

# Five things you need to know today



Seven weeks till Edinburgh Marathon Festival

General Election 2015 interviews

Animation workshop

World Heritage Day

Edinburgh Cycling Event

If you're training for the Edinburgh Marathon Festival you will already know that there are only seven weeks to go. But if you are still considering entering then the good news is that there is just time! Entries close on 15 April.

[You can enter here.](#)

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We are building up a library of video interviews with all of the Edinburgh General Election candidates we can meet up with. If you wish to be interviewed then [get in touch!](#)

Meantime you can see some interviews [here on our Vimeo channel.](#)

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A timely reminder for a last minute animation workshop starting next week from Tales of One City which is the Edinburgh Libraries Blog: "Since February we've been running an #artcore Animation Studio for teenagers with Red Kite.

“Young people from all around Edinburgh have been coming together and bringing their stories and designs to life with expert guidance from animators from Red Kite, Edinburgh College of Art and Edinburgh College.

“As a treat for our younger audience Red Kite will hold an Animation Studio for aspiring animators aged 5-12 next Thursday and Friday at McDonald Road Library.

“The studio runs over two days, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April from 11.30am-1.30pm at McDonald Road Library, 2-4 McDonald Road, Edinburgh, EH7 4L.

“The studio is free and all equipment is provided, just bring your imagination!”

Contact [Fiona@redkite-animation.com](mailto:Fiona@redkite-animation.com) to sign up.

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Next Saturday is World Heritage Day. You are invited along to the Scottish Storytelling Centre on the High Street to find out more about the five world heritage sites in Scotland.

More information about the event and how to book [here](#).

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Edinburgh and East Lothian will host the Friends Life Tour of Britain this September. VisitScotland says it expects the major event to bring a welcome boost to the local tourism economy.

It is hoped that the event will impact positively on accommodation providers in the city and surrounding area, providing them with another tourism opportunity to capitalise upon. With cycling being a popular activity in Edinburgh and the Lothians the area is well set to host such an inspirational event.

Scotland will welcome two stages of the Friends Life Tour of Britain on two separate days for the first time ever with the UK's biggest professional cycle race. The tour will see its second day, Stage 4 of the race, on 9 September in Edinburgh, the first visit to Scotland's capital for the modern race, before travelling through East Lothian. Departing from Holyrood Park, Stage Four will pass through the centre of Edinburgh before heading into East Lothian and then through the Scottish Borders to Northumberland, where the stage will finish in Blyth.

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