Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!

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Lord Provost takes up jogging — Neil Gaiman at the Usher Hall — Our Dynamic Earth — The Kelpies — At The Filmhouse today

The Council Leader Andrew Burns is running the Edinburgh Marathon, but meanwhile the Lord Provost is in training for the 5K at the Edinburgh Marathon Festival in May 2014.

He explains all about his training programme here on his blog, but we have a clip of the Lord Provost in the boxing ring with Bradley Welsh who is mentioned in his blog. Bradley is undertaking his own fundraising challenge.

So now you can perhaps decide if any of these sporting endeavours might be worthy of a wee donation. All good causes!

Just Giving pages can be found here

Andrew Burns

Bradley Welsh

Lord Provost

In a revolutionary new concept of synchronised multi-media storytelling, Neil Gaiman will read aloud his story The Truth Is A Cave In The Black Mountains at an event in The Usher Hall this year. The renowned artist Eddie Campbell (best-known for his illustrations to Alan Moore's From Hell) has illustrated the story and the FourPlay String Quartet have created an entirely new underscore to the piece, which they play live.

More details and booking here.

This Easter marks a new beginning for Edinburgh's Our Dynamic Earth, with the opening of the biggest redevelopment in the attraction's history. Following a £1m investment, the iconic attraction is launching three new permanent galleries, two celebrating the legacy of one of Scotland's most influential scientists, James Hutton, and a brand new time machine offering the experience of falling through time. 'Scotland's Time Lords' will use the full might of creative technology and interactive exhibits to bring Hutton and his theories on the earth's evolution to life. Visitors will see talking portraits, animated blackboards, a giant illuminated globe and a bookcase magically transformed by creative projection, before entering the brand new time machine, and taking a dramatic journey back into deep time.

More details here.

We just love the Kelpies. We do know that they are not in Edinburgh, but here is the Edinburgh connection. If you saw the film we published yesterday by Walid Salhab, master of the time lapse, then you will know that he is a lecturer at Queen Margaret University. If not then here it is here again!

The Lunchbox is showing at The Filmhouse today. This tweet probably sums it up!

Fancy a film full of sadness, hope and food? Then try The Lunchbox <u>@Filmhouse</u>. Guaranteed no CGI and it's lovely. You'll smile.

- Obsolesence (@Obsolesence) <u>April 11, 2014</u>

Booking details here.