

Five things you need to know today



Football! – Leith Waterworld – Euroquiz – Festival of Museums – Christian Aid Book Sale

This week is all about football here in Edinburgh. Hearts and Hibs are both in the Scottish Cup Final...but then we didn't have to tell you that did we? On Wednesday there is an event in Festival Square when The Scottish Cup will be shown off and Scottish Football Association's UEFA Grassroots Day, with portable football pitches and coaching will be in the square too. Members of the public can have their photographs taken with it and either a Hibs or Hearts mascot.

[The Edinburgh Evening News](#) has the report on the Hearts defeat at the hands of Celtic yesterday.

Leith Waterworld may be closed but the will to reopen it is still very much alive. [Greener Leith](#) has an article explaining how you can add your voice to the cause.

More than 120 Scottish primary schoolchildren will gather in the Scottish Parliament's debating chamber today to test their knowledge of European affairs by competing in a nationwide competition. Edinburgh will be represented by James Gillespie's Primary School who will hope to emulate the win by Edinburgh Academy in last year's competition.

A total of 30 teams from schools across Scotland will battle it out in the annual Euroquiz competition, answering questions on a range of subjects including languages, history, culture

and sport in a bid to win the top trophy prize.

The Scottish European Educational Trust (SEET) has been running the quiz since 1993 and this is the fifth year the event has been held in the main chamber of the Scottish Parliament. The event is sponsored by the European Commission, Scottish MEPs Iain Hudghton, David Martin, Struan Stevenson, Alyn Smith and Catherine Stihler, a number of Charitable Trusts and also individual donations.

Deputy Presiding Officer Elaine Smith MSP will act as quizmaster and chair, with James Temple-Smithson, Head of the European Parliament Office in Scotland and John Mulgrew, a Trustee of SEET, all scheduled to speak at the event.

Elaine Smith MSP said:-

“I am delighted to be chairing this year’s Euroquiz final where I will see the results of the weeks and months of hard work of the pupils from all over Scotland.

“Learning about European history, cultures and languages is vital if Scotland’s young people are to take their place in our modern globalised society and Euroquiz provides a fun and unique way for the pupils to show how much they have learned.”

Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, Michael Russell MSP, said:

“The Euroquiz is a wonderful way to learn about Europe and its rich history and culture. It opens minds to other people, their languages and countries and is a great opportunity for young Scots to learn about Europe and Scotland’s place in it.

Through Curriculum for Excellence, International Education prepares young people for engagement in today’s increasingly multicultural and globalised society. I would like to congratulate each and every one of the teams taking part in the quiz.”

Each of the 30 Scottish schools taking part in the quiz have already won their local authority heat and will be competing against the winners of all the other heats in the final. The event will be broadcast live on the Parliament's website at – <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/newsandmediacentre/3168.aspx> – allowing pupils from the all schools around the country to watch and support their friends.

Scotland's museums and galleries will hold an eclectic mix of inspirational cultural events from Aberdeen to Ayrshire and Dundee to Skye and Stirling next weekend, and this year there are almost 90 events confirmed.

From 18-20 May, Festival of Museums will celebrate Scotland's wealth of culture with exciting and innovative day and night events in museums and galleries throughout the country. Many of the workshops, talks, concerts and exhibitions are FREE. The Festival, organised by Museums Galleries Scotland, coincides with other Europe-wide celebrations of the many eclectic cultural experiences offered to visitors by museums and galleries, including Museums at Night.

There are loads of events in Edinburgh, which you can have a look at all the events at www.festivalofmuseums.com

Event Name: Campaign for Conservation with John Muir

Venue: John Muir's Birthplace

Address: John Muir's Birthplace, 126 High Street, Dunbar EH42 1JJ

Telephone for publication: 01368865899

Website: www.eastlothianmuseums.org

Date and time: Saturday 19 May 1-4pm

Price: Free

Description: Meet John Muir, environmental campaigner, to find out how little has changed since the 1800s! Join John Muir in Dunbar as he campaigns to protect the environment. You can hear all about how he campaigned from his earliest times in Dunbar, to working alongside American Presidents to create their National Parks. This inspirational figure will be showing people around his birthplace, and revealing a few stories about his time in Dunbar. Plus you can help make an inspirational banner, using a John Muir quote or one of your own! There is also an exhibition which covers John Muir's campaigning, as well as modern day campaigning in Dunbar. What would John campaign for today? Help him decide!

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