

Noise Action Week

During this week, the City of Edinburgh Council's Noise Team will be running roadshows at the local neighbourhood offices to raise awareness of the impact of noise and the simple measures that can be taken to prevent noise problems.

The roadshows will feature a noise induced hearing simulator. This piece of kit demonstrates how hearing can deteriorate with age and with exposure to various noise levels. Members of the Noise Team will also be on hand with information on what they do and how they can help to address noise issues.

Each year the Noise Team receives around 11,000 noise complaints, of which around 9,000 concern Antisocial behaviour. In 2009-2010, 85% of noise complainants surveyed were satisfied with the way their complaint had been dealt with.

Councillor Robert Aldridge, the city's Environment Leader, said: "We're very keen to ensure that there's a better awareness about domestic and industrial noise and also because of our responsibilities on antisocial behaviour."

"We all have a responsibility to each other, whether as employers, neighbours or because we're sharing the same public space. Anyone who's concerned about noise should get in touch with us and we will try to help."

For Noise Action Week everybody is urged to:

- Consider the noise they make and the effect it has on others
- Consider the noises that disturb them
- Use practical solutions to everyday noise problems

The roadshow will be at the following locations:

Monday 26 April – South West Neighbourhood Office, 10 Westside Plaza. 9:15am – 4:30pm.

Tuesday 27 April -North Neighbourhood Office, 8 West Pilton Gardens. 10:00am – 4:30pm.

Wednesday 28 April – South Neighbourhood Office, 40 Captains Road. 9:15am – 4:30pm.

Thursday 29 April – Waverley Court, East Market Street. 9:15 am – 4.30pm. (Staff access only)

Thursday, 29 April 2010 – South Queensferry local office at 53 High Street, South Queensferry. 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Friday 30 April – East Neighbourhood Office, 86 Niddrie Mains Road. 9:15am – 3:00pm.