

Five things you need to know today



Green Investment Bank launches today – Calling all photojournalists! – Community Council celebration – Book event – Light Night

The Green Investment Bank (GIB) launches in Edinburgh today under the management of Chief Executive Officer, Shaun Kingsbury and Chairman, Lord Smith of Kelvin and deputy chair, Sir Adrian Montague.

The fact that the bank will be locating in Edinburgh is testament to Scotland's commitment and embracing of its vast renewable resources, Mike MacKenzie MSP has said.

Mr Mackenzie – a member of the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee – said the industry's progress is being propelled by the Scottish Government's commitment to the renewable energy sector.

He said:-“The Green Investment Bank launching in Edinburgh today is a mark of Scotland's renewable energy calibre. Given Scotland's natural wave and wind resources and the financial services based in our capital city and elsewhere, Edinburgh is the best location for the Green Investment Bank HQ.

“The renewables industry now meets 35 per cent of Scotland's annual demand for electricity and directly employs more than 11,000 people across the country. We are well on the way to meeting the Scottish Government's ambitious target of 100% domestic electricity consumption from renewable sources by 2020.

“This stands in stark contrast to the UK government changeable

opinion on the value of renewables.

“I will be pressing UK Energy minister Ed Davey on the fact that that future energy policy of the UK must be renewable focussed – which will allow the developing green industry in Scotland to continue to blossom.”

The Edinburgh Reporter is pleased to be offering a free photojournalism course in Edinburgh next week. The evening will be run for us by The Media Trust from 6-9 pm on Wednesday 5 December 2012 at the ESPC showroom at 85 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 3ES.

We still have a couple of places available so please join us! [More information here in our earlier article.](#) To book a place on the course all you have to do is email us here theedinburghreporter@gmail.com. Bring an iPhone or a camera and also bring a laptop with you if possible.

There is an event this evening to celebrate the work of community councils from 7pm – 9 pm in the City Chambers. Refreshments will be available from 6.30 pm.

The event aims to raise the profile of community councils and provide a networking opportunity for community councils, staff and councillors. Councillor Andrew Burns, Council Leader, will give the welcome and opening remarks.

The Council values the important role that community councils play in representing the views of the community and the contribution they make in improving the local area.

The main focus of the evening will be a market place of stalls celebrating the work and engagement activities of community councils across the city.

Given that your December diary is already filling up nicely here is a bit of advance news to help you plan to squeeze in something else!

**Wednesday 12th December 2012 James Naughtie £5 per ticket
7:30pm at The Caledonian Brewery,**

Join the broadcaster and writer James Naughtie talking about his book *The New Elizabethans*, shining a bright light on the people who have shaped our country over six decades.

From Edmund Hilary and Graham Greene via Tony Hancock and George Best to Tony Blair and Alex Salmond, these are the sixty portraits from the BBC Radio 4 series broadcast last summer that tell the story of our time through the individuals who have inspired us, changed us, made us laugh.

James will be in conversation with the writer and producer Eleanor Updale, award-winning author of books for younger readers, whose new book, *The Last Minute*, is published in January.

Expect no deference from the interviewer. They are married!

Tickets to the event cost just £5 and both James and Eleanor will be happy to sign their books, which will be available to purchase at the event.

Tickets can be purchased from the shop or call to reserve yours by phoning The Edinburgh Bookshop on 0131 447 1917

Tomorrow the Christmas tree on The Mound will be lit and there will be fireworks!

EVENT: EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS LIGHT NIGHT 2012

DATE: Thursday 29 November 2012

TIME: 5.00 pm for 5.15 pm – start of show
on The Mound

Fireworks are scheduled for just before 6...