

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Ceilidhkids start pre-school classes today

Funding opportunities

Edinburgh College Open Day

Public conveniences to be closed?

Walk around Leith

[Post](#) by [Ceilidhkids](#).

The City Centre and Leith Neighbourhood Partnership still has Community Grants funding available for this year.

Applications can be for up to £5,000, but applications for smaller amounts are very welcome. If you are part of a constituted community group that has an idea for an event/project or if you'd like to spread the word about what you do, and even a little money would help you, please read more

here <http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/about-nps/funding/community-grants-fund/> or get in touch with Katie Swann katie.swann@edinburgh.gov.uk

Edinburgh College is holding a Recruitment Day on Wednesday 3 September, where anyone wanting to sign up for a course can apply and have a fast-track interview.

The event is at the college's Granton Campus from 3-7.30pm. Recruitment advisors and lecturers will be on hand to provide information about courses beginning this autumn, help with applications, and carry out interviews and auditions.

The college has places on courses in:

- Business
- Computing
- Construction and Building Crafts
- Creative Industries
- Engineering
- English for speakers of other Languages
- Events
- Retail
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Hair and Beauty
- Health
- Languages.

Courses range from access to degree level, including vocational training and professional accredited qualifications. Successful applicants can begin some courses immediately.

Edinburgh College vice principal education leadership Ray McCowan said: "This is a great opportunity to go through the whole application process in one go and get a place on a course that's going to open up new employment or study opportunities.

"Anyone undecided about what they want to do can talk through course options with our teaching staff, find out what the best course for them is, get support with their application and have an interview on the same day. This will make the journey from applying to confirming their place faster. We're looking forward to welcoming future students and their families, and

helping them make the best choices for their educational journey.”

Anyone who cannot make the Recruitment Day can still apply online at www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/applynow or by calling 0131 660 1010

Edinburgh College’s Granton Campus is at 350 West Granton Road, EH5 1QE.

There are many public toilet facilities across the city which are maintained by the council. The list is [here](#). Under the deal which the council had with advertising company Clear Channel there were also five automated public toilets across the city including one in St Andrew Square and one in Portobello on the Prom. It appears that these may now be removed as the arrangement with Clear Channel has ended and a new deal is being entered into with a new advertising company which does not include the provision of public conveniences. These automated loos had a self-cleaning function meaning that they were some of the cleanest in the city, but the cost of the council taking these over and managing them appears to be excessive according to Portobello Online who report that the cost of buying and running these public conveniences for three years would be around £300,000 which is however unbudgeted.

The council is reviewing its strategy but what do you think they should do?

[Post](#) by [Leith Library](#).