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## **RADICAL AULD REEKIE**

**An Alternative Walking Tour Around Central Edinburgh By Allan Armstrong**

**Kings, queens, lords, ladies, bankers, merchants and lawyers have all left behind imposing edifices, monuments and statues, visited by the many thousands of visitors who come each year to see Edinburgh. However, Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace and the Georgian New Town are just three such sites you will not see on this alternative walk around Radical Edinburgh.**

**Instead you will visit places associated with Edinburgh's other legacy – that of its artisans and workers, both city born and migrant.**

**You will walk in Canongate, an independent industrial burgh up until 1856, with its teeming population of Highlanders and Irish. 'Little Ireland' was the birthplace of James Connolly, a pioneer of the socialist movement in the city, but better known for his role in the 1916 Easter Rising in Dublin.**

**Edinburgh is also the site of monuments to the Friends of the People, inspired by the French Revolution; the grave of an exiled Polish revolutionary, who died helping the city's cholera victims; the first overseas monument to Abraham Lincoln commemorating the abolition of slavery; and the memorial to the Scottish brigade of the International Volunteers in the Spanish Civil War, recently celebrated in Daniel Gray's 'Homage to Caledonia'. 'Red Clydeside' – eat your heart out!**

**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 3.00 pm (approx 2 hours)**

**Start at Biddy Mulligans, 96 Grassmarket - Finish at Milnes Bar, 35 Hanover Street**