

# Five things you need to know today

❌ **Festival tickets – Olympic torch event in Edinburgh – Edinburgh’s cultural scene – Portobello – Dead body discovered at Balerno**

We took the photo accompanying today’s article at the Festival Programme launch last week. The tickets for the [Festival](#) go on general release next Saturday 24 March 2012, and Director Jonathan Mills has been congratulated on the cultural Olympiad which he has set up in the year of the London Olympics.

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Details of who will be carrying the Olympic torch in and around Edinburgh on 13 & 14 June are now available [online](#) but Edinburgh Castle has been chosen as the venue for the one of the evening celebrations, and details of two of the torch carriers [have been unveiled](#).

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Bright Green have published a lengthy and detailed article by Harry Giles which claims that Edinburgh may be [“Sleepwalking into a Cultural Disaster”](#). In the style of exam questions you might care and contrast this account of the Edinburgh arts scene with a piece in yesterday’s [The Observer by Tracy McVeigh](#) which states boldly, but displays fairly thin evidence, that Edinburgh “takes pride in a cultural renaissance”.

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[Big Things on the Beach](#) are calling for the next council administration to fund the improvement of Portobello Prom. They have an online petition which you can sign in support of their cause.

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A man's body was found yesterday in the Water of Leith near Balerno, full report on [the BBC](#).