

# Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Harlaw Hydro

Take One Action Festival

Strictly Prancing – tickets left for tonight

Colony of Artists

Farmers' Markets

The council leader Andrew Burns has written in his latest monthly Leader's Report about the latest cooperative project in Edinburgh. A fan of cooperatives Burns said:

“I am delighted that work has now begun to develop a hydro electricity generation scheme at Edinburgh's Harlow Reservoir, a community led initiative that will harness enough energy from the water to power more than 50 homes.

“Due to be completed by the end of the year, the project aims to save more than 129 tonnes of carbon dioxide and produce 260,000Wh of green electricity. It has the backing of 240 shareholders, myself included, with around 70 per cent from the local Balerno, Currie and Juniper Green communities. Further investment is still required and the project [is calling for additional backers](#).

“As I've said before, we are aiming to become a more [Cooperative Council](#) through, amongst other things, promoting the development of cooperatives and other social enterprises.

Please visit the [Council website](#) for further information.”

The Edinburgh Reporter was at the recent launch of Harlaw Hydro and you can watch our video here:

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The Take One Action Film Festival is now underway so if you have any activism left in you then this is the place for you.

*“Take One Action – Scotland’s Film Festival for inspiring social change cinema and movies that matter – kicks off this year the day after the Independence referendum.*

*In its seventh year, Take One Action Film Festival will screen the best films on social justice, global activism and environmental issues, from 19 September to 04 October 2014 in several venues in Edinburgh and Glasgow. Many events will be presented in association with the Festival’s long-term partners: Christian Aid, Oxfam, Unison, the World Development Movement and NIDOS (the Network of International Development Organisations in Scotland).*

*With a bumper crop of 10 UK premieres and 4 Scottish premieres, Take One Action 2014 is shining a light on inspiring stories of change, including a new strand focusing on nonviolent protest. It opens on 19 September at Filmhouse, Edinburgh, with the UK premiere of **Everyday Rebellion**, a kaleidoscope of peaceful civil disobedience at its most creative which takes in the Occupy movement, Syrian and Iranian opposition activists, Femen and Spanish Indignados.*

*Find out information on individual screenings and events on the [festivals webpage](#).*

Here is the full programme

<http://www.theedinburghreporter.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/2014-Take-One-Action-Film-Festival-Programme-Guide.pdf>

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Aberlour, Scotland's Children's Charity, today announced the judges for their flagship Edinburgh fundraising event, the popular and prestigious *Strictly Come #Prancing*.

*Strictly Come Prancing*, which is based on the popular TV programme *Strictly Come Dancing*, will take place at the Sheraton Hotel in Edinburgh on Saturday 20 September, and promises to be a perfect evening of fun, entertainment and fine dining.

Lined up to judge the dancers on the evening are Andy Hamilton (CEO of CompanyNet), Pamela Mundt (of Microsoft Scotland) who won *Strictly Come Prancing* 2013, and Senay Taormina (Head of Dance at the MGA Academy)

The event is being sponsored by CompanyNet and supported by Microsoft, with monies raised going towards Aberlour Family Outreach – Edinburgh, a service which works with families across the city who are experiencing difficulties with substance use.

Tickets are priced at £70 per person and will include a champagne reception, followed by a three course dinner. This will then be followed by a live dance show, with couples made up of the great and good of Edinburgh, each of whom will be performing a specially choreographed dance routine. At the end of the evening, the audience will be able to vote for their favourite couple who will be crowned Edinburgh *Strictly Come Prancing* Winners 2014. The dance floor will then be opened to all guests with live music from Sainsbury's Bank's very own band *The Back Office* until the wee small hours.

Aberlour Fundraiser, Nicola Gandy said, "Aberlour's really pleased and excited to be returning to Edinburgh with *Strictly*

Come Prancing. I'm really pleased that CompanyNet is sponsoring the evening, and that Microsoft are also continuing to support Aberlour. Their support really will make a difference to Scotland's vulnerable children and young people.

This promises to be a fabulous evening of champagne, fine dining and some brilliant dancing. It's going to be unmissable. We've got a whole host of fantastic couples lined up to dance the night away and we've got a great panel of judges. I can't wait."

Andy Hamilton, CEO of CompanyNet commented, "Working with Aberlour is hugely rewarding, and we're tremendously pleased that we're able to support Scotland's leading children's charity. I'm looking forward to a fantastic evening and hopefully, some fantastic dancing."

Pamela Mundt of Microsoft Scotland said, "We are delighted to be continuing to support such a great and worthwhile cause. We've seen first-hand what a difference Aberlour makes to the lives of Scotland's children and young people and we're looking forward to continuing our long standing relationship with our chosen charity"

Senay Taormina, Head of Dance at MGA Academy said, "We're thrilled to be working with Aberlour on Strictly Come Prancing again this year. It's a great event to be involved with; a fun evening for everyone, while helping to raise money for such a great cause."

Tickets are available now for Strictly Come #Prancing which takes place on the evening of September 20 2014 at the Sheraton Hotel, Edinburgh. Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.aberlour.org.uk/prancing>

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Colony of Artists takes place this weekend.

30 artists

20 houses

Many pieces of art for you to have a look at.

[More information here.](#)

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[The Farmers Market](#) in Castle Terrace and then the [Stockbridge Market](#) held tomorrow will do their best to entice you with good fresh food.