

Five things you need to know today



Book Festival tickets on sale today

New Costa at the Airport

Gordon Aikman

Liberton High School

Scottish Heritage Angels

The Edinburgh International Book Festival receives funding from Creative Scotland and the City of Edinburgh Council and this year welcomes over 900 participants from 55 different countries to Charlotte Square Gardens and will run from Saturday 15 to Monday 31 August 2015.

Entrance to the Gardens is FREE.

Full details of the programme can be found at www.edbookfest.co.uk. Tickets to all events go on sale at 8.30am on Tuesday 23 June 2015, online at www.edbookfest.co.uk, by phone on 0845 373 5888 or in person at the Box Office at the Roxburghe Hotel on George Street (on Tuesday 23 June only, thereafter at The Hub, Castlehill).



We feel this place will fast become our favourite hangout when waiting for friends and family arriving. There is a great high seated area which overlooks the arrival lane, making it the perfect vantage point!

A brand new Costa Coffee at Edinburgh Airport was officially opened last week after its location at international arrivals enjoyed a fashionable make-over.

Over £1.2m has been spent on upgrading and refurbishing the three Costa outlets in the airport and this is the final part of the terminal-wide coffee shop improvement project.

With outdoor seating available for an alfresco caffeine fix, a

wide selection of delicious hot and cold drinks, cakes and snacks and comfortable high backed chairs, the new store offers customers a comfortable environment to relax and unwind in, whether they've just flown in or are waiting for friends or family to arrive.

Numerous plug sockets equipped with USB points are conveniently located throughout the shop making it the perfect place to charge phones and tablets or catch up on emails.

The new Costa outlet was officially opened by John Watson, the airport's Chief Commercial Officer, who even tried his hand as a barista making cappuccinos for his team.

He said: "It's a great pleasure to open the new Costa Coffee at our international arrivals area. It offers customers a bright and airy environment to relax in whether they've just come off a flight or are waiting for passengers to arrive.

"This newly-refurbished coffee shop is the final piece of our terminal-wide coffee improvement project which has seen us completely change the selection on offer, giving customers the best choice possible.

MND campaigner and fundraiser, Gordon Aikman has raised even more money to help find a cure for the disease.

Aikman has smashed the £300,000 mark in his bid to fund research into a cure for the disease.

[Read more here](#)

Pupils from Liberton High School have helped to advance a £11.5 million research project by designing a microfluidic system to help fight lung disease.

The Liberton pupils were first introduced to microengineering last year as a part of the “Small Plumbing!” project, led by Dr Maiwenn Kersaudy-Kerhoas and Dr Helen Bridle from Heriot-Watt University and funded by the Royal Academy of Engineering.

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There is a new award scheme for heritage volunteers, the [Scottish Heritage Angel Awards](#)

The first such awards in Scotland, the programme supports the delivery of the new Historic Environment Strategy, [Our Place in Time](#), with its strong emphasis on community participation in heritage. The Awards will recognise the work of voluntary groups and individuals in protecting and celebrating our built heritage.

Community Councils across Scotland may be eligible to be nominated or they may know of a local heritage voluntary or voluntary group.

Full information about the awards, including details of categories, rules and application form can be found at <http://www.scottishheritageangelawards.org.uk/>

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