

# PATRICK GEDDES CENTRE

Edinburgh's Old Town

'By Living We Learn' An Introduction to our work



## A Unique Learning Centre for All

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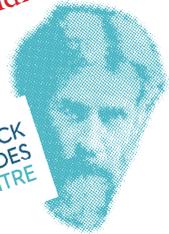


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Riddle's Court, 322 Lawnmarket, Edinburgh 0131 220 1232

The Patrick Geddes Centre will be a world class centre for learning. A place steeped in history, culture and architectural wonder—the centre is inspired by Geddes' educational philosophy, 'Heart and Hand'.



## Who was Patrick Geddes?

Patrick Geddes was a Scot, born in 1854 in Ballater, Aberdeenshire who died in Montpellier, Provence in 1932. Though Geddes lectured for many years at Edinburgh and Dundee in Botany, he was far better known as a sociologist in India, a town planner in Jerusalem, and for his work at Camera Obscura and at Riddle's Court as a promoter of good causes for the benefit of mankind.

Geddes made connections; between people and buildings, places, and the planet, between culture and place, between arts and science, avoiding specialisms for a generalists perspective. His influence was inspiring and will endure.



## What's on at the Patrick Geddes Centre

# TOURS

exploring the life and times  
of Patrick Geddes

### Life and Times of Riddle's Court

**Mondays 10am - 1pm**

**£7 / £5 Concessions (OAPs / students)**

As you walk round, the guides will bring to life the history of the building and the many colourful characters who have occupied it and left their mark. You will learn a little about Patrick Geddes, whose life and work are the focus of a major learning centre at Riddle's Court.

### Geddes Land Walking Tour

**Wednesdays 10am - 12pm**

**£5 / £x Concessions (OAPs / students)**

The tour takes in a range of buildings and places where Patrick Geddes influence can be seen including the Outlook Tower, Ramsey Gardens, Lady Stairs Close and James Court. These walks are led by experienced Edinburgh Festival Voluntary Guides with whom the Centre partners.

### The Geddes Experience

**Fridays 9.30am - 1pm**

**£12 / £9 Concessions (OAPs / students)**

The definitive Geddes experience! Starting with a tour of Riddle's Court, with a distinctively PG flavour. This tour is led by a well known Geddesian expert, moves on to explore how Patrick Geddes influenced the buildings and shape of parts of the Old Town, the Ramsey Garden, the Outlook Tower, to small urban gardens. It will include a 30 minute break at our own café, itself rich in Geddesian material.

# LECTURES

study days and  
schools programmes

## Study Days and Events

From organised visits and talks at the Botanic Garden to lectures on Geddes at Edinburgh University, the centre offers a range of stimulating study days throughout the year. Check the website for the latest details.

## Public Lecture Programme

The Centre runs a series of talks led by nationally recognised experts on Geddesian themes. The autumn series will be announced in late August.

## Partnership Programme

The Centre is proud to be working with a number of partners including Edinburgh University, Newbattle Abbey College and Edinburgh Council to support the delivery of an exciting range of educational programmes. Full details are available on the website.

## Schools Programme

Our Education Officer, in collaboration with local teachers, has devised a range of hands on learning experiences here at Riddle's Court which are inspired both by the history of the building and the work of Patrick Geddes. For more information contact [russell@shbt.org.uk](mailto:russell@shbt.org.uk)

The Centre aims to promote the life and work of Patrick Geddes through events, talks, publications and discussions.



## Education Officer

Our Education Officer works with schools, higher education partners, and community groups to help foster a greater awareness and understanding of Patrick Geddes work and the history of Riddle's Court. The Centre also supports such organisations in their wider educational activities.

## Venue Hire

Whether you are looking to host a conference, important meeting, wedding, private dinner or party Riddle's Court offers a unique venue for special events.

[events@riddlescourt.org.uk](mailto:events@riddlescourt.org.uk)

## Digital Library

Our digital library is a resource offering open access to material prepared by staff at the Centre covering a wide range of topics relating to the life and work of Patrick Geddes. We are also grateful to a number of external contributors who have supplied documents and material for you to enjoy.

[www.patrickgeddescentre.org.uk](http://www.patrickgeddescentre.org.uk)

## Scott's Bakehouse

From delicious soups to scones and cakes Scott's offers a tasty menu to suit your pocket. Both the menu and layout of the bakehouse takes inspiration from Geddes approaches, so do pop in and explore.

[www.scottsbakehouse.com](http://www.scottsbakehouse.com)



Contact us to discuss your needs

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## Find us

Riddle's Court is located in the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town only 5 minutes walk from Edinburgh Waverley Station and a short journey from Edinburgh International Airport. Convenient for taxi drop off and pick up on Lawnmarket.

The building is designed to meet those with special needs, so please call to make arrangements.

