

# Five things you need to know today



**New Fellows at the Royal Society**

**Free yoga classes**

**Edinburgh International Festival news**

**At Sandy Bell's – a film**

**Kazuo Ishiguro in Edinburgh**

The names of 56 distinguished people elected to become Fellows of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) were announced earlier this week and the list includes Edinburgh based author, Ian Rankin.

Spanning the arts, business, and science and technology sectors, the join the RSE in its work to place the advancement of learning and useful knowledge at the centre of public life in Scotland.

The RSE said it is heartened to see its multi-disciplinary purpose reinforced by an increase in the number of new Fellows from the arts, business, professional and political spheres.

They include:

Ian Rankin OBE, one of Scotland's most outstanding contemporary literary figures, famous for his Edinburgh-set Inspector Rebus novels.

Don Paterson OBE, one of Scotland and UK's pre-eminent poets, as well as Professor of Poetry at the University of St Andrews.

Margaret Ford, Baroness Ford of Cunninghame, Chairman of STV Group Plc.

Dame Seona Reid, Chair of National Theatre of Scotland and former Director, Glasgow School of Art.

Sir George Reid PC, Former Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament.

Mary Robinson, UN Special Envoy for Climate Change and former President of Ireland, who becomes an Honorary Fellow.

President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Professor Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, said, "I am delighted to welcome such a wide range of outstanding individuals to the Fellowship. Each of our new Fellows is elected on the distinguished merit of their work. In joining the RSE, they strengthen our capacity to support excellence across all areas of academic and public life, both in Scotland and further afield."

New Fellows are elected each year through a rigorous five-stage nomination process. The breadth of the Fellowship, which numbers over 1600 individuals from Scotland, the UK and abroad, enables the RSE to provide a wide range of leadership and expertise.



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Lululemon is the new yoga kid in town. They run classes in their shop! Here's what they say:

*Are you waiting for a sign to start doing yoga? Well this is it. Our classes at the showroom are always complimentary! Step outside your comfort zone and try something new! Start your Saturday off with with a smile. 10am, doors open 9:40am, first come first mat, see you there.*

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Edinburgh International Festival has announced that extra tickets will be available for Antigone starring Juliette Binoche. Here she is talking about the play:

[Book your tickets here.](#)

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Louise Dautheribes McKerl is a filmmaker working in Edinburgh for now. She has collaborated with Sandy Bell's to make acoustic music videos to promote Scottish bands. The videos have been shot by Louise with a sound engineer. They are looking for more bands to film but also some sponsorship. If you can help at all then get in touch with Louise at [wallpapertunes@gmail.com](mailto:wallpapertunes@gmail.com)

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Spend an hour in the company of one of the world's leading novelists, Kazuo Ishiguro, tonight to celebrate the launch of his long-awaited new book. Well that is if you can get a ticket.....[Booking details here.](#) It seems to us there may be some stray tickets left for the Upper Circle but check with the venue.

Edinburgh International Book Festival brings Kazuo Ishiguro to the Lyceum for a rare Scottish appearance to talk about The Buried Giant, his first novel for a decade, presented in association with publisher Faber & Faber. A stunningly original piece of work, urgent and as relevant as it is troubling and mysterious, The Buried Giant describes a couple's journey across a land of mist and rain in the hope of finding a son they have not seen for years. Often intensely moving, a story of lost memories, love, revenge and war unfolds.

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