

Edinburgh Councillor blogs – Maureen Child



Councillor Maureen Child who represents Craigentiny and Portobello gives us her weekly rundown of events that are taking place in and around Portobello in the next week.

The **Portobello Market** returns on June 6 in Brighton Park, and Dr Bike will be there to give free bike checks, thanks to BG Cycles. The Caleerie Buskers will also return to provide a little entertainment as the day goes on. There's more than 20 traders this month including the arrival of an all-new producer. There's everything from sweet & savoury to garden & crafts The market opens at 9.30am and runs until 1.30pm. Tables and chairs are set out for you to sit a while and enjoy the atmosphere. Portobello Market runs in Brighton Park, just off Brighton Place, Portobello, on the first Saturday of every month except January. Check out the website for details of the traders attending: <http://goo.gl/zJ2rkr> Also check out our Market Facebook page and Like & Share. <https://www.facebook.com/portymarket>

The '**Imagine Portobello**' event is tomorrow Saturday, 30 May 10.30am – 5.45pm, Church Hall Bellfield Street, organised by Big Things on the Beach, grant-aided by the Portobello Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership. See here: <fb.me/37Jm09Key>. See also Damian Killeen's opinion piece at <bit.ly/1BqqPhq>

It's the **Edinburgh Marathon** is happening this weekend Sunday 31 May and they will be running through Portobello. Road closure details at <ow.ly/NnYfL>

Film Night : 'Seeing the Bigger Picture', three brilliant short films showing for one night only. These are internationally acclaimed films and there will be the chance to speak to the directors and hear their stories. Tuesday 9 June 8pm to 9.30pm in Portobello and Joppa Parish Church, Abercorn Place. Poster here: [fb.me/3BH2sLzjE](https://www.facebook.com/3BH2sLzjE) All welcome. Free entry but a donation for 'Lilidh's Year in Malawi' would be greatly appreciated.

Art Walk Porty is a new arts event to be held 3-6 September 2015, being organised by local artist and designer, Rosy Naylor, that celebrates the public space and creative activity of Portobello, to include site specific installations, artist open studios, and a makers market. If you are a local artist or venue interested in taking part please sign up at <http://www.artwalkporty.co.uk> / Twitter @artwalkporty

Portobello Amenity Society (PAS) Annual General Meeting is at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 4 June in the Baptist Church Hall 185, Portobello High Street. The Speaker is Tom Parnell of the Forth & Borders Cases Panel Convenor Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland and he will give an illustrated talk on "The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland: Casework Challenges." Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please help with this consultation by **Portobello Community Council** and the Council's community learning and development team **onstuff for young people to do** in the Portobello area. [fb.me/7I1s75Rnk](https://www.facebook.com/7I1s75Rnk) Services and Facilities for Young People in Porty: What do you like now? In future? We want to hear from anyone aged 10 – 17 in Porty re services and

facilities for young people. bit.ly/1LLD7XD

Next week is national **Dementia Awareness Week** and things are going on locally : <http://www.homeinstead.co.uk/edinburgh/4995.do/dementia-awareness-week-1st-to-7th-june> What do you think about dementia? Take part in the survey here: dementia.stir.ac.uk/ideas/big-ask

The **Three Harbours Arts Festival** takes place from 30 May – 7 June and is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Always worth a visit, just along the coast for Porty. fb.me/2dFd8qGJ2

Portobello's award -winning teenage book group was recently featured by the Library service. More here: talesofonecity.wordpress.com/2015/05/26/por...

Thanks to Porty High School and McDonalds for helping clear **Figgate Park** of litter under the Keep Scotland Beautiful banner: pic.twitter.com/Qx4vgECwsX Great to see such diversity of park life as children do the designs for improvements in the park: twitter.com/FiggatePark/st... Friends of Figgate Park want to give bats a roost crowd fund is now live: bit.ly/figgbat You can take a sneak peek at the website www.mypark.scot and check out the ideas for 10 things to do in your local park <https://www.facebook.com/myparkscot>

Porty Beach Race takes place this year on 4 June. All you need to know is here: bit.ly/1JVDyzB

Fifteen gardens are registered to take part in the **Power of Food Festival** – including one in Portobello- with highlights ranging from insect safari to storytelling, from birds to music, and lots more in between. <https://poweroffoodfestival.wordpress.com/>

Devising a **planning framework** for Edinburgh City Region: Click here: goo.gl/fb/0vpIZz

Here's a picture of the fantastic **Kids in the Street (KITS)** using new activity space thanks to the equally fantastic construction skills graduates: pic.twitter.com/x5uFPB4qts. KITS was one of the projects which succeeded in getting a Community Grant Award in You Decide! last Saturday. <http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/portobello-and-craigmillar/> Dougie Duffy the Flying Dustman is running the Edinburgh 10k in aid of KITS! You can donate by texting KITS01 and your amount to 70070

How to get your hands on a grant? Here's a guide to **finding funders** and wowing them. okt.to/z0Z3W6

Here are the **policing priorities** people said they want Police Scotland to tackle across Edinburgh: scotland.police.uk/your-community... pic.twitter.com/e5kySeX62W

£1 Million was recently seized via the **Proceeds Crime Act** from two Edinburgh criminals and will be spent improving lives in the local communities most impacted by crime. If you have

information you want to share confidentially, do not hesitate to phone independent charity **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111**. More at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Information on the a Proposed Traffic Order for 20MPH zones around schools affects road within Portobello and Duddingston. The proposals can be found on our websites from 29 May 2015 until 26 June 2015 under reference TR0/15/17. www.edinburgh.gov.uk/20mph& www.edinburgh.gov.uk/trafficorders or www.tellmescotland.gov.uk.

This is fantastic open data website which gives a lot of great information about Edinburgh and the communities and neighbourhoods within it: www.edinburgh.gov.uk//download/downloads/id/5513/edinburgh_by_numbers_2015.pdf

You are all invited to the **maddest tea party in town!** Alice in Wonderland Fringe Preview & Fundraiser on 20 June: fb.me/7jpXr2BFJ

Can you spare a few hours on a Tuesday for a good cause? A **volunteer driver needed** for Portobello Older People. fb.me/24Aib2fd0

I was delighted to present a prize to the 1000th learner from the Digital Skills Academy run as project through a Crea8Te Opportunities, the local social enterprise company based in Castlebrae Business Centre, Peffer Place, Craigmillar. It was wonderful to meet Gordon Robertson and hear his own story!. See report here from the Digital Sentinel: [Digital Sentinel | Digital Skills Academy help 1000th person get online](#)

Gas main replacement in Joppa started on Monday 25 May for a few weeks. Hence the ongoing **lane closures** and temporary traffic lights. More here: [fb.me/7fm3vBekA](https://www.facebook.com/7fm3vBekA)

There is a bill before Parliament sponsored by Sandra White MSP which would end **pavement parking** in Scotland. This is a picture of Regent Street, Portobello: pic.twitter.com/zTXL8ngba9 where people do often find it hard or impossible to get out and about, especially people with buggies and wheelchair users.

Congratulations to Portobello resident, **Sheena Seex** who won a Silver Gilt Medal at the Chelsea Flower Show. See more here: <https://www.facebook.com/portobello.online/posts/10153062635343705>

A reminder that the statutory consultation on *Options for Proposed Changes to the Catchment Area of **Towerbank Primary School*** started on Friday 8 May 2015 and the public consultation period runs until Monday 22 June 2015. Further information including the full statutory consultation paper, background papers and an online questionnaire are available at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/towerbankconsultation.

Duddingston Primary School	Monday, 1 June 2015	6:30pm – 8:30pm
The Royal High Primary School	Wednesday, 3 June 2015	6:30pm – 8:30pm

During the consultation period, any views on this proposal should be to cf.propertyreview@edinburgh.gov.uk by the end date. The results will then be analysed and a report on the

Outcomes of the Consultation will be presented to the Council in October 2015. The report will be made public three weeks in advance.