

# Five things you need to know today



## **Murder enquiry – Leith Festival – Royal Mile Consultation – Preston Lodge RFC – Edinburgh Mod**

Police have confirmed the death of a man whose body was found in the car park of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary last Sunday 7 April 2013 is being treated as a murder.

A number of officers, both in uniform and plain clothes, were returning to the hospital last night exactly a week on from the last known sighting of the 43-year-old.

The man, who is Polish, was last captured on CCTV getting off a number 33 bus with a group of four other men near the A&E department of the hospital at about 10pm on Friday 5 April.

Police revisited the area between 9 and 11pm last night in an effort to trace more witnesses who might have seen the group of men getting off the bus.

The man was found dead with significant injuries in the car park at the hospital, and inquiries are ongoing to establish exactly what happened to him.

Detective Chief Inspector David McLaren from the Specialist Crime Division Major Investigation Team said:- “We hope by returning to the hospital tonight we might catch people working shifts as they head to and from work who might be able to provide information about the group of men after they got off the bus.

“We have had a lot of support from the public so far, and we

are grateful to everyone who has come forward with information already, but we would ask anyone who might not have spoken to police yet to get in touch on 101 as a matter of urgency.”

Anyone with any information should contact Police Scotland on 101, or the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Now would be a good time to get involved with Leith Festival. It takes place from 8-16 June 2013 and starts with a pageant on 8 June. The organisers explain:-“This annual Pageant/Parade dating back to 1907, once again returns to Leith walk on Saturday June 8th. If you wish to take part in any way, shape or form, then all you have to do is email the Leith Festival office.”

**office@leithfestival.com**

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A series of workshops discussing the future of one of Scotland’s most historic streets – the Royal Mile – are to be held over the next two weeks. But there will be an interactive, family-friendly Community Engagement Day held **today Saturday 13 April**, at the Canongate Venture. Drop in

between 10am – 4pm.

The City of Edinburgh Council has organised the workshops as part of its consultation on the [Royal Mile Action Plan](#), which contains proposals for improving the street, from how it is managed, to how the traffic flows and whether the street has the right retail mix.

These workshops will give local residents, businesses and community groups a chance to have their say on the [Action Plan](#), and to shape the final content. Responsibility for delivering the plan will be shared between the Council and various local stakeholders.



Convener of  
Planning – Ian  
Perry

The City's Planning Convener, Councillor Ian Perry, said: "These workshops are a collaborative effort. Shaping the future of the Royal Mile means listening to the people who know it best – local residents, businesses and community groups – and having a constructive discussion about the best way forward.

"We need to strike the balance between ensuring that the Royal Mile remains one of the primary destinations for visitors coming to Scotland, while meeting the needs of the many residents and businesses who use it every day. If we get that right, we can ensure this ongoing project maintains the long-term future of the street."

Workshops will be held on:

Wednesday 17 April 2013 – 6.30pm – 9pm, Trinity Apse. This workshop will focus on issues impacting on the High Street.

Tuesday 23 April 2013 – 6.30pm – 9pm, Riddle's Court. This workshop will focus on issues impacting on Castlehill and The Lawnmarket.

Comments on the Action Plan can be sent via e-mail to: [euan.mcmeeken@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:euan.mcmeeken@edinburgh.gov.uk)

The consultation will run until 17th May. Further information about the Royal Mile Project can be found on the Council's [website](#).

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Preston Lodge RFC are opening their new clubhouse today, and are celebrating along with the nearby bowling club with a music and curry night tonight. Tonight's event is [already a sell out](#) but you can go along and have a look this afternoon. They promise us photos....

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Today the [Edinburgh Provincial Mod](#) is taking place at Liberton High. Are you going? Could you tell us about it afterwards? Use our Submit your Story feature to tell us who wins. Your own photos would be good too.