

Five things you need to know today



Vulnerable adults – The Edinburgh Reporter on YouTube – Harlaw Hydro – Royal Mile Clean up today – House Concerts @42

The council would like you to consider sharing your home with vulnerable adults. They are running an information day tomorrow at the City Chambers when you can learn more.

The [‘SharedLives’ scheme](#) is looking for individuals and families in the local community to offer accommodation and support for one or up to two vulnerable adults.

Carers are needed for both long and short term accommodation and transition care for people with a learning disability who are unable to live independently.

A [special event](#) is being held in the City Chambers tomorrow Wednesday 10 April 2013 where the public can find out more about how they can support a vulnerable adult in their home.

Councillor Ricky Henderson, Health and Wellbeing Convener, said:- “This Council is committed to ensuring Edinburgh is well cared for and adults with learning difficulties are often among our most vulnerable citizens.

“Carers come from all walks of life and can be single, couples or families with children. It is an extremely rewarding role and next month’s session is a really good way for people who are interested in helping vulnerable adults finding out more information about exactly what it entails.”

Potential carers will go through an assessment process and are assigned a SharedLives worker who will make a number of home visits to allow them to meet everyone in the household.

Training is also provided.

The [event at the City Chambers](#) on Wednesday 10 April is on from 10am to 1pm.

Anyone interested can go along between those times, contact the Council on 0131 200 2324 to find out more information or go to www.edinburgh.gov.uk/sharedlives

Our video of [Sir Richard Branson's arrival](#) at the airport yesterday is on [Youtube](#).

You can see [all of our videos here](#)

We also have a video about the [Harlaw Hydro Project](#) which you can invest in from today. A community renewable energy project which will take power from the water running out of Harlaw reservoir to power a turbine.



Council staff, residents and businesses come together to spruce up the thoroughfare this morning when volunteers will be tackling a range of issues such as graffiti and the cleaning of street furniture with the aim of making the Royal Mile as attractive as possible for both residents and visitors.

The move follows on from last year's successful event which resulted in some positive environmental improvements in the street, which has a world-wide reputation for its history, architecture and culture.

We hope to bring you some photos and perhaps some video of the clean up later today.



Despite their travails with the council and more specifically the council's planning department, the House Concerts @ 42 continue. [This is where you will find a complete list of what is on this month.](#)

We interviewed Douglas Robertson earlier this year about the concerts and although this is perhaps a little historic now, it provides an introduction to the tale.