

Five things you need to know today



Trees in the city – Ferry Fair celebrations begin today – Edinburgh Festival Fringe Pick of the Day – Competitions – At the Fruitmarket Gallery –

The council are running a consultation on trees in the city which runs until 23 September 2013. This is a draft set of policies and an action plan which will be used to guide the management of City of Edinburgh Council's trees and woodlands in the future.

We all know that trees are good for the environment by storing CO2 produced by traffic and other sources, so it is important to look after the trees we have and ensure that any new planting is undertaken where necessary. The council is using a scheme called CAVAT (Capital Asset Value for Amenity Trees) to value the worth of older trees. These are generally seen as a very important asset and the council feels they should not be moved 'unless there are compelling reasons to do so.'

Another useful attribute of trees in the city is to help reduce the impact of heavy rain and floods. Areas within Edinburgh have been subjected to flooding over recent years so this makes it even more vital that any trees are retained where possible.

Read the report below and complete the survey [here](#).

[Trees in the City](#)

The Ferry Fair actually takes place in and around the High Street in South Queensferry next Saturday, but the whole suite

of celebrations begins today. This will be the 77th year of the Ferry Fair and you should be able to get more information [about the events taking place here on the website.](#)



Local pianist and singer/songwriter Kim Edgar will be performing songs from her critically acclaimed albums, *The Ornate Lie* and *Butterflies and Broken Glass* in Stockbridge Parish Church at 8 pm on Saturday 24th August 2013.

Described as “a heady cocktail of **Carole King** and **Regina Spektor**” (*Spiral Earth*) and Scotland’s “very own **Tori Amos**” (*Sunday Herald*), Kim combines narratives of courageous honesty with darkly delicious melodies on a Steinway baby grand.

Social justice comes firmly on the agenda for this Fringe show, which Kim is using as an opportunity to fundraise for Amnesty International, with song requests and dedications in return for a donation, and a raffle with a range of prizes including donations from local businesses and vegetable produce from Kim’s recently acquired allotment (after eight years on a waiting list).

Kim commented: “I’ve been a member of Amnesty for many years

and hope the gig will raise awareness and funds for the great work they do in promoting human rights throughout the world – plus it's a great excuse to work with some of the unique boutiques Stockbridge has to offer, and of course, to show off my prize courgettes!"

Tickets: £10/£8

Box Office: 0131 226 0000

Song requests and dedications: kim@kimedgar.com

web: www.edfringe.com

We are running a few competitions this week. We will have a daily competition to win tickets for shows at Assembly Rooms and we will also have ten tickets to give away for Foodies Festival which takes place this weekend. Try this one here to win tickets to [God Bless Liz Lochhead](#) – and good luck!



If you would like to go along to this event then let the nice people at Fruitmarket Gallery know that you'd like to come by emailing or phoning the bookshop: bookshop@fruitmarket.co.uk or 0131 226 8181

