

# Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



**Planning for new Boroughmuir High School – Watch our interview with the Economy Convener -National Trust for Scotland board – Puppet Animation Festival comes to Craigmillar – Professor Higgs at Edinburgh International Science Festival**

The council's Development Management Committee appears set to approve further details of the planning application for the new Boroughmuir High School later today, which includes plans to site a multi-use games area on the roof of the new building. Merchiston Community Council have supported the application but have explained to the council that there is no pedestrian access to the site from the north side of the towpath. They would prefer a dedicated footbridge at Horne Terrace to take pupils straight into the school grounds.

There will be limited parking for teachers and staff, as there will only be 7 car parking spaces within the grounds. But there will be 17 cycle racks within the boundary of the school or in the park nearby. The new park will also have an outdoor gym, presumably similar to that in Harrison Park further along the canal.

Planning permission for the replacement school was granted in December last year, but some of the conditions required further clarification, and this is what today's meeting will deal with.

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The development of the Exchange District is one of the topics

we discussed with Councillor Frank Ross when we met him recently. In a series of four video interviews Councillor Ross spelled out his vision for the city's economy and how it will grow even more with the development of the site at the canal. This is the first:-

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Time is running out for National Trust for Scotland members from Edinburgh looking to take up new spots on the charity's board.

Three of the current trustees' terms of office are due to end in September 2014. Under reforms introduced in 2010, potential trustees are asked to apply and the three trustees will be selected by a vote of the conservation charity's 320,000 members.

The trustees will play a key role in ensuring the charity fulfils its purpose to conserve and promote our heritage. The Trust cares for more than 100 heritage sites across Scotland, including the beautiful Georgian House at Charlotte Square and Gladstone's Land on the Royal Mile.

The charity is keen to draw applications from a wide spectrum of members – especially those with a commitment to the strategic direction of the Trust

The current trustees who have come to the end of their term are also eligible to stand for election for a second term.

Chairman Sir Kenneth Calman, who heads up the Board of Trustees said:-“Our new governance structures are working well for the Trust and enabling us to take forward change with speed and efficiency. These openings on the Board offer us the opportunity to bring in new faces, skills and talents to continue to take the Trust forward.”

Anyone interested should visit [www.nts.org.uk/elections](http://www.nts.org.uk/elections) or

contact Nicola Whyte 0844 493 2285 for more information. The closing date for applications is 17 April.

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✘ Easter holiday activities for children, 7th April – 12th April at Craigmillar Community Arts includes the Puppet Animation Festival doing the rounds of the city.

**Claymation – animated film workshops** (*children aged 10+*)

Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th April, 11am – 3.30pm

**Puppet Making – with Angus Arts**

Monday 7th April, 2pm – 4pm

**Wicked Willie – Puppet Show**

Thursday 10th April, 2pm – 2.45pm

**Puppet Making – with Puppet Stew**

Saturday 12th April, 10am – 12noon

**Celeste's Circus – Puppet Show** (*children 0 – 5 years*)

Saturday 12th April, 3pm – 3.45pm

All activities take place at Craigmillar Community Arts Centre, 58 Newcraighall Road.

Tickets: Adults £4, concessions and children £2. EH15 and EH16 residents all tickets £1.50

Phone 0131 669 8432 to book tickets.

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Today the Edinburgh International Science Festival continues with a talk by Nobel Prize winning physicist Professor Peter Higgs at The Queen's Hall. There are some limited view seats still available.

[More details here.](#)

