

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Alex Salmond to run for Westminster

Usher Hall award

M8 victim named

Hearts trounce Queen of the South

Mercy Corps appeal



Former First Minister Alex Salmond is expected to announce that he will contest the Westminster seat of Gordon in 2015, continuing his lifelong campaign for independence for Scotland in the heart of the UK Government.

The constituency is being vacated by LibDem Sir Malcolm Bruce who is one of many politicians who have decided to stand down next year. Gordon lies near his Scottish constituency of Aberdeenshire East which if he is elected to Westminster he would presumably continue to represent for a year till the next Scottish election. He has previously served as an MP at Westminster from 1987 till 2010.

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling have both announced their retirement from politics since the Referendum.

Mr Salmond's alter ego @Angry Salmond appears to have pushed him into it:

Nice parliament. I'll take it. [#SexySocialism](#)

pic.twitter.com/rebckn88Dl

– Angry Salmond (@AngrySalmond) [December 6, 2014](#)

Ladies and gentlemen, your main event for 2015...
pic.twitter.com/nJ7Xe0pkmZ – Angry Salmond (@AngrySalmond)
[December 6, 2014](#)

The Usher Hall has been recognised for services to deaf and hard of hearing customers with an award for best practice.

Attitude is Everything has awarded Edinburgh's Usher Hall the Bronze Standard Charter of Best Practice for showing continuing commitment to venue access to their customers and performers.

Attitude is Everything assists the music industry to understand the requirements of Deaf and disabled people at music venues and festivals. The ethos of the Charter is that Deaf and disabled people should be as independent as they want to be at live music events.

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Police confirmed the name of the man who died in a collision on the M8 yesterday morning as Murray D'Angelo (28).

The family have issued a photo of Murray through Police Scotland, but ask that they are left to grieve in private.

[Read more here.](#)

Hearts had a glorious afternoon at Tynecastle yesterday winning 4-1 against Queen of the South who, according to The Edinburgh Reporter's Mike Smith were 'he best visiting team I have seen at Tynecastle this season'.

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[The Edinburgh Disaster Response Committee](#) and Edinburgh's International Charity, [Mercy Corps](#) have joined forces to provide shelter and lifesaving supplies to families who are on the run from violent conflict or war. Women, men and children from countries like [Syria](#), [South Sudan](#) and [Iraq](#) who have been forced to leave their homes and leave everything they have behind.

You are invited to donate to the appeal on the EVOC website [here.](#)

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