

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Portobello and Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership

JCI Edinburgh to host "A Night of Tall Tales"

Edinburgh Play Forum

Doors Open Day 2014

Blabbermouth

The Portobello and Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership meets next Wednesday 17 September at 6.30 in the East Neighbourhood Centre 101 Niddrie Mains Road. The meeting is open to the public.

As always there is a lot to discuss about what is going on in the area including Castlebrae Community High School and Portobello High School.

The Neighbourhood Partnership will hear that crime in the area has decreased, that preparations are underway for Fireworks Night and that Cashback for Communities funding has allowed services at the Jack Kane centre to be extended.

The next meeting will be on 19 November 2014.

Wednesday 17 September 2014, 6.00pm – 8.30 pm at the Roxburghe Hotel, 38 Charlotte Square, EH2 4HQ

JCI Edinburgh will next Wednesday host an open event providing young professionals with an opportunity to network and test their communication skills in a fun competitive environment.

The event, which is completely free and open to non-members, will provide attendees with the opportunity to develop their public speaking skills whilst finding out more about the work of JCI.

The evening will be split in two, with the first hour providing an informal welcome for non-members who would like to find out more about JCI and the benefits a membership provides. At 7pm the tension will heat up with a competition: A Night of Tall Tales. Participants will be given 3-5 minutes to tell the audience a story that will either be true or fabricated, with the audience then judging whether the story is true or false. The winner will be the competitor receiving the most votes contrary to the factual stance of their story.

Both members and non-members will be able to sign up in advance to participate and it will provide a lighthearted environment for competitors to develop their public speaking confidence.

The organiser of the event, JCI Edinburgh's current President Leanne Bradley hopes the competitive element of the event will encourage non-members to come along and find out more about what JCI can offer.

"One of the most important things that JCI offers is the chance to develop business skills and network in a friendly, fun environment. Competitions like this one offer the chance to really hone your public speaking skills in a pressure-free, light hearted setting"

JCI Edinburgh is part of [Junior Chamber International](#), the worldwide personal development organisation for business professionals in their 20s and 30s. They offer a stimulating range of activities to enable members to develop communication, presentation, leadership, project management, networking and business skills. Their overall aim is provide tomorrow's leaders with the necessary skills to improve themselves and their community.

For an annual fee of £85, JCI members can access a wide-ranging programme of events, training and social opportunities. A voluntary organisation, JCI also has a long history of charitable work and fundraising. Their current project, Suit Drive, has seen JCI encourage members of the public to donate unwanted suits to the homeless in order to assist them in finding work. Additionally, a recent local project involved JCI members participating in an *Apprentice* style challenge which saw two teams battle it out to run the most successful Bethany charity shop.

To register to enter the competition, please email Leeanne Bradley:

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For more information on opportunities and events organised by JCI Edinburgh please visit <http://jciedinburgh.org.uk/>.

[Post](#) by [The City of Edinburgh Council](#).

One of the most popular things to do at Doors Open Day in Edinburgh is to go to the bus depot and sit in the bus while it goes through the bus wash. But you have to get there early as the bus depot is so popular!

Lothian Buses said: "Doors Open Days run throughout September across Scotland, giving millions of people free access to locations normally kept under lock and key. Lothian Buses are just one of the 700 plus Scottish buildings to sign up for the 2014 event." Our Central Depot, in Annandale Street, will be open **1200 – 1600** on **Saturday 27 September** with depot tours running regularly throughout the day using open top double-decker buses.

"The event is free, and all donations received will go to Lothian Buses' 2014 Charity of the Year – [The Yard](#)"

The National Theatre of Scotland will celebrate Scottish writing next week with live music and the spoken word at the Assembly Hall in Edinburgh.