

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Jobs at Edinburgh International Film Festival – Funding to renovate Castlebrae Business Centre – Schools Science Competition – Wester Hailes Allotment Association – Hot Mikado

Jobs are now available at the Edinburgh International Film Festival, ranging from voluntary posts to placements to real live jobs from now till June and sometimes beyond. [More details here.](#)

The art deco Castlebrae Business Centre in Edinburgh is to receive **£500,000** towards a major refurbishment of the 1930s school building to limit the ongoing decay of the historic exterior fabric. The building's owners also intend to carry out considerable internal alterations to make the building more suitable for business use and encourage local business start-ups. These internal alternations will also conserve the existing historic interior features.

This is part of a £1.9m package announced by Historic Scotland today to support reuse and renovation of buildings. Cabinet Secretary Fiona Hyslop said:-

“I am pleased to announce this latest round of funding which will deliver considerable improvements to several of Scotland's important historic buildings. I am particularly pleased that this investment will see buildings that currently lie derelict or unused given a new lease of life and play an active role again in the communities in which they are located.

“Scotland’s historic environment is so valuable to all parts of the country with its social, cultural and economic benefits impacting on every community. This investment demonstrates our continued commitment to supporting our historic buildings so they can be enjoyed now and in the future.”

Schools pupils across Edinburgh and the Lothians are invited to take part in a free-to-enter science competition.

S3 and S4 pupils are being asked to take part in a crystal-growing contest, being organised by the School of Chemistry at the University of Edinburgh, to mark 2014 as the International Year of Crystallography.

Scientists will be organising a teacher training workshop on 16 May, and providing the necessary materials free of charge. The project will culminate with an event at the University’s School of Chemistry at which pupils will have the chance to present their projects and meet professional scientists.

Organisers hope the experience will give pupils a taste of how scientists work and help them learn more about crystallography, the study of the structure of matter at the atomic or molecular level.

Students will work in teams to grow crystals and produce a scientific poster and lab book detailing their work. Throughout the competition, participants will be able to discuss their findings, post queries, and upload photos or videos on dedicated Facebook and Twitter pages.

Judges will evaluate the size and quality of the crystals, and the originality and presentation of the work.

More details can be found online at <http://www.chem.ed.ac.uk/news-events/news/crystal-growing-competition>

Wester Hailes Allotment Association Committee report that they are now in a position to invite gardeners (both beginners and experienced) to put their names down on the waiting list.

Wester Hailes Allotment Association is a privately run site and as such, all plotholders are expected to help out with routine maintainance and take part in occasional work parties around the site. In return for this, they offer a very low plot rent. More information can be found on their [website](#) where applications can also be made.

St. Philip's Drama Group perform the **Hot Mikado** in St. Philip's Church Hall from 19 March to 22 March at 7.30pm. The show is a 1940s lively, jazzed up version of the original Gilbert and Sullivan operetta. Tickets, including refreshments, cost £10 for adults and £5 for children and students. Phone Anne McKerchar on 0131 669 3123 for tickets.