

# Five things you need to know today



## Cairntows Park – World Heritage Day – Lord Provost's Inspiring Volunteer Awards – Football in South West Edinburgh – Easter Events at Edinburgh Zoo

Cairntows Park in Craigmillar was [under threat some time back](#) when a planning application was proposed to build housing on it. [Save Cairntows Park](#) grew up as a campaign against the threat which was thwarted, but it seems that the future of the park is under review, namely the Craigmillar Urban Design Framework Review. The final consultation event will be held at The White House between 4pm and 7pm on Thursday 28 March 2013. The Planning officer has issued an invitation to interested parties:-

“The event will provide an opportunity to review the outputs of the previous workshops before preparation of the draft review document begins. The intention is to present findings and comments captured at the workshops on the hour throughout the afternoon. A draft document will be considered by the Craigmillar & Portobello Neighbourhood Partnership in May and a final document at the Planning Committee in August.

Further information on the review process can be found on the Council's [web site](#) at <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/craigmillarreview>

Your input to this exercise would be welcomed. If you or a nominee would like to participate in the workshop or learn more about the event and its format please contact me on 0131 529 3904 or at [planning.delivery@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:planning.delivery@edinburgh.gov.uk) prior to the event and to confirm your attendance.”

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World Heritage Day takes place on 18 April 2013 but you can register now for an event at the Royal College of Physicians which will feature talks about how World Heritage can support international links. [Booking details here.](#)

This is what World Heritage say about the speakers at the event:-

***Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs.***

*Fiona Hyslop was appointed Minister for Culture and External Affairs in December 2009. She established the cultural development body, Creative Scotland, in July 2010, as part of the Public Services Reform Act. She also secured funding towards the Dundee V&A project, the new Bannockburn visitor centre, and the creation of the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum in Ayrshire. As part of the Scottish Government's programme of international development, Fiona Hyslop launched strategic plans for engaging with India and Pakistan in 2010. Her Ministerial portfolio covers External Affairs, Europe, Culture and the Arts, Broadcasting, Architecture, Built Heritage, Lottery Funding, Historic Scotland, National Records of Scotland and Major Events Strategy.*

***Professor Jacek Purchla, Krakow International Cultural Centre.***

*Jacek Purchla is the founder and director of the [International Cultural Center](#) in Krakow, established by the Polish government in 1991. He is is a Professor of Humanities and Head of the Centre of European Heritage, Institute of European Studies at the Jagiellonian University. Chair of Economic & Social History and the UNESCO Chair of Cultural Heritage & Urban Studies at the Krakow University of Economics. Professor Purchla's research has encompassed urban development, social history and the history of art of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, as well as the theory and the protection of cultural heritage. His interests focus mainly on the wider issues of the city and urban development.*

***Susanne Hauer, Organisation of World Heritage Cities secretariat, Regensburg World Heritage Site***

*The [Organisation of World Heritage Cities](#) is composed of 238 cities, within which are located sites included on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The organisation encourages co-operation between its member cities, and the exchange of information and expertise on matters on the management of sites. The Regional Secretariat of OWHC for North Western Europe is based in [Regensburg](#), Germany, where the Old Town Regensburg with Stadtamhof became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in July 2006.*

*The event is organised by Edinburgh World Heritage, with support from Historic Scotland, the RSA Fellows MCICH Network, and Thomas Miller Investments.*

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Nominations are open for Edinburgh's Inspiring Volunteering Awards only for a further week till 31 March 2013.

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the Rt Hon Donald Wilson will recognise some of the volunteers in the city at the beginning of June 2013, during Volunteers Week, at a special awards ceremony, and will make his own award of the Lord Provost's Inspiring Volunteer of the Year Award.

This is the seventh year the awards have been made, and nominations for volunteers who should be recognised may come from many areas such as Arts, Culture & Heritage; Charity

Shops; Environment & Conservation volunteering; Fundraising; Health & Social Care; Sports; and Organisational Governance, as well as special awards for outstanding contributions from a young volunteer (aged 11 – 25) and a long standing volunteer award for a volunteer contributing more than 10 years service to the same organisation.



Lord Provost –  
Donald Wilson

The Lord Provost told The Reporter:-“There are thousands of dedicated and inspiring volunteers in Edinburgh selflessly giving up their own time to help and support others. These awards are simply one way of recognising some of their tremendous work, and the work of the charities who recruit and encourage them. Their contribution to the wellbeing of our city’s residents cannot be overstated.

“We received some outstanding nominations last year, and I expect some great volunteers to be put forward again this year. I would encourage all organisations that involve volunteers in their work to consider highlighting some of the good work that goes on by submitting a nomination.”

[Make your own nomination online here.](#) If you would like to know more about Volunteering in Edinburgh then [have a look at this website here.](#)

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Football in South West Edinburgh is about to get a boost with a new kick pitch being officially opened next week.

This will be taking place on Tuesday 26 March 2013 at 10am – at the greenway path between Murrayburn Gardens and Hailesland Gardens (to the rear of 27 Murrayburn Gardens).

This pitch now has an all weather surface and has been

upgraded as a joint project between the following services – Parks and Greenspace, Task Force, Estates and Property and the Community Service team, with the support of local elected members. It will provide a great facility for local young people to play football.

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✘ Edinburgh Zoo has many events planned for the Easter Holidays to keep your children entertained. You have to pay to get into the zoo and some events need booking and some require additional payment. [More details on the Zoo website.](#)

### **Dung Days**

**Date: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Time: 11am – 3.30pm**

These Easter school holidays the Budongo Trail Lecture Theatre will be home to all things dung for Dung Days! Head along to the Budongo Trail – home to our 19 lively chimpanzees – and try to identify which dung belongs to which animal or guess which animal makes the most dung. You can also discover what happens to dung at the Zoo and in the wild and find out if any animals eat dung. Come along and find out the answers and learn all there is to know about dung at the Zoo!

This event is free with Zoo admission. No booking required.

### **Easter Egg Painting**

**Date: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Time: 11am – 3pm**

Celebrate Easter at Edinburgh Zoo this Easter Sunday! We are open 9am to 6pm and we will have 1,000 eggs on hand at the Education Centre between 11am and 3pm for kids and adults alike to decorate. Perhaps paint it to match your favourite zoo animal? You can either keep the egg and take it home with

you or have fun rolling it down the hill in front of Penguins Rock.

The eggs are £2 each and available from the Education Centre.

### **Baginda the Tiger's Birthday**

**Date: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**Time: 9am – 6pm (Enrichment will be added to the enclosure some point during the day)**

Baginda, Edinburgh Zoo's female Sumatran tiger, is celebrating her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The keepers have some surprises in store for her, so head along to the Zoo to wish this feisty girl a Happy Birthday and watch as she celebrates with some birthday-themed enrichment!

This event is free with Zoo admission.

### **Enrichment Day**

**Date: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**Time: 10am – 4pm**

As part of the Edinburgh International Science Festival, Edinburgh Zoo is treating its animals to an enrichment day, which will provide you with the opportunity to see our animals tackle unique environmental enrichment activities that stimulate their natural behaviours.

There will be a programme of events happening throughout the day and the keepers will be on hand to explain their behaviours and why enrichment is vital for the animals.

There will also be enrichment opportunities for children as they have the chance to make their own enrichment objects and watch the animals interact with the items they have made. They can also join in on our scavenger hunt!

This event is free with Zoo admission and suitable for children of all ages.

