Five things you need to know today

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MoJoCon

Edinburgh Park station gets new ticket gates

Fundraising for CHAS

New exhibition coming to Castle Terrace

Pets Corner

The Edinburgh Reporter has been invited to an exciting <u>conference</u> today in Dublin. It is all about how to compile news reports using only a mobile phone.

The conference is organised by Glen Mulcahy of RTÉ and we already know that one of the presenters at the event, Hugh Lineman who is online editor at The Irish Times, is related to our new Edinburgh International Festival director, Fergus Linehan... so there's the Edinburgh connection right there!

Watch out for news on Twitter and Instagram about the event.

Edinburgh Park has become the latest ScotRail station to have ticket gates installed.

Work to introduce the gates got under way in January, with ten new gateline jobs created as part of the change.

The gates, which have been installed at both platforms, began operating earlier this week.

They were introduced under a franchise commitment to reduce

ticketless travel, increase revenue protection, improve station security and discourage anti-social behaviour.

Automatic ticket gates are already in place at a number of ScotRail stations, including: Inverness, Perth, Aberdeen, Dundee and Stirling, as well as both Glasgow Queen Street and Central stations, and Edinburgh Waverley and Haymarket.

Pat Callaghan, ScotRail's director of facilities and building services, said: "Revenue protection and reducing ticketless travel have always been priorities for us because it is honest, fare-paying passengers who bear the burden of lost investment in Scotland's railway.

"Ticket gates, which are part of our franchise agreement, are also proven to discourage anti-social behaviour and improve station security."

The majority of works took place overnight, causing minimal impact on customers travelling through the station during the day.

Customers are encouraged to buy their tickets in advance of travel to allow quick and easy access to and from the station.

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Some of the staff took part in Beat the Borders to raise funds for CHAS

Legal, financial and property specialist Pagan Osborne raised £15,000 as part of a three-year partnership with Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS).

The partnership launched in March 2012 when, following a staff vote, CHAS was contacted by Pagan Osborne and notified that it was the company's chosen charity for the next three years. From there, the partnership developed and flourished, showing how truly diverse and interactive a charity partnership can be.

CHAS Corporate and Events Fundraiser, Criona Knight, said: "It has been an absolute pleasure working with the Pagan Osborne team. They have been so supportive and have always tried to help wherever they can. At the end of a partnership it is always fantastic to look back at the different ways a company can support us and Pagan Osborne really did tick all the boxes.

"Every single penny the team have donated will go towards supporting babies, children and young people with life shortening conditions and their families across Scotland. CHAS are so grateful for all their support and hard work and we would like to say a big thank you and wish them all well for the future".

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PROJECTION by DAVID MCDIARMID from 10 – 25 APRIL at <u>INTERVIEW</u> <u>ROOM 11</u>

More information here

We got together with the other members of the Edinburgh News Cooperative last week when we asked local residents in North Edinburgh to bring their pets along for a photo shoot. Here is what happened — please watch to the very end!

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