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Zoltan Illes Presents
Nerdy and Dirty:
Part Classroom, Part Classless

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TOURING IN 2026

EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL 2026

Did you know what undiagnosed STDs can cause mental disorders? Or which wild animals can be gay? Or anything about duck penises? **Zoltan Illes**, a former international biology teacher turned comedian, will answer all these questions and more in **NERDY AND DIRTY: PART CLASSROOM, PART CLASSLESS**, playing at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2026.

NERDY AND DIRTY is the critically acclaimed stand-up comedy show from **Zoltan** (real name). Having lived in 16 countries and visited many more, he immersed himself in local cultures, waded in the dating pool, taught biology, got old, and acquired hilarious anecdotes along the way. Set up like a class you actually want to attend, **NERDY AND DIRTY** are a series of lessons that seamlessly intertwine **Zoltan's** nomadic, globe-trotting life as a clueless American with educational facts that were definitely not taught in school, presented by a teacher who says things he probably shouldn't.

Zoltan has traded his classroom for a stage to not only entertain but to educate. He is an avid animal lover and volunteers at animal shelters when he can, in addition to donating to charitable animal causes (when he can afford to). **NERDY AND DIRTY** will include virtual interactions, visual aids, and during the show, animals available for adoption will be displayed with an added bonus of a silly back story for each.

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NERDY AND DIRTY: PART CLASSROOM, PART CLASSLESS Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2026

The Hanover Tap / The Wee Tap (Fringe Venue 259)

112 Hanover St, Edinburgh, EH2 1DR,

Duration: 50 min

Thursday, August 6 - Sunday, August 30

22:00 - 22:50

BIO

Zoltan Illes, Comedian

Zoltan was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay area, attending Texas State University for his undergraduate degree before obtaining his Master's of Education at Point Loma Nazarene in San Diego, CA. He worked as a Biomedical Science teacher for 5 years in San Diego before moving abroad and teaching internationally.

Mainly teaching high school biology, in addition to other sciences, Zoltan has worked in 7 international schools, including in Morocco, Kosovo, St, Lucia, Myanmar, China, Slovakia, and Turkey. It was when he was in Turkey that he took the leap and signed up for his first open mic competition, winning first place. Since then, he's been honing the craft of comedy by performing all over the world, including in Hungary, Latvia, Luxembourg, Slovakia, Lithuania, Sri Lanka, Japan, Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, and Malaysia.



Zoltan loves honest humour and specialises in biological jokes (especially things you were never taught in school) mixed with everyday topics, such as dating, teaching, family, aging, travel, and love of animals. And while he combines stories and jokes that can be thought provoking and crude, he can occasionally come off as controversial, but never malicious or ill-willed.

REVIEWS

'He exudes charisma and his love for the craft is palpable.' ★★★★★ - [The List](#)

'If you like your stand-up a bit spicy, a bit educational, and best paired with few cold ones, you'll have a hoot.' ★★★★★ - [Fringe Benefits Podcast](#)