

Five things you need to know today



Today at Craigmount School for Comic Relief

PlayTalkRead Bus in Oxfgangs today

New exhibition at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art

City Centre Neighbourhood Partnership Public Meeting


Earth Hour

Today at Craigmount Primary School they will be hosting the annual Sportathon 2015. It has been hugely successful in previous years as they have raised in excess of £30,000! The event allows students the chance to be physically active between 6am-6pm and gain sponsorship to do so.

S1-S3 students are invited to participate in sporting events throughout the day with S4-S6 students invited to participate before tutor and after school with exception of the infamous Craigy Mile. S6 students will be participating in the 12 hour cycle when they have the free time to do so.

The Charities Committee has decided that they split the proceeds this year between Comic Relief and MacMillian Cancer Trust. They have also chosen the theme this year as Disney. Here is their promotional video!



 A new exhibition begins this Saturday at the Scottish

National Gallery of Modern Art. Read more [here](#).

City Centre Neighbourhood Partnership Public Meeting

Thursday 26 March 7-8.30pm

The Melting Pot, 5 Rose Street, EH2 2PR

Theme: Supporting local action through the Community Grants Fund

Thinking about applying in 2015/16? Or interested in how a small grant can have big outcomes? Please come along to hear about recent projects in the city centre, share your ideas and get advice about applying. Find out more about the Fund [here](#)



Mark Lazarowicz, MP for Edinburgh North and Leith, has signed up to support this year's WWF Earth Hour when millions of people around the world come together to switch off their lights for one hour in a symbolic act of support for action to tackle climate change.

Earth Hour takes place on **Saturday 28th March from 8:30 – 9.30pm**. You can find more information at www.earthhour.wwf.org.uk/

As part of this year's Earth Hour Mark pledged to back protection of the world's forests at a WWF reception in Parliament this week through support for a responsible trade in sustainably-sourced forest products.

Lazarowicz commented: "Earth Hour is a clear demonstration of people's concern around the world about climate change and I am really pleased to see that Edinburgh will be taking part

again with the lights at Edinburgh Castle, the Scottish Parliament, the Scott Monument, and Forth Rail Bridge all going out.

“Economic growth can make a real difference to the lives of people around the world but it must be sustainable: that’s why I want to see action on deforestation with businesses and governments making a commitment to responsible trade in wood and paper.

“The world has lost nearly half its forests, and already global demand for wood for timber, paper and fuel is set to triple by 2050.”

“The UK is the fifth-largest importer of timber and wood-based products in the world so what we do makes a difference and Government must listen to people’s call for action at Earth Hour.”

Mark is a member of the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee (EAC) which produced a report in December on agreeing ambitious goals for sustainable development which you can find [here](#). The EAC also produced a report on climate change adaptation which you can find [here](#).

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