

# Marking the 200th anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade

## PREVIEW OF FILM 'AMAZING GRACE' (PG) DONATIONS

Wednesday 21 March, 8.30pm, UGC Cineworld Cinema, Fountain Park

Starring Ioan Gruffudd, Romola Garai, Albert Finney and Rufus Sewell, this film looks at William Wilberforce's fight to end the slave trade in 19th century Britain (118 mins).

Free tickets but limited places - PLEASE BOOK EARLY

## SLAVERY WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ROBERT WEDDERBURN FREE

Sunday 25 March, 2.30pm in Musselburgh

Starting at the small band stand in the riverside gardens beside the "Roman" bridge (opposite Inveresk Road) and follow the River Esk Walkway to Inveresk Lodge Gardens

A commemorative walk with Communities Minister Rhona Brankin MSP and Lord Wedderburn of Charlton following the imagined footsteps of Robert Wedderburn, the son of Rosanna, a black Jamaican slave, and James Wedderburn, her Scottish master, who became an active anti-slavery campaigner after his father refused to acknowledge him.

Info: [tommoyes@acts-scotland.org](mailto:tommoyes@acts-scotland.org) or 01259 222363

## 'WITNESS' FREE

Sunday 25 March, 4pm to 6pm, European Room, City Chambers

Heartstone's exhibition of photographs, historical engravings, artefacts and narrative text from 1700s to 1865 with specific reference to the Atlantic slave trade.

[www.heartstone.co.uk](http://www.heartstone.co.uk)

## BREAKING THE CHAINS! FREE

Sunday 25 March, 6pm, St. John's Church, Princes St

A commemoration and thanksgiving to mark the anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade, with local civic and faith representatives, folk singers and choral music.

## FREEDOM FIGHTERS DONATIONS

Tuesday 27 March, 1.30pm to 2.30pm (school groups only) or 3.30pm to 4.30pm (open to all) at the Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street

Derick Bingham, author of 'The Freedom Fighter' (for 9-11 year-olds) will read about William Wilberforce and his contribution to the ending of the British slave trade. Followed by a book-signing session. Free tickets but limited places - PLEASE BOOK EARLY

## TRADING PEOPLE – THEN AND NOW £6 (£4)

Tuesday 27 March, 7.15pm, St John's Church, Princes St

Historians Owen Dudley Edwards and Bob Akroyd recall the inspiration of Wilberforce and Louisa Waugh (author of 'Selling Olga') and John Watson (Director of Amnesty International Scotland) highlight ongoing slavery in the world and what we can do about it. Booking information below.

## BOOKING and INFORMATION

To book tickets contact Cornerstone Bookshop at St John's, Princes Street (phone 0131 229 3776 e-mail [spirituality@cornerstonebooks.org.uk](mailto:spirituality@cornerstonebooks.org.uk) or see [www.cornerstonebooks.org.uk](http://www.cornerstonebooks.org.uk)).

For more information: [www.festivalofspirituality.org.uk](http://www.festivalofspirituality.org.uk)

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Sunday 5th to Sunday 26th August 2007