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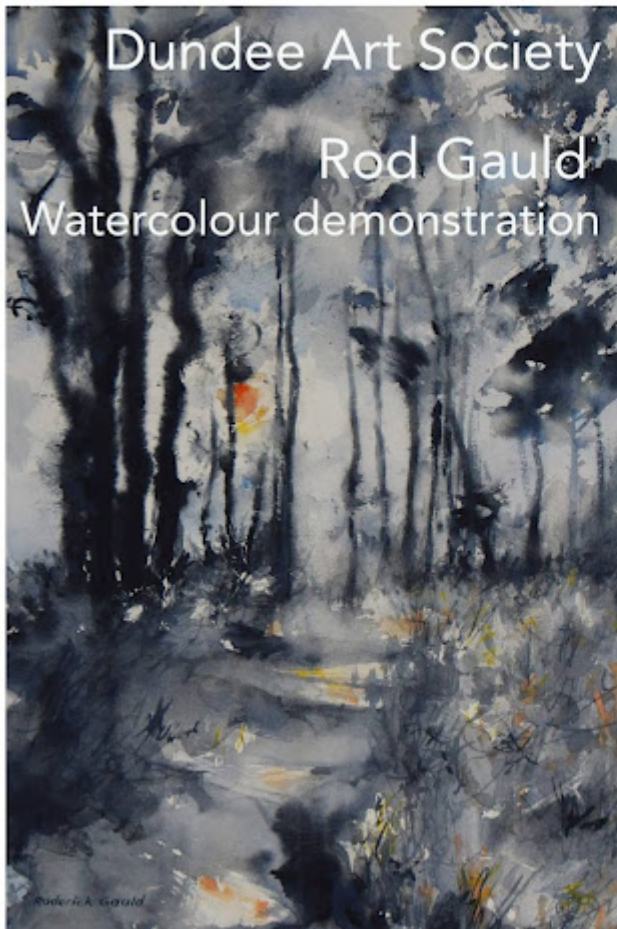
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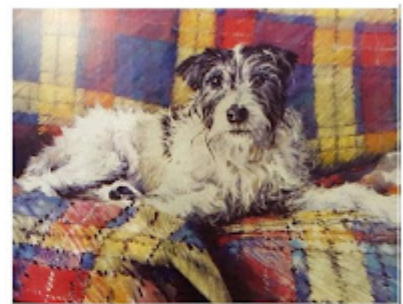
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## [Dundee Art Society event – Roseangle – tonight! #dundeewestend](#)



An evening with an artist!  
Friday 19th November  
7 - 9 pm

Welcome to join us  
Members free  
Non members £2  
Roseangle Gallery  
17 Roseangle  
Dundee



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## [Comics and Creature Curation – Creative Workshop](#)



**From the Curator of Museum Services at the University of Dundee :**

This Saturday (20th November) from 2pm to 4pm at the Lamb Gallery, Tower Building, University of Dundee, you can join us for a comics workshop imagining the lives behind the animals in the D'Arcy Thompson Zoology Museum.

Learn more about comics and create your very own comic strips inspired by the inhabitants of the museum, hosted by comics artist Cat Laird.

We'll start in the Lamb Gallery where you'll see both comics and animals in our Drawn exhibition, before heading over to the Zoology Museum.

Places must be booked in advance at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/comics-and-creature-curation-creative-workshop-tickets-199030404297](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/comics-and-creature-curation-creative-workshop-tickets-199030404297)

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**[14% hike in garden waste collection charge not acceptable](#)**



I have criticised the proposal by the Dundee City Council administration to hike the Brown Bin charge to £40 a permit for the 2022 collection year and will be opposing the increase in the brown bin charge when it comes before the council's Policy & Resources Committee next week.

The £5 increase represents a 14% hike – at a time when inflation is running at about 3%. It is completely unjustified and just a way of the council fleecing another £100 000 out of the Dundee public.

I have always opposed having a tax on recycling and felt that this would be a further disincentive to recycling. We should be encouraging more recycling not less and the garden tax increase will make matters worse. The council is trying to stop collecting side waste and increasing the brown bin tax will simply lead to more recycling going into grey bins, undermining their own side waste policy. This is not a good look. If anything, the brown bin charge should be reduced not increased.