

Five things you need to know today



Council meeting today – Fatal Fire in Restalrig – Africa in Motion Film Festival 2012 – Pilates Open Day – Dusherra Festival

We were at the full council meeting this morning to follow proceedings there and report on what was decided as far as we are able to. During these Liveblogs you can follow us here under [TERLive!](#) or on Twitter. The hashtag is #edincouncil.

One of the items in hot dispute today were the figures provided by the Transport convener on the Trams Report..

There was a fatal fire in Restalrig earlier today [and our report is here.](#)

AFRICA IN MOTION (AiM) FILM FESTIVAL 2012

Thursday 25 October – Friday 2 November, Filmhouse, Edinburgh & Glasgow Film Theatre (GFT), Glasgow

Nollywood mover and shaker becomes latest addition to AiM guest roster

In an exciting eleventh hour addition to Africa in Motion's guest list of filmmakers attending the festival, Nigeria's Tunde Kelani is coming to Scotland for the Glasgow and Edinburgh screenings of his film MAAMi on Tue 30 Oct and Wed 31 Oct, and will be taking part in and Q&A session after the screening in Edinburgh.

Kelani is a highly acclaimed filmmaker and a driving force behind the hugely popular and prolific Nollywood industry. Working in a variety of roles – director, producer, cinematographer, editor, writer and actor – Kelani has been making films in Nigeria for over twenty years.

His latest film, MAAMi, is the story of a poor, devoted single parent's struggles to raise her only child, Kashimawo, who goes on to become an international star in an English football club, and consequently, a national hero. Set over a two-day period in the southern Nigerian town of Abeokuta leading up to the 2010 World Cup, the film retrospectively accounts Kashimawo's childhood through his own thoughts, addressing his turbulent childhood and unresolved issues with his absent father.

Nigerian film academic and Nollywood expert Onookome Okome will introduce the screening. To learn more about Nollywood and the African video-film industries, don't miss Prof Okome's seminar on Nollywood on Wed 31 Oct and the Africa in Motion symposium on Sat 27 Oct, both at the University of Edinburgh.

One of Edinburgh's fitness instructors, Jenny MacLean, of EnergyWise Health & Fitness, has recently expanded her Pilates class timetable.

These classes will now be held at bigger premises at 35-37 Bread St, where she is holding an open afternoon on Sunday 28 October 2012, from 1-3:30pm.

Jenny said: "Anyone interested in finding out more about Pilates and our classes is welcome to drop by, see the studio for themselves and find out more about how we can help them get fitter and healthier."

Pilates classes cost £48 for a block of 6 x 1 hour classes or £36 for a block of 6 x 45 minute classes

Jenny offers both Pilates classes and one to one fitness and Pilates training. All EnergyWise one to one training is carried out in Jenny's studio in Duddingston. EnergyWise Health & Fitness is at www.energywisefitness.co.uk (07775 621465)

The Dusherra Festival takes place on Sunday on Calton Hill with curry and fireworks. [More information here.](#)