

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



Grove Community Garden Wee Harvest Festival

Council Media Team win award

US author Marilynne Robinson coming to Edinburgh

Lizzie and the Banshees

Lions collect 7,000 pairs of old glasses



As part of the Great Seed Festival which seeks to celebrate the seeds that feed us there is an event tomorrow at the Grove Fountainbridge Community Garden where they are having a wee harvest festival. They are taking the opportunity to start off their tapestry project. Anyone can join in. You are invited along to come along and bring food and drink to share.

A list of other events is [here](#) on their website.

The council's Communications service has been named Outstanding In-House Public Relations Team by the country's

leading professional body for public relations.

The team was awarded gold in the category at the CIPR (Chartered Institute of Public Relations) Scotland PRide Awards on Thursday night.

The award recognises a diverse range of Council communications campaigns, aimed at both internal and external audiences.

Judges cited a “superb team and a worthy winner”, praising its consideration of a broad range of audiences through its campaigns.

The Council also won silver for Scottish Public Sector Team of the Year, and was finalist in a further two categories – Public Sector Campaign and Best Use of Social Media.

Council Leader, Councillor Andrew Burns, welcomed the team’s success. He said: “This is fantastic news for the Council and its Communications Team in particular, and recognises the hard work of the team delivering a number of communications campaigns and events over the course of this year.”

[The PRide Awards](#) recognise the work of public relations teams and consultancies in nine UK regions, and are held annually.

Organisers of the Edinburgh International Book Festival announced a very special autumn event with one of the world’s leading novelists – American writer Marilynne Robinson – who will be making a rare UK appearance to talk about her new book, *Lila*, on Sunday 16 November, presented in association with Waterstones and publisher Little, Brown.

Robinson, author of three highly acclaimed and award-winning novels, *Housekeeping*, *Gilead* and *Home*, as well as a number of non-fiction books including *When I Was a Child I Read Books*, has won the Pulitzer Prize, the Orange Prize for Fiction, the LA Times Book Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award

for Fiction and has been shortlisted twice for the Man Booker International Prize. In 2013 she was awarded the 2012 National Humanities Medal by President Barack Obama for her 'grace and intelligence in writing'.

Her new novel, *Lila*, which revisits the characters and settings of her previous books *Gilead* and *Home*, is once again set in her home state of Iowa in the 1950s and is an unforgettable story about a girl who lived on the fringes of society in fear, awe, and wonder.

Nick Barley, Director of the Edinburgh International Book Festival said 'It is a rare privilege to welcome Marilynne Robinson to Edinburgh and we are thrilled that she will be joining us, in one of only 3 UK appearances, to discuss her new novel. She is an extraordinary contemporary novelist, whose stories and characters enthral her readers'.'

Marilynne Robinson will be speaking on Sunday 16 November at 3.00pm at the Assembly Roxy.

Tickets cost £9.00 and are only available from Edinburgh International Book Festival on www.edbookfest.co.uk/the-festival/whats-on/marilynne-robinson or tel 0131 718 5666.

Lizzie and the Banshees are the only tribute band to Siouxsie and the Banshees in the UK and they are based in Edinburgh.

Sex Pistols Experience / Lizzie and the Banshees.

The Liquid Room, 9c Victoria Street, Edinburgh EH1 2HE.

Saturday 8th November 2014. Doors 7.00pm. Tickets £12.50.

[Tickets here.](#)



City of Edinburgh Lions Club chose World Sight Day on Thursday to announce a record breaking number of spectacles handed to them from their 30 collection points in Edinburgh, the Lothians and central Scotland. During their 2013 – 14 collection period they received 7,040 pairs as well as over 400 hearing aids to support people with sight problems and hearing problems.

These spectacles are sent to Lions colleagues at Chichester Lions who organise classification and repair, if necessary, before they are shipped by French Lions colleagues to India, Africa and Asia where they provide much needed sight improvement to all ages.

Edinburgh born Lion Andrew Kerr Sutherland, District Governor for Scotland and north east England said a big thank you to all those who have supported this project and looks forward to greater results again this year. This project is supported by many Lions clubs in local communities throughout Great Britain and Ireland.

The 2014 – 15 collection has now started and you can find collection points at www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/cityofedinburgh One of the main centres is at the City Chambers in High Street.