

Social events 2025 – 2026 normally on the first Tuesday of the month

Meet at 10.00am for coffee. For other events, times are shown below.

- 2 September 2025** **10.00** Coffee: Dovecot Café, 10 Infirmary Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1LT
- Possible to attend exhibition(s):
IKEA Magical patterns and/or Victoria Crowe: Shifting Surfaces
- 27 September (Saturday)** **12.30** for drinks reception -lunch at 1pm. 150th QMU anniversary lunch celebration, Royal Scots Club, 29 – 31 Abercromby Place, Edinburgh EH3 6QE. We have a few places left and would encourage you to consider joining us for this very special event. Please email Claire Seaman at claire_seaman@hotmail.co.uk to book a place.
- Optional tour of campus to see new art installation, award winning learning hub etc. on **Sunday 28th** at 10.45 with coffee and refreshments. Please inform Claire Seaman at claire_seaman@hotmail.co.uk if wish to join tour of campus.
- 7 October 2025** **10.00** Coffee: The Palmerston, 1 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh EH12 5AF. This venue to be confirmed soon.
- QMU history. Possible to meet with colleagues to visit our institution's first location at Atholl Crescent (our base from 1891 to 1970, now Gillespie MacAndrew) and hear fond memories from members. Elaine Acaster and Cecilia Young have kindly offered to share their experiences.
- Please email Carol at cbrennan@qmu.ac.uk if you would like to be a named contributor for this event. It would also be helpful to know who would like to join us for this event. Please email cbrennan@qmu.ac.uk to indicate your interest in joining us for the event.
- 4 November 2025** Coffee: Newhailes Café, The Courtyard, Newhailes house and gardens (National Trust Property), Newhailes Road, Musselburgh EH21 6RY
- Organised 1 hour tour of the house: Palladian house that played a prominent role in the Scottish Enlightenment.
- Cost: Adult: £16, Concession £13, National Trust for Scotland members Free

We would like to encourage you to consider signing up for this tour by emailing Carol Brennan cbrennan@qmu.ac.uk by **31 August** to help with planning guides for the tour(s).

There is also a second-hand book shop which may be of interest.

2 December 2025

12.00 Christmas lunch at the Royal Scots club,
29 – 31 Abercromby Place, Edinburgh EH3 6QE

We will share the menu nearer the time. £41.50 per person. 20 places will be available for the lunch.

6 January 2026

10.00 Coffee at the Portrait Gallery, 1 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JD

Possible viewing of the collection and/or exhibition

3 February 2026

12.00 lunch: Leonardo Hotel Edinburgh Murrayfield, 187 Clermiston Road, EH12 6UG (previously The Fox Covert Hotel)
This venue to be confirmed soon.

QMU history. Possible to meet with colleagues to visit our institution's second location, Clerwood Terrace and hear fond memories from members. Contributors include Carol Brennan, Lindsay Irvine, Claire Seaman and Cecilia Young. – we welcome others to share their fond memories. Please email Carol at cbrennan@qmu.ac.uk if you would like to be a named contributor for this event. Please also email cbrennan@qmu.ac.uk by **20 January** if you would like to join us for this event. This will help with booking a table.

March 2026

Date to be confirmed. 7.00pm Student-led dinner at Edinburgh New Town Cookery School. Details to follow.

Easter break for April

5 May 2026

10.00 Coffee: Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, Meet at the East Gate coffee shop. There will be an informal tour of the garden and the opportunity for lunch at the West Gate café.

5 June 2026

2.00pm Annual General Meeting at Queen Margaret University Board Room. Following the meeting, there may be an opportunity for a tour of the QMU campus.

We hope you enjoy the programme. If you have any questions about it, please contact Carol at cbrennan@qmu.ac.uk Also, if you have any suggestions for future meeting places for coffee, events or visits, please email me so that I can share them with the Committee. Thank you.