

Five things you need to know today!



Leith Walk By-Election

Inverleith Festival of Walking and Cycling

Sign up for Superfast Broadband

Fringe fundraising for Sick Kids

Port of Leith celebrates important anniversary

Our coverage of the count which follows today's by-election in the Leith Walk Ward will begin this evening at 10pm when the polls are closed. We will be in Waverley Court with all the candidates, the Chief Returning Officer, CEO of the City of Edinburgh Council, Andrew Kerr, and his staff bringing you the news about the count and the results as it happens.

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Small to medium sized businesses in Edinburgh, Lothians, Fife and Scottish Borders are being reminded that there is still time to apply for vouchers, which could connect them to superfast broadband.

The scheme has helped 442 businesses in Edinburgh with superfast connections so far. To date there has been a lot of interest in the scheme and businesses are encouraged to apply

before funds run out.

Funding for the project is part of the UK Government's [£150 million super connected cities programme\(external link\)](#) being delivered locally by City of Edinburgh Council.

Australian comedian Adam Hills collected more than £10,000 for the children's charity, The Sick Kids Friends Foundation (SKFF) from his Fringe audiences at this year's festival.

Hills' stand up show, Clown Heart, returned to the capital for its third year and was deemed a Fringe favourite. In between his time on stage, kind hearted comedian Adam braved the cold, standing outside the venue urging donations to the Foundation wearing nothing but pants and a dressing gown.

Adam's Saltire underwear caught the attention of festival revellers on the Capital's streets and encouraged a fantastic volume of donations across his week long string of sell out performances.

Adam Hills said: "The Sick Kids Friends Foundation is an amazing organisation that does an incredible job. All I had to do was mention their name, then stand out the front of the venue with a bucket. The audience did the rest.

"They told me stories of friends, family or their own experiences with the Sick Kids. And they were all incredibly generous. It may have helped that I offered to disrobe for anything over five pounds."

Rachel McKenzie, head of voluntary fundraising at the Sick Kids Friends Foundation, said: "We are extremely grateful that Adam chose the Sick Kids Friends Foundation to benefit from the incredibly generous donations his audience made across the week-long show.

"The Fringe is notorious for bringing the best out in everyone

that attends and it's fantastic to see so many people dig deep and raise such a tremendous total.

"The funds are vital in supporting us to ensure nothing gets in the way of being a child for the thousands of youngsters who visit Edinburgh's Royal Hospital for Sick Children each year. With the help of this generous donation we will continue to transform the experiences of children in hospital so they can be a child first and a patient later."



The Port of Leith Housing Association (PoLHA) reached its 40th anniversary last week and held a celebration at Hibs stadium which was attended by 150 guests including staff, tenants, partners and contractors.

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