Five things you need to know today

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Culture and Leisure Committee meeting today — Join the Festival Chorus tonight! — World Development Movement skill sharing event — — Next week at The Usher Hall — Calling all journalists to a pub quiz...

The Culture and Leisure committee meets today. But for a change, they are not meeting in the City Chambers. Instead they will be down the cycle path at the Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop, 25 Hawthornvale, EH6 4JT . Councillor Richard Lewis is the convenor and we have the full set of committee papers here for you along with a preview of one of the cost cutting initiatives to be discussed this morning.

The Festival Chorus is holding an open rehearsal tonight at The Hub. If you fancy yourself as a bit of a singer then read more here!

World Development Movement, which fights to end economic injustice and global poverty, is hosting a skill sharing and networking afternoon this Saturday 27 October from 12pm — 5pm at Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge. Whether you're a seasoned campaigner or interested in becoming active in a local group, the day will provide a chance for everyone to learn something new, share ideas and experiences and come away feeling part of a movement and raring to go!

This is a free event, to book your place email

jane@wdmscotland.org.uk or phone 0131 243 2730.

Lunch will be provided and there will be plenty of time to chat and network. There is also a travel subsidy available for those travelling from outside the Central Belt.

For visit more information, http://www.facebook.com/events/186338184835733/?context=create learn more about the work MDMdoes o r via http://www.wdm.org.uk/campaigns-scotland/making-movement-scotl and-azerbaijan.

Joan Armatrading has one of those voices it is really hard not to like. She is playing in concert here in Edinburgh on 1 November 2012 at the Usher Hall. More details about tickets here.

There will be a Hacks vs Flacks pub quiz for the CIPR raising money for the STV Appeal and the organisers are looking for journalist teams to enter.

Thursday 15th November at Cargo from 7pm - a good excuse for a get together and a bit of fun as well as doing some good for charity.

It's £10 per person to enter and teams can be up to six people.

Here's the link to more info and how to book tickets http://ciprscotpubquiz2012.eventbrite.com/