



Look Who's Talking



John Connolly is Manager of Oxfam's flagship bookshop in Byres Road, Glasgow, and Bookfest organiser.

What is Bookfest?

As the biggest retailer of second-hand books in Europe, Oxfam decided to hold Bookfest to celebrate all things to do with books. Between 4th and 18th July, shops and volunteers will be having a host of book-related events. Bookfest celebrates Oxfam's passion for books.

What have you done in the run up to Bookfest?

Shop teams have been preparing for Bookfest for months. A book drive was launched in May and here in Scotland author Anne Donovan asked the public to bring us more books. The target was an ambitious 500,000 books for the whole of the UK but people have been very generous and we have had 750,000 books donated!

Give us a flavour of events happening in Scotland.

Two main events are Oxfam Bookfest Glasgow on the 8th July in Glasgow at

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the City Chambers and the Ox-tales Launch at the Playfair Library at Edinburgh University on the 10th July .

Shops around Scotland will be running events from recommendations for holiday reading to a forensics night with Strathclyde Police. Some shops like Helensburgh are having a poetry evening with the local writers' circle. East Dunbartonshire shops have been running a short story competition with a signed folio edition of Ox-Tales as prize.

What do you hope to achieve from Bookfest?

We hope to raise awareness of Oxfam shops as a first destination for quality, pre-loved books. In doing so we hope to raise even more money this year for Oxfam's work. It's also another platform for us to highlight to our customer base some of the work we do in educational fields such as literacy projects and library funding.

What role do Oxfam Bookshops play in helping the organisation's work?

Oxfam sells around 11 million books a year so we play a big part in supporting Oxfam's work. The 750,000 donated in the recent book drive could raise as much £1.2 million – enough to fund education programmes for more than 9500 children orphaned by HIV and

AIDS in Zambia or to ensure safe water for over 1.5 million people. Find a Bookfest event near you on the Oxfam Scotland website. ■

Of course, before heading to Edinburgh on the 10th, you'll be going to the Bookfest in Glasgow City Chambers on 8th July, so while you're there, why not check out the Big Write desk?



A hand-written letter carries a lot of weight with politicians, so choose the Oxfam campaign topic you'd like to bring to the attention of your MP or MSP, and we will provide paper, pens, and any help you want in identifying your MP/MSP and composing your letter. ■

July dates:

Glasgow City Chambers Big Read and Write, Wed. 8th
Edinburgh Uni, Playfair Library: Ox-Tales, Fri 10th

Holyrood to Hollywood

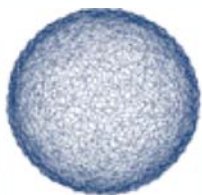
Scotland has laid down a challenge to the rest of the world by passing the most ambitious climate change legislation of any industrialised nation. And film star turned politician, Arnold Schwarzenegger, has backed it. On Wednesday June 24, described by Mike Robinson, Chair of Stop Climate Chaos Scotland, as a "truly momentous day", the Scottish Parliament agreed unanimously to cut the country's emissions by 42% by 2020, and at least 80% by 2050, setting the benchmark for the rest of the world



ahead of this year's UN Climate Change summit at Copenhagen.

Schwarzenegger said: "Scotland's ambitious and comprehensive targets encourage other nations to step up to the plate as we look toward an international agreement in Copenhagen, and it sends a message to the world that we must act now and we must act swiftly."

www.oxfam.org.uk/scotland and www.stopclimatechaos.org/scotland ■



## COPENHAGEN COUNTDOWN

On 9th July there will  
be just  
**150 days to go!**

COP15  
COPENHAGEN

In **Glasgow** on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, the **Stop Climate Chaos Scotland** coalition, which includes Oxfam, will hold the biggest march on climate change ever to take place in Scotland.

Please start organizing your family and friends to make sure there is a massive turnout.

The excellent result achieved on the Scottish Climate Bill needs to be translated into global action, and Scotland now has the political authority to lead.

Watch this space for updates, or email [gail@stopclimatechaosscotland.org](mailto:gail@stopclimatechaosscotland.org) to be added to the mailing list. ■

**In the News...**

### Cardboard oven puts cows' gas on a peep!

A solar-powered cardboard oven made in Kenya won this year's Financial Times Climate Challenge, pushing into second place the animal feed additive Mootral, which reduces methane produced by cattle.

The oven costs only £3.40 to make, and eliminates the need for wood burning, which, through smoke inhalation, **kills more children than malaria.**

[www.ft.com/indepth/climatechallenge](http://www.ft.com/indepth/climatechallenge)

See Practical Action '[Smoke](#)' campaign ■

# Gee Whizz!!

## Your user-friendly guide to the 'G's

So what's the difference between the G8 and G20? And what's the G8+5? Here's our run-down of how the groups are set up.

### G8

The Group of Eight, or G8, consists of the 8 most industrialised countries in the world: UK, Italy, Canada, France, US, Russia, Germany and Japan. The purpose and main aims of the G8 are to; boost cooperation over trade and finance, strengthen the global economy, promote peace and democracy and prevent and resolve conflicts. The leaders meet face-to-face at an annual summit hosted by each country in turn. The last time the UK hosted the G8 was in Gleneagles in 2005.

**Next meeting: Italy July 2009.**



### G8+5

The G8+5 is the same G8 group plus the heads of the five leading emerging economies; Brazil, China, Mexico, India and South Africa. This group was formed at the 2005 Gleneagles Summit when Tony Blair invited these developing countries to join the talks in the hope of a more representative discussion.

### G20

The Group of Twenty (G20) of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors was established in 1999 to bring together industrialised and developing economies to discuss key issues in the global economy. The group is made up of representatives from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the UK and US.

The first meeting of the G20 took place in Berlin in December 1999 and was hosted by the German and Canadian finance ministers.

The G20 is an informal forum that promotes open and constructive discussion on key issues related to global economic stability. The G-20 aims to help support growth and development across the globe.

**Next meeting: St Andrews, November 2009.** ■



As part of its first ever **Bookfest**

Oxfam is hosting an all day event on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** at **Glasgow City Chambers**.

Readings, poetry and children's events! Taking part will be **Margaret Thomson Davis, Karen Campbell, Liz Lohead** and many more. Tickets (**£4-£8**) are on sale at the Byres Road Bookshop and other Oxfam shops. Children's morning event is **free**.



**Ox-Tales** is a short story quartet

exploring the elements. Don't miss

**Ox-tales in Scotland,**

**Friday 10 July, Playfair Library,**  
Edinburgh University.

Live readings by **Kate Atkinson,**

"*Lucky We Live Now*" and

**Michel Faber** "*Walking after Midnight*".

Recordings of contributions by  
Alexander McCall Smith and Ian Rankin.

Doors: 6:30 for 7pm. Tickets: £7.50 (from  
all Edinburgh Oxfam shops).

See the [website](#) for a **Bookfest** event  
near you ■

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