

# Five things you need to know today



**Pets photo call**

**Gretna – Remembering the Leith Battalion**

**General Election Hustings**

**Edinburgh Instameet this weekend**

**Edinburgh International Festival 2015**

This morning the Edinburgh News Cooperative would like you to bring your pets along to the Muirhouse Community Shop for a photo call.

There may be prizes for the most unusual pet!



The founding members of the Edinburgh News Cooperative are The Edinburgh Reporter, North Edinburgh Community News and Tenants and Residents in Muirhouse (TRIM).


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We recently met Bryan Maughan who runs the Pilmeny Youth Project and who is behind all the initiatives in the leaflet below. He is one of those people who has infectious enthusiasm for what he does and we hope you will take an interest in his innovative scheme.



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This weekend will be Instagrams 11th Worldwide Instameet. Thousands of instagrammers (i.e those who use the social medium of Instagram!) will meet up in many locations around the world during the same weekend to capture and share beautiful photos.

This will be an #empty meet at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art One in Edinburgh organised and hosted by two members of the local Instagram community: [@jemmacraig](#) (an art pro who loves taking photos of galleries and architecture in Edinburgh and Paris) and [@wilde\\_oates](#) (an outdoors enthusiast, who specialises in photographing the Scottish landscape).

During the evening of Sat 21 March instagrammers will have the gallery completely to themselves as it opens its doors especially for the instameet.

With private access to the empty gallery and time to stroll around at their leisure, the instagrammers will have a unique experience to fully immerse themselves in the surrounding art.

Although it is a little late to get involved at the gallery itself you can follow the content from the comfort of your home by searching for the #WWIM11 hashtag on Instagram.

We hope to have some of the images for you on Monday!

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Although the programme has been launched for the Edinburgh International Festival earlier this week the tickets are not on general distribution till 28 March at 10am.

Still you can look at all the lovely ballets, concerts, plays and operas that are being staged this year. And for the more discerning among you there is Franz Ferdinand.....

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