

Edinburgh Councillor blogs – Maureen Child



Councillor Maureen Child has given us her latest round up of news and what's on in Portobello.

Portobello Community Council want to hear from anyone aged 10 – 17 in Porty re services and **facilities for young people**. Please pass this on!bit.ly/1LLD7XD

In conjunction with Active Edinburgh, Portobello-based Edinburgh **Basketball** are delighted to announce the details of their **summer camp** -6-9 July. Places go quickly! See poster here: pic.twitter.com/UEhKU8ZFJu

Craigmillar Community Council is holding their AGM on Tuesday 9 June at 7pm in the Hays Business Centre, 4 Hay Avenue, EH16 4AQ. All welcome.

Fancy de-stressing and being encouraged? **Spirit Rhythms** is on at Wellsprings this Sunday 7 June, 4pm-6pm. Live music & dance, art exhibition plus hand massage and other stalls including dream interpretation, healing prayer and spiritual insight etc FREE EVENT upstairs in the old church, 71 Whitehill Street, Newcraighall EH21 8QZ. See here: www.facebook.com/spiritrhythms2

Bike Marking – Get your bike security marked at the Promenade, Portobello between 11am – 1pm, Sunday 7 June pic.twitter.com/YlBmeATFF6

It was a very busy day at **Imagine Portobello** last Saturday. Lots of interesting discussion and ideas. See pictures from Saturday here:fb.me/476XZYgXP

Thnaks to Big Things on the Beach for organising a brilliant

opportunity for networking and showcasing what we have done and can do together. I'm sure a lot more will come of it. [facebook.com/media/set/?set...](https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=pa.10152811111111111) [pic.twitter.com/8rxGNR75BE](https://www.pic.twitter.com/8rxGNR75BE) This was the main story to come out of the day story on that new Portobello pier design – no harm in ‘Imagining’ : [http://news.stv.tv/east-central/1322234-portobello-designs-f](http://news.stv.tv/east-central/1322234-portobello-designs-for-a-potential-pier-have-been-unveiled/)
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Dementia Awareness Week ran from June 1-6. “Learn the facts” is one of 6 things you can do to help during [#dementia6littlethingspic.twitter.com/4rgcsrKdv](https://twitter.com/4rgcsrKdv)

Do you need to talk to someone about dementia? Call Alzheimer Scotland's free 24 hour helpline 0808 808 3000 [#DAW2015pic.twitter.com/Vh3teVWTSG](https://twitter.com/Vh3teVWTSG)

More

here: <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/blog/newsblog/post/825/dementia-awareness-week-know-the-signs-and-beat-the-stigma>

A group of 10 pupils from S4 at **Castlebrae Community High School** are building an electric race car from scratch which will then compete on the race track in East Fortune this September. <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/blog/newsblog/post/827/pupils-on-the-starting-grid-for-electric-race>

“Summer Shindig for Nepal” is on 27th June with Tribe Party:
Book

here: <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/summer-shindig-for-nepal-tickets-17126225000?aff=estw>

More about Tribe Party

here: <https://www.facebook.com/tribeporty/posts/831519696942060>

Another great East Regional **Beach Volleyball** Development session this week. They even had some sunshine! pic.twitter.com/Z40DB2ZThT

Children's circus has come to Portobello. Circus Alba are

running a mini term of children's circus classes; More here: [fb.me/1HfJ91k0a](https://www.facebook.com/1HfJ91k0a)

A bit of history – Portobello Bathing Pool, famous for its wave machine opened 30 May 1936.: [fb.me/1HL0WL0BI](https://www.facebook.com/1HL0WL0BI)

People with cancer need places like **Maggie's Centre**. Please do pass this on and support: bit.ly/MoreThanMedici...

Portobello High School's fantastic head teacher is retiring in August and she will be sorely missed. My colleague, Councillor Paul Godzik, education leader, said: "As head teacher of Portobello, she has steered the whole school community through a challenging period and she leaves the school looking forward to a fantastic new building fit for the 21st century." From the Evening News: [fb.me/7iIKAwqq0](https://www.facebook.com/7iIKAwqq0)

Fancy a cuppa and a chat!? If you enjoy spending time with elderly people; **Community Connecting** is the thing for you! [facebook.com/VolunteerEdinb...](https://www.facebook.com/VolunteerEdinb...)

Our 35 year old community newspaper for Portobello and district, **The Portobello Reporter**, is now available on line here: <http://porty.org.uk/news/the-portobello-reporter/>

A **new bus shelter** was requested by a number of my constituents for South St David Street, at the cold and windy bus stop we have to use to catch a No. 26 or No 44 bus to Portobello and Brunstane. I actually have some good news regarding this. The shelter is not currently shown on the programme, as that is currently focussed on replacements. However, the new contractor JC Decaux are very keen to install a shelter at this stop and have applied for planning consent for the advertising part of it. Planning are recommending approval. Assuming consent is granted, JC Decaux intend to carry out a trial dig in order to gauge the available depth for foundations. We expect this to be carried out soon, and slotting into the current programme of works. I will let you know as soon as I can.

New bus stops are now open at the **Royal Infirmary**. Find out more

here: <http://www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/MediaCentre/PressReleases/2015/Pages/NewBusStopsAtTheRoyalInfirmaryOfEdinburgh.aspx>

Feel Good Young men's group (13 – 18 yrs old) takes place at **The Hot House** every Friday 1.30pm – 4.00pm. Health Opportunities Team is a fantastic charity which helps young people throughout our area. It's at 1A Queens Walk, Edinburgh, EH16 4EA T: 0131 468 4600W: <http://www.health-opportunities.org.uk/> **When young people suffer. Talking helps. They listen. Things can get better.** To make a donation please text HOTT36 followed by a space and the amount of money you would like to donate (e.g. HOTT36 £5) to 70070. Texts are free and you will receive a text message receipt and the chance to add Gift Aid. Alternatively visit their website to find the link to JustGiving.com where you can make a one-off donation or a monthly donation. £1 = A health promotion contact with a young person. £5 = An education workshop for a group of young people. £30 = A therapeutic 1-1 session for a young person experiencing difficulties. With your donation we CAN help young people make things better.

Information on a Proposed Traffic Order, which affects road(s) in Portobello/ Craigmillar, can be found on Council websites from **until 26 June 2015** under reference **TR0/15/17**. More here: www.edinburgh.gov.uk/20mph & www.edinburgh.gov.uk/trafficorders & www.tellmesotland.gov.uk.

For details about **becoming a foster carer** go to the Foster Edinburgh [website](#) or contact 0800 174 833 or 0131 529 2773. First of two drop in sessions for potential foster carers at Waverley Court took place this week and more are planned. See more here: bit.ly/1orgU8A

School pupils from all corners of the Capital have created a **mini-map** of Edinburgh with a series of tweets about the

city's streets. The '**Tweet Your Street**' project, was announced this week at Edinburgh's [Central Library](#), sees the launch of an [online map](#) where children have started 'pinning' poetic tweets about where they live. A selection of tweets will also be on public display within the children's area of the city centre library. The map is a result of a series of poetry workshops with P3-S1 pupils from across the Capital and the Edinburgh Makar Christine De Luca. Fantastic project!

Another plug for the crowd funding of bat boxes for **Figgate Park**, so they can meet their target: <http://www.mypark.scot/projects/bat-boxes-for-figgate-park/>

You can find out all about parks across Edinburgh and Glasgow, enjoy visiting and learning to get involved: <http://www.mypark.scot/>