

# Five things you need to know today



**Health Wellbeing and Housing Committee – Oxgangs Library – Magic Festival is launched – City centre consultation – Assembly Rooms shortlisted for awards**

The council's Health, Wellbeing and Housing Committee meets this morning and will hear two deputations, one from Laichfield Sheltered Housing Community Association regarding the consultation on removing a requirement to have residential wardens in sheltered housing developments, and another regarding party flats from West End Community Council. The West End Community Council have logged the ongoing problem with some flats in their area which have been served with Anti Social Behaviour Notices but there continue to be breaches of the conditions.

There is also a report on the Carer's Champion, Councillor Norman Work, [who we interviewed some time back.](#)

The meeting begins at 10:00am and the papers [are on the council website.](#)

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Tonight at Oxgangs Library there is a book quiz to celebrate World Book Night.

*Celebrate World Book Night with Oxgangs library's Brainbuster Book Quiz. Hosted by our very own quizmaster, 'The Great Raymondo'. All welcome. Guaranteed Fun. Refreshments too. To book a place, call 0131 529 5549 or email [oxgangs.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:oxgangs.library@edinburgh.gov.uk) Begins at 6.45pm*



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The programme for the Magic Festival has been launched. There is more in our article but the programme is here for you to decide what shows you are going to book.

[Magic Fest Brochure \(4\)](#)



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There is still time to put forward your views on the changes which will be made to the city centre. [The council's consultation is here.](#)

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In just under a year since re-opening, Assembly Rooms Edinburgh has been short listed for nine top awards for both architecture and as an outstanding events venue.

Nominations include the prestigious RIAS Awards, Scottish architecture's national awards, with the judges saying: "The historic elegance of this important suite of performance and reception spaces has been wholly respected through restoration and adaptation, giving them a whole new lease of life and an economically positive future."

Following a £9 million restoration project completed last year, both Assembly Rooms and LDN Architects have received accolades in the RICS Awards with three short listings in the Building Conservation, Community Benefit and Commercial categories. They have also been recognised for Regeneration and Conservation by the Edinburgh Architectural Association.

In the Scottish Design Awards, which celebrate the best creative work from Scottish-based firms, Edinburgh-based LDN is named as a finalist in the Best Use of a Listed Building for its work on transforming the venue.

Earlier this year Assembly Rooms Edinburgh was up against stiff London competition in the Cool Venue Awards, making it to the finals, and has just been announced as a finalist in two categories – the Best New or Refurbished Conference Venue and the Best Awards Venue – in the national Conference Venue and Supplier Awards in London.



Convener of  
Culture and  
Leisure Richard  
Lewis

Councillor Richard Lewis, Culture & Sport Convener, City of Edinburgh Council, said: “We are honoured to have received so many nominations for what is undoubtedly one of Edinburgh’s most iconic buildings. The refurbishment breathed much-needed new life into the venue, combining sensitive and significant repairs and renovation with fully modernised events facilities fit for the 21st century. Virtually everyone who has seen the results has been blown away and interest has been overwhelming.”