

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee

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Superconnected city

Live Well in Later Life meeting

TEDX at Edinburgh Napier

The council's Communities and Neighbourhood Committee meets this morning and will hear reports on what has been happening in and around the city which have been instigated or facilitated by the council's neighbourhood offices.

For example the councillors will be told about Almond and Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnerships held a Dementia Awareness Day in June to bring many groups who have an interest together. This ranged from carers and a variety of organisations such as Alzheimer Scotland and Edinburgh Leisure and many more.

They will hear about the Craigmillar Festival Fun Day which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year and the extended school holiday programme which was organised by Portobello and Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership.

The committee will also hear about the new strategies which the council will develop to encourage greater community participation in local initiatives by ensuring that marketing campaigns and consultations are more meaningful to local residents. This results from the What's my Patch campaign that the council ran recently.

Council papers for this meeting are [here](#).

Add to our autumn colours storyboard over here. Send us your photos of autumn colours, the fruits you pick in the wild. Anyone got any mushrooms yet? We would love you to share your photos and thoughts on autumn [over here on EdinburghReportage](#) then we will feature the best in an article about Autumn in Edinburgh.

Edinburgh is one of 22 UK Superconnected Cities which means it has vouchers of up to £3000 available to businesses looking to install better broadband connections in their premises.

The scheme is offered by the UK Government and managed locally by the council.

The grant, in the form of a voucher, is part of the government's broadband transformation across the country, helping cities to create and attract new jobs and investment and make the UK the best place in the world to do business.

Benefits to businesses as a result of faster, better broadband include:

- Growing and accessing new markets through better communication with customers and suppliers
- Increasing security through fast secure back-up of data
- Increasing productivity and improving customer service through faster upload and download speeds
- Reduce the costs of software and hardware by benefiting from the option of online applications and data storage
- Enhance the way you communicate and collaborate by accommodating colleagues, clients and partners on real-time video calls, and by sharing information on cloud-

based software

More information on the Edinburgh council website [here](#).

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership will host a 'Live Well in Later Life' event today Tuesday 23 September 2014 in Rosebery Halls, South Queensferry. This follows on from the success of a Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership event in 2013. The event aims to promote services and activities available locally to older people. Further information is available from Jim Conner, Services for Communities, West Neighbourhood Team. jim.conner@edinburgh.gov.uk

Tickets for this events are ON SALE NOW!!
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