

# Five things you need to know today



**City centre vision – Council say no to bedroom tax evictions – Mini Maker Faire – Walk along the Water of Leith today – TedGlobal 2013**

The council has just launched a consultation on what might happen in the city centre to improve it. The process runs until 9 May and there are two drop in events when you can have a look at all plans and make your own suggestions. There is also an online process to add your voice. [More here.](#)

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The capital coalition has taken a stance on bedroom tax, and are leading the debate against evictions on the basis of arrears which will be discussed at a council meeting on 16 April. [More details here.](#)

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[The Mini Maker Faire](#) is the hottest show (and tell) in town – a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker movement. It's a place where people show what they are making, and share what they are learning. Bringing the curtain down on the 25th Edinburgh International Science Festival they will be showcasing the skills and ingenuity of people from across Scotland and beyond. From traditional crafts to innovative technologies, rapid prototyping to skills honed over many years, the Mini Maker Faire celebrates the diversity and quality of an exciting world of resourceful, creative

endeavour. Highlights include; a life size Iron Man suit, a reactive dancefloor, 3D printing and workshops in everything from making dinosaur models to food flavoured soaps.

Sunday 7 April 2013 10am – 5pm Summerhall Tickets £2.50

Here are some examples of the kinds of things you might find:

Mechanics projects – Animatronics – Models – Crocheting – 3D printing – Quadcopters – Musical instruments – Software projects – Robotics – Board games – Mapping – Blacksmithing – Boot-making – Wearable technologies – Haptics – DIY bio – Sustainability – Puppetry



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Today, Thursday 4 April, is the first of the series of Guided Walks along the Water of Leith organised by The Cockburn Association. There are still spaces available... meet at the gates to Balerno High School on Bridge Road (bus route 44) at 10 am – finishing at Colinton Kirk by around 12 noon (bus routes 10, 16, 18, 45). The walk covers 3.5 miles and is wheelchair accessible. Tickets are £10 which you can pay to Kate on arrival.

The remaining walks take place on:

18 April: Colinton – Murrayfield

2 May: Roseburn Terrace – Stockbridge

16 May: Stockbridge – Victoria Bridge

A booking form can be found on the Association's [website](#)



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The speakers have been announced for TEDGlobal 2013 which will take place in Edinburgh in June this year. They include the former Prime Minister of Greece, George Papandreou, and singer, Natasha Bedingfield. The cost of attending this may be prohibitive but you can watch some of the talks online afterwards. [The full list of speakers is here.](#)