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.
Study Days and Events
From organised visits and talks at the Botanics 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
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.

**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

**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

**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.scottsbaakehouse.com
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.