

556 2651

Offers childcare for most of the adult education day time programme and for study in the library.
Also operates a playgroup for ages 2-5 (waiting list).





Libraries

Libraries welcome families with young children and membership is free. Bookbug sessions are available for families with babies and young children. For more information about Bookbug, contact your local library.

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/469/libraries_for_children_and_babies

Libraries in Leith and surrounding areas:

Granton Library	529 5630
Leith Library	529 5517
McDonald Road Library	529 5636
Piershill Library	529 5685
Stockbridge Library	529 5665





Activities for children are available at:

Leith Community Centre www.leithcommunitycentre.com	554 4750
Dance Base (Thomas Morton Hall) www.dancebase.co.uk	225 5525
Duncan Place Resource Centre www.duncan-place.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk	554 1509
Pilmeny Youth Centre www.pilmeny.co.uk	554 0953
Citadel www.citadelyouthcentre.org.uk	554 0510
Fort Community Wing www.joininedinburgh.org/fort	553 1074
Craigentinny Community Centre www.joininedinburgh.org/craigentinny	661 8188
Restalrig Lochend Community Hub www.rippleproject.co.uk	554 0422

Nuseums

FREE

National Museum of Scotland 0300 123 6789

Natural world, world cultures, art and design, science and technology and Scottish history Family activities and interactive galleries for children of all ages.

Museum of Childhood

529 4142

A fun family day out. Young people can learn about the past while adults enjoy a trip down memory lane. www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/museum-of-childhood

For information on the museums, galleries and monuments owned and managed by the City of Edinburgh Council, visit:

www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk

10



Activities for Children



Soft Play Areas

Ceramic Experience 554 4455
118 Ocean Drive EH6 6JB
www.theceramicexperience.co.uk

Clown Around 553 7676
109 Restalrig Road EH6 7NY
www.clownground.me.uk

Meadowbank Sports Centre
139-143 London Road EH7 6AE
www.edinburghleisure.co.uk/list-59

Swimming

Ainslie Park Leisure Centre 551 2400
Commonwealth Pool 667 7211
Glenogle Swim Centre 343 6376
Leith Victoria Swim Centre 555 4728
Portobello Swim Centre 669 6888

For additional information, visit: www.edinburghleisure.co.uk

Cycling and Walking

FREE

For a list of cycle-paths and walkways in and around Edinburah, visit:

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/1504/walking_and_cycling

Playgrounds, parks & gardens

Royal Botanic Garden

552 7171

One of the world's finest Botanic Gardens. Great for walks with young children. Family events throughout the year. www.rbge.org.uk

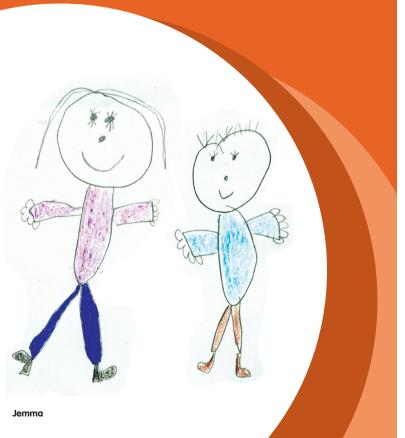
The Yard 476 4506

Adventure playground for children with special needs. 70 Eyre Place www.thevardscotland.ora.uk

For a list of playgrounds in Edinburgh, visit:

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/495/parks_gardens_and_open_spaces/764/play_areas

Adult Education, Training and Employment



Adult Education classes

469 3250

City-wide and community-based adult education classes www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/284 /adult_and_community_education

Bethany Christian Trust switchboard - 561 8930 community education - 454 3119

Learning opportunities for homeless & vulnerable people. www.bethanychristiantrust.com

Community Employability

332 5016

Offers help with CV preparation, interview coaching, action planning and goal setting.

Community Learning & Development Centre Programmes

Community Centres offer varied Adult Education programmes. Some daytime classes are supported with free creche.

Duncan Place Resource Centre
Leith Community Centre
Fort Community Wing
See also page 24

554 1509
554 4750
553 1074

Connected 557 7913

Pathways into Education, Training and Employment for vulnerable people of all ages. www.foursquare.org.uk

Dance Base

225 5525

A variety of courses available from ballet, contemporary jazz and street etc. Classes suitable from 18 months to 60+.

www.dancebase.co.uk





Adult Education, Training and Employment



Drummond Community High School 556 2651

Offers a range of adult education classes.

www.drummond.edin.sch.uk

Edinburgh Literacies free helpline - 0800 085 7672 (formerly CLAN) local - 554 9951

Free reading, writing & number courses for adults Local contact: Duncan Place Resource Centre www.edinburahliteracies.org.uk

English for Speakers of Other Languages

Stevenson College Community-Based ESOL,
Duncan Place Resource Centre 535 4630

City of Edinburgh Council

- various locations **0800 085 7672**Jewel & Esk college at Milton Road **344 7237**

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/esol has a calendar of ESOL classes and courses cross the city.

Family Learning opportunities 555 6035

The Community Learning & Development service offers a range of Family Learning workshops, courses and events for parents and/or parents and children together. Contact CL&D on the above number, or your child's school/Early Years setting.

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/284/adult_and_community_information

Get On 0800 917 4244

Information on adult learning, training, employment, volunteering and other city-wide support services in Edinburgh. www.geton-edinburgh.org.uk

Hibernian Learning Centre

656 7062

Learning centre within $\bar{\text{E}}$ aster Road Stadium for people of all ages seeking to enhance their IT, literacy and numeracy skills.

www.hibernianinthecommunity.org.uk/learning

Intowork

475 2600

Supported employment services to people with disabilities. www.intowork.org.uk

Jewel and Esk college

344 7100

A range of full time, part time, evening, flexible learning and community based courses from campuses in Edinburgh and Midlothian and in the community. www.jec.ac.uk

Jobcentre Plus Leith

0845 604 3719

199 Commercial Street EH6 6QP (call charges apply)

Learn Direct Scotland

0800 100 9000

Independent, free advice on adult further education courses, training and funding in Scotland.

www.learndirectscotland.co.uk

Learning Link (Scotland)

553 7992

National organisation providing information about local adult education organisations and resources. www.learninglinkscotland.org.uk

Leith Academy Community School

553 2810

Offers a range of adult education classes. www.leith.edin.sch.uk



. 1/2

Leith School of Art

554 5761

A range of day & evening art classes, courses and workshops. www.leithschoolofart.co.uk

North Edinburgh Childcare

332 8001

Provides a range of childcare training in Early Years and Playwork.

www.northedinburghchildcare.co.uk

Play-Base

554 8873

Provides introductory courses aimed specifically at parents/carers and potential childcare workers. www.playbase.org.uk

Skillnet Edinburgh

475 2451

Provides training and adult guidance to empower black and minority ethnic people, helping them access sustainable employment, education and training. www.skillnetedinburgh.org.uk

Skills Development Scotland 08458 502 502

Careers advice and guidance for all ages including redundancy help and learning advice. www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk

Telford College

559 4000

Offers a variety of subjects from introductory to degree level. This includes full or part-time, evening and Saturday classes and Open Learning.

www.ed-coll.ac.uk

Volunteer Centre Edinburgh

225 0630

Connects people to volunteering opportunities and provides advice and information. Volunteering advisers are available in the city centre and in 'hubs' around Edinburgh. www.volunteeredinburgh.org.uk

Women Onto Work

662 4514

Provides pre-vocational training to women who have been out of work for over a year.

www.womenontowork.org

Working for Families

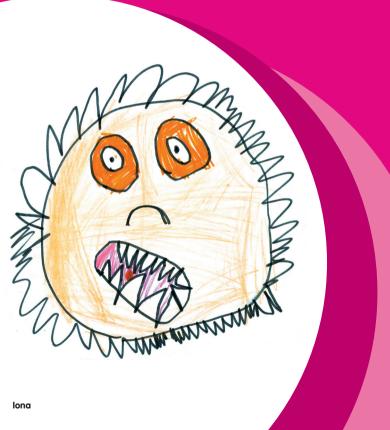
0800 432 0044

Supports eligible parents/carers who are working, wanting to work or who want to access training, work placements, volunteering or other relevant opportunities. Also provides help and support with childcare options.

www.edinburahworkinafamilies.org.uk

For more information on adult learning, training, employment, volunteering and other city-wide support services in Edinburgh go to: www.geton-edinburgh.org.uk or call into the local Get On information point at Leith Community Centre, Mondays and Wednesdays from 1pm-5pm 0800 917 4244





BumpStart

536 6340

Pregnancy & Family Support Project

Pregnancy and antenatal education, support and community linking.

Changeworks

555 4010

Inspiring change for people and the environment. Practical support to reuse and recycle.

www.changeworks.org.uk

Changeworks Energy Saving 0800 512 012 Scotland Advice Centre

Advice and support to help lower fuel bills and to make your home warmer.

www.changeworks.org.uk

Child Support Agency Advice Line

08457 133 133

www.direct.gov.uk

Citizens' Advice Bureau (Leith) www.cas.ora.uk

554 8144

Dr Bells Family Centre

553 0100

Provides a range of facilities and support for local families and children including a crèche, café area, advice surgeries, Asian Women's Group, parenting groupwork and counselling/wellbeing services.

www.drbellsleith.org.uk

Edinburgh Advice Shop

200 2360

85-87 South Bridge, EH1 1HN

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/335/community_advice



Support, Information and Resources

. 14

Edinburgh Housing Advice Partnership

0845 302 4607

Provides free housing advice, information and representation to Edinburgh residents.

www.ehap.org.uk

Edinburgh Women's Aid

315 8110

Confidential information, support and/or refuge for women experiencing domestic abuse.

www.edinwomensaid.co.uk

Family Mediation Lothian

226 4507

Aims to help parents and children going through separation and divorce.

www.familymediationlothian.co.uk

Firsthand

557 3121

Provides a sitting service and support to families, especially lone parents and carers of disabled children. www.firsthand-edinburgh.org.uk

FourSquare

557 7930

Services for homeless and vulnerable people of all ages. www.foursquare.org.uk

Gingerbread

478 1391

Provides information and advice for lone parents on a range of financial, legal and childcare issues. www.gingerbreadchildcare.org.uk

Harbour Project

552 0305

Supports families affected by drugs & alcohol. www.circlescotland.org

Home-Start

553 7819

Leith & North East Edinburgh

Supports families with children aged 5 and under providing volunteer support to individual families and groupwork support. www.homestartleith.org.uk

Lifeline Pregnancy

557 2060

Offers pregnancy counselling and care. www.lifelinecounselling.org

Link Up Women's Support Centre 661 9292

A support service for women in NE Edinburgh which includes groupwork, crèche and counselling services aiming to provide a safe, caring environment in the community. www.link-upsupport.co.uk

Multi-Cultural Family Base

467 7052

Provides a range of services to support children, young people and families in need.

www.mcfb.org.uk

North East Edinburgh Counselling Service

557 4478

Offers individual counselling to local people on both short term and longer term basis.

www.neecscounselling.org.uk





One Parent Families Scotland 0808 801 0323

Provides a range of information and advice on a variety of topics such as benefits, housing, holidays and parenting issues.

www.opfs.org.uk

Out Of The Blue Drill Hall

555 7100

Studios, production space, weekly classes, events, exhibitions, projects and a community café in Dalmeny Street. Accessible and child friendly. www.outoftheblue.org.uk

Parentline Scotland

0800 028 2233

Free & confidential advice on parenting issues. www.children1st.org.uk

PEEP 529 2103

PEEP groups are available for parents and children in various places in Leith. This programme aims to support parents and carers from birth to age 5 to encourage their child's development and learning through everyday fun activities in a group or at home. To find out out about these groups contact the City of Edinburgh Council Early Years Service on the above number.

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/earlyyears

Post Natal Depression Services 538 7288

Offers a variety of individual and groupwork support. www.crossreach.org.uk/node/317

Raising Children with Confidence

This course aims to give parents/carers the chance to explore emotional well-being and how we can best promote it in ourselves and our children. For more information on courses in the area contact your child's school or early years setting or look on the website. www.growingconfidence.org

Ripple Project

554 0422

Offers a wide range of support and leisure services and activities for all ages including children's drama group, youth provision, child mentoring and confidential listening support for adults in difficulty.

Saheliya

556 9302

A safe, confidential service that supports the mental health and well-being of black and minority ethnic women, including counselling, one-to-one and group support, befriending and therapies.

www.saheliya.org.uk

Shakti Women's Aid

475 2399

Provides support, advocacy and information to all black and minority ethnic women, children and young people experiencing and/or fleeing domestic abuse. www.shaktiedinburgh.co.uk

Sikh Sanjog

553 4737

Supports Sikh and other BME women and their families through a variety of activities, including training and volunteering opportunities at the Punjab 'N De Rasoi café'. www.sikhsanjog.com



Support, Information and Resources



Stepfamily Scotland

623 8951

Support and information for all members of stepfamilies.

0845 122 8655

www.stepfamilyscotland.org.uk

Underground Project

www.turningpointscotland.com

Turning Point Leith

Sunflower Garden Project

220 2488

Infant massage, story-telling, music & play therapy for children affected by drug misuse. www.crossreach.org.uk/node/189

Swietlica Migrant Drop-In

Weekly activities for Polish children aged 6-10 (6-7.30pm). Weekly and open to all nationalities: English, chess club. women's crafts, hate crime reporting, choir & housing advice. North Fort St., EH6 4HF.

For more information e-mail info@swietlica.ora.uk www.swietlica.net

The Citadel Youth Centre

554 0510

Offers local children & young people aged 6-21yrs opportunities for fun, meeting friends, trying new things with experienced youth workers there for help and support. Includes support for young parents.

www.citadelyouthcentre.org.uk

The Junction

553 0570

Safe, friendly, confidential centre which offers lots of health related services, education and support for young people in Leith and North East Edinburgh aged 12-21.

www.the-iunction.ora

0800 781 1245

554 7516

Offers support to young parents.

557 4059

www.rocktrust.org/rocktrust/vouth-development/ underground

Free and confidential service for people 0800 652 3757

in NE Edinburgh who have drug or alcohol related problems.

Victim Support Helpline

0845 603 9213

Support & information for victims, witnesses and others affected by crime.

www.victimsupportsco.org.uk

YMCA Edinburah at the Leith Acorn Centre

553 7877

Offers a variety services and facilities for families in Leith, including a women's group with creche. www.ymcaedinburgh.com

For up-to-date information on adult learning, training, employment, volunteering and other services in Edinburgh go to: www.geton-edinburgh.org.uk or call into the local Get On information point at Leith Community Centre, Mondays and Wednesdays from 1pm-5pm 0800 917 4244

For more information about local projects for families, contact www.drbellsleith.org.uk



Parent & Toddler Groups and Playgroups



Parent & Toddler Groups

Abbeyhill Baptist Church 22 Elgin Terrace	557 4110
Christadelphian Church 4 Gayfield Place	556 7958
Clown Around Toddler Group 109 Restalrig Road	553 7676
Duncan Place Resource Centre Duncan Place	554 1509
Holyrood Abbey Church 83 London Road	661 6002
Inverleith Toddlers Inverleith Church, Ferry Road	552 3874
Leith Community Centre Kirkgate	554 4750
Leith St Andrews 410 Easter Road	553 8839
Little Leithers Destiny Church, Casselbank Street	555 2707
North Leith Parish Church Madeira Street	553 7378



Parent & Toddler Groups and Playgroups



Pilmenny Playgroup	554 0953
44 Buchannan Street	

Ripple Project 554 0422

48 Restalrig Road South

South Leith Church Toddler Group 554 2578 6 Henderson Street 07538 325288

St Andy's Teeny Tots
St Andrew's Church, Easter Road
553 8839/554 7695

St Paul's & St George's 556 1335

46 York Place

Toddle-In 554 3040 Pilrig Child & Family Centre

102 Pilrig Street

Toddler Play Group 07738 090 396

Calton Centre

www.knotstressed.com

Toddlers At The Hub 554 0422

198 Restalrig Road

Trinity Toddlers 07712 576469

Holy Cross Primary School, Craighall Road

Wee Stars 554 2482

St Mary's Star of the Sea Church, 106 Constitution Street

Playgroups (ages $2^{1/2}$ – to pre-school)

Please phone for availability and times

Acorn Club 552 3874

Inverleith Church

www.craigtinnycastleplaygroup.btik.com

Craigentinny Castle Playroup 661 8188

Craigentinny Community Centre

www.craigtinnycastleplaygroup.btik.com

Leith St Andrews Playgroup 07792 493359

Foot of Easter Road

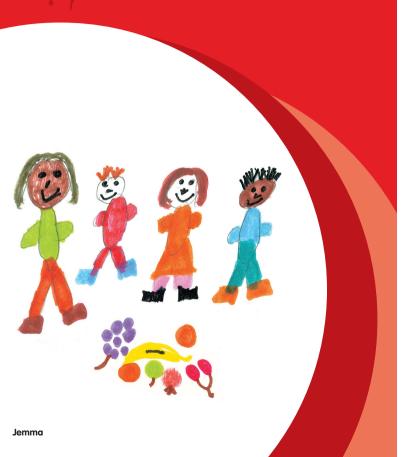
www.leithstandrews.org/4.html

St Mary's Playgroup 556 1634

63 East London Street

30





Food Co-ops, Projects and Cafes

Food co-op stalls sell fresh fruit, vegetables and other items at affordable prices. Phone for opening times.

Abbeyhill Food Co-op

652 1589

Abbeycourt, 10/14 Abbey Street EH7 5XN (open Mon 10am-12noon)

Craighall Food Co-op

551 2194/551 6428

Craighall Day Centre, 210 Ferry Road EH6 4RB (open Tues 10am-2pm)

Lochend Food Co-op

554 0422

The Hub, 198 Lochend Road South (open Fri 10am-12.30pm)

Edinburgh Community Cafes

467 7326

A network of Community Cafes across Edinburgh.

Low priced, healthy food. Loyalty cards available. Cafes in Leith include: PercuUp (South Leith Parish Church Hall), Drill Hall (Dalmeny Street), Dr Bells (Junction Place), Punjab N' De Rasoi (Leith Walk).

www.edinburghcommunity cafes.org.uk

Edinburgh Community Food

467 7326

To get people into healthy food, and healthy food into people.

For information about healthy eating, cooking classes, food hygiene, food & health courses and food co-ops. www.edinburghcommunityfood.org.uk



Community Centres, Health and Social Work

Community Centres

Edinburgh's community centres provide educational, social and leisure opportunities – formal and informal – in partnership with local people.

Duncan Place Resource Centre 554 1509

Large centre which runs adult education classes, community groups (including Parent & Toddler group) and a youth work programme. Group rooms, drama studio, crèche and computer suite available. 4 Duncan Place www.duncan-place.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk

Fort Community Wing

Community centre with a variety of activities for all people of all ages. Gym hall, multi purpose rooms and free internet access available. North Fort Street

553 1074

Leith Community Centre 554 4750

Large centre with halls, multi-purpose rooms, crèche and cafeteria. Portable computer suite, computer classes and free internet access available as well as youth provision. GET ON information point. New Kirkgate

Craigentinny Community Centre 661 8188

Housed partly in Craigentinny Castle and partly in a modern wing. Includes two halls, a lounge, kitchen, offices and general purpose rooms. The Centre has a variety of activities including youth work, Adult Education and services for Older People.

For more information on Community Centre programmes, go to www.edinburgh.gov.uk/community

Restalrig Lochend Community Hub 554 0422

Vibrant centre of community activity. Classes and groups for all ages, employment, benefits and rent arrears advice and community cafe.

Health Centres and Health Visitors' Phone Numbers

467 7007
556 2642
556 8842
554 6471
561 1900
554 1036
454 2110
554 1274

Social Work

Social work emergency 0800 731 6969

Acknowledgements

This booklet has been updated by the Engaging with Parents sub-group of the North East Edinburgh Early Years Neighbourhood Forum:

City of Edinburgh Council Community Learning & Development, Working for Families, Home-Start Leith & North East Edinburgh, Edinburgh Community Food, Bookbug Leith, Dr Bell's Family Centre, Bump Start, Leith Primary Nursery and Stanwell Nursery School.

This booklet was originally designed and developed by a group of local parents with support from group tutors, Community Learning & Development, 16K Design and Leith Under 5's & Families Forum.

Thanks to the parents: Lee Campbell, Liz McCallum, Christine McEvoy, Lynn McNulty, Janet McWhirter, Ola Mroczkowska, Maggie O'Malley, Evelyn Quaisen, Maryann Riddell.
Without you it would not have been possible!

Booklet Design by: The 16K Design Works www.16kdesign.com

Thanks to the following for their funding:













You can get this document on tape, in Braille, large print and various computer formats if you ask us. Please contact Interpretation and Translation Service (ITS) on 0131 242 8181 and quote reference number 11337. ITS can also give information on community language translations. You can get

more copies of this document by calling 0131 555 6035.

lan



আনন্দের সঙ্গে অনুবাদ করব کالے حاضر