

# Five things you need to know today

✘ A section of the Scottish Parliament had to be closed yesterday after a concrete slab came loose near to Alex Salmond's office. According to [The Scotsman](#), about 1000 concrete slabs will now have to be checked.

The NSPCC have launched a text helpline for children in Edinburgh and the rest of Scotland aimed at making it easier for them to report cases of abuse. Our article is [here](#).

Axo Gallery has confirmed to The Reporter that it raised over £1000 at the Silent Auction last weekend for [Forest Cafe](#).

The Edinburgh International Film Festival programme has been launched this morning. You can read about it [here](#), and we will have more on the films coming up for you very soon. Our David McGinty was at the press launch for us.

The Guardian has published its 2012 [University League Table](#) today, with three out of four of Edinburgh's Universities rising up the ranks. The University of Edinburgh was the only university in the capital to fall down the table, albeit slightly.

Heriot-Watt University rose from 32nd place to 27th, Edinburgh Napier University rose from 55th to 52nd, Queen Margaret University rose from 63rd to 56th while The University of Edinburgh fell from 15th to 16th place.

The Guardian measures several factors when compiling the table, including student satisfaction levels, teaching and feedback satisfaction, the student to staff ratio and the chances of a career within 6 months of graduating. The main table measures each University as a whole, although it is possible to search for the quality of education in distinct

subject areas, such as Law.