Celebrating Earth Hour in Edinburgh

This evening WWF Scotland held a special event at the Edinburgh Castle esplanade to countdown to WWF's Earth Hour. On the stroke of 8.30pm, the Castle went dark along with major buildings and landmarks across the city, the country and the world.

Entertained by fire jugglers and musicians, this was a fine (if rather chilly!) place to celebrate Earth Hour. The special guest was Heather Reid, meteorologist and former TV presenter who explained to the invited audience of about 170 people the change in weather patterns dn climate change before counting down to switch off.

WWF's Earth Hour is the world's largest display of hope for a bright future.

Several politicians were there and we were lucky enough to get a word from the Council leader, Jenny Dawe, just before the lights went out

Jenny Dawe talking about Earth Hour by PMStephen

From London to Sydney, New York and Singapore, people all across the world will be switching out their lights to show they care about tackling climate change and protecting the natural world.

Last year hundreds of millions of people in 128 countries and 4,000 cities participated, with some of the world's best known landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower, the Empire State Building and the Great Pyramids, switching off. In Scotland, thousands of people switched off at the same time as iconic landmarks such as Edinburgh Castle, the Scottish Parliament, Falkirk Wheel, Kelvingrove Museum and the Wallace Monument. ×