

Five things you need to know today



Forth Road Bridge – North Edinburgh Arts exhibition – Richard Thompson – ActivCity Funding available – All about The Edinburgh Reporter and Augmented Reality...

Responding to a report by the chief engineer of the Forth Road Bridge, showing that “the safety of the main cables will not diminish significantly in the future as long as the dehumidification system continues to function”, Alison Johnstone, Green MSP for Lothian, said:

“This report removes the central justification that the SNP made for blowing over a billion pounds on a new bridge. The Scottish Greens were the only party arguing strongly that repairing the existing bridge, even if the cables had to be replaced, would have cost a tiny fraction of the price and with no closure of the bridge.

“Those who wanted to see if the repairs worked before blowing billions on a new bridge were the responsible ones, while other parties charged recklessly ahead.

Alison added:

“The Scottish Government must keep their promise to restrict use of the existing bridge to buses, bikes and pedestrians, otherwise they will simply have created an eight-lane motorway over the Forth, encouraging ever more traffic and congestion coming into Edinburgh.”



A group of contemporary art students from Edinburgh College will hold a unique exhibition after drawing inspiration from the history and culture of North Edinburgh where they study.

Working in partnership with North Edinburgh Arts and North Edinburgh Social History Group, the group of eleven students from the HND Contemporary Art Practice course will showcase their artwork at the *Local* exhibition at North Edinburgh Arts.

With the help of the North Edinburgh Social History Group, students were able to connect with their surroundings by speaking to members of the local community and experts from the history group, and were overwhelmed by their stories.

HND Contemporary Art Practice student, Heather Lane, was inspired by the rich history of activism in North Edinburgh and created banners and campaign artwork to recognise its passionate social groups.

Heather said: “I was inspired by the people of North Edinburgh’s collective want for change in the community, through their staging of protests and campaigns.”

Heather added: “I wanted to pay homage to their fight and let their message live on. Although these issues may be resolved or not relevant anymore, re-making the banners, placards and posters was about the overall notion of resistance against power; inspiring people to become active in bringing about change.”

Edinburgh College Art Lecturer, Jennie Temple, said: "The purpose of this project was to connect with our local community, and we have been overwhelmed by the warmth and support the North Edinburgh Arts and North Edinburgh Social History Group has shown us. *Local* has been a very successful exhibition for our students and we will carry on this unique partnership and friendship with the North Edinburgh community in the future."

Edinburgh College is currently recruiting for the HND Contemporary Art Practice Course. Please visit www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk for further information and to apply online.

Next week Richard Thompson appears at the Usher Hall. The former member of Fairport Convention is known as much for his songwriting as his performing. [Book your tickets here...](#)

The council has money for events involving sport or physical activity. This is what they say:-

Edinburgh hosts a series of sport and physical activity events annually. These range from events that attract a worldwide audience to small community festivals that aim to get local people involved in physical activity. In 2013 the programme will include the FINA World Diving Series, ATP Champions Tour, the Festival of Sport and several other mass participation walk, running and cycling events.

The Activity Funding Programme is an initiative of the City of Edinburgh Council that supports events that promote sport and physical activity within the city.

If you are planning an event that aims to get local people active or involved in sport you could be eligible for Activcity funding up to £3,000 to support your event. To find out more about the funding available and to apply to the Activcity Funding Programme go to www.activcity.info/activcityevents The closing date for applications is Friday 29th March, but we ask that events taking place in April submit applications as soon as possible.

We'd like your help to promote this excellent opportunity. Please could you distribute details of the Activcity Funding Programme to your networks, colleagues and partners.

*If you'd like to chat through the programme in more detail contact Shelagh Jackson, Sports Officer, at the City of Edinburgh Council on 0131 529 7993/
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