

Five things you need to know today




Hidden Door starts next week!

At the National War Museum

Follow your new MP

Volunteer with Edinburgh Art Festival

Friends of the Earth Rally

 We really enjoyed Hidden Door last year and are excited that this year they have found a new venue and are staging a huge array of entertainment.

Have you had a look at their website?

There will be eight days of art and music all starting on Friday 22 May with 'three class music acts, carefully picked to welcome you through the Hidden Door. Add in some of the finest films to come out of the last 5 years of the **Edinburgh Short Films Festival**, a fascinating **theatre programme**, and of course room after room of **incredible artwork**, and you know you really can't lose!

Sign up to [day 1 on Facebook](#) for the latest updates, and buy tickets on [Brown Paper Tickets](#).'



Afghan National Army
Officer Training, Camp

Qargha, Kabul

The National War Museum is at Edinburgh Castle, EH1 2NG and is open 09:45–17:45 daily

One of the exhibitions is **Helmand Return which goes on until** March 2016

Entry is free with admission to Edinburgh Castle

Five years after his poignant exhibition *Helmand: Faces of Conflict*, renowned photographer Robert Wilson revisited Afghanistan as an official war artist to record the British troops' final tour of duty. The photographs allow a rare insight into the process of withdrawing from a war zone; capturing the essence of the human and logistical challenges faced during the transfer of responsibility and withdrawal.

Helmand Return is created by Robert Wilson, curated by Catherine Collins and Rhiannon Adam, and loaned by Gallery One and a Half.

Your new MP (or your old one if you live in Edinburgh South!) is taking up their seat at Westminster on Monday. If you would like to sign up to receive an alert about what they are doing down there then complete the box here:

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Edinburgh Art Festival are looking for enthusiastic individuals to join us during Edinburgh's most vibrant time of the year from **30 July – 30 August 2015**. If you have a passion for visual art and the festival atmosphere, love meeting new people and don't shy away from hard work, [this is the ideal opportunity for you](#).

Friends of the Earth are holding a rally at Holyrood on 27 May. This is why:

For the love of all the things we care about, we're taking climate change seriously. And we're not alone.

Join us to hand in thousands of messages from all across Scotland to the First Minister, demand action on our climate commitments and to push for leadership on climate action internationally.

2015 is an important year, as the Scottish Government will report back on their progress towards meeting their emissions reductions targets set out in the climate act, and the next stage of the UN climate talks will be held in Paris in December.

Join us to hand over thousands of messages from all across Scotland, and help secure commitments to climate action. Be part of our For The Love Of photo stunt, speak to your MSP, and enjoy crafts, music and inspirational performers.

If you are pushed for time, join us between 1-1:30pm.

It's not too late to send your message to [Nicola Sturgeon](#): www.stopclimatechaos.org/fm-action

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