

Five things you need to know today



James Dashner talk and book signing

TERLive! event today from the City Chambers – join us!

CALA staff raise over £850 for local charity

Enter the EPIC awards

COVET designer evening

To celebrate the release of The Scorch Trials film, US author, James Dashner, is making a rare visit to the UK for a one-off event in Edinburgh to meet fans of both the books and the film franchise.

This exclusive Waterstones event will be hosted by talented up-and-coming star Luke Franks, currently the online presenter for The X Factor. Fans will get the opportunity to hear about James' writing process and the translation of The Maze Runner series to the big screen. The event will be followed by a book signing.

The Maze Runner is a must-read for fans of The Hunger Games. Lord of the Flies meets Lost, the series is set in a post-apocalyptic reality where violence, disease and lies threaten to destroy much more than just the lives of the young Gladers. The truth is more dangerous than any of them could have ever imagined. The Maze is only the beginning ...

To coincide with the film release of The Scorch Trials, Chicken House is publishing stunning new editions of the #1 New York Times bestselling series. Over 1.5 million copies of the series have been sold in the UK alone, and over 7 million copies sold in the US.

On 19th November 2015, Penguin Random House will also be publishing *The Game of Lives*, the third in Dashner's *The Mortal Doctrine* series. [Event Details](#)

The event takes place on Friday 23rd October at 7:00pm
Hosted by Waterstones Edinburgh West End
Assembly Roxy, 2 Roxburgh Place, Edinburgh EH8 9SU
Tickets £5, available at waterstones.com
Ticket enquiries: 0131 226 2666



The Edinburgh Reporter will be at the full council meeting today at the City Chambers starting from 10am. You will be able to follow our live coverage here on our [TERLive! section](#).





Three daring CALA Homes colleagues have swapped luxury homes for adventurous sports and raised in excess of £850 for a local charity close to their hearts.

Technical Manager, Phil McCulloch and Sales Advisors, Ann Struthers and Kimberly Summers embarked on a 165ft drop down one of Scotland's most iconic landmarks – the Forth Rail Bridge – and smashed their fundraising target to support local charity, Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC).

Phil grew up supporting and offering his help at various care homes including QCCC, who provide quality support services to older people and carers within the communities of rural north-west Edinburgh.

Phil commented: “I am a secret thrill seeker at heart so I was nowhere near as nervous about the abseil as I was about the unpredictable Scottish weather – but luckily the sunshine came out to support us!”

“Helping charities is something I encourage everyone, including my own children, to do and I am overwhelmed by the support and donations that people have given us. We have smashed our original target so I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped us raise over £850.

“Queensferry Churches Care in the Community is such a fantastic organisation which plays such a vital role in helping foster a real sense of community spirit and I am extremely happy to be able to give a little back to them.”

David Pomfret, Chairman of QCCC, stated, “We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support from CALA Homes and particularly, Phil, Ann and Kimberly on this occasion.”

“The aim of the charity is to improve the quality of life for older people, those living with dementia and those with significant disabilities living in and around Queensferry, the work we do wouldn’t be possible without the support and encouragement from people and businesses within the local community.

“From all of us here at the QCCC, we would like to say a huge thank you to Phil, Ann and Kimberly for their incredible fundraising efforts – they are definitely braver than any of us!”

CALA Homes (East) has a major new-build in the Queensferry area; its Dalmeny Park development recently launched a new phase of one and two bedroom apartments to the market, with prices starting from £165,000.



Have you got what it takes to win an Epic Award?

- UK and Ireland’s premier award for amateur cultural groups, the Epic Awards opens for nominations.
- Over 60,000 voluntary arts groups across the UK and Republic of Ireland are eligible.
- Groups can nominate themselves online at www.epicawards.co.uk
- Closing date for nominations is 7 December.

- The Epic Awards will be presented at a dinner in Cardiff on 2 April 2016.
- A winner and a runner up will be chosen from Scotland, England, Northern & Republic of Ireland, and Wales.
- Once the shortlist is announced there will also be a People's Choice award voted for by the public, a Peer award in which groups vote for each other and additional awards for excellent work with young people and disabled people.
- The Epic Awards are run by Voluntary Arts to recognise and reward excellence and innovation in the amateur cultural sector.

Are you involved in an arts or crafts group that is doing something new and interesting? Have you struck up an interesting collaboration, inspired others or solved a problem in your home town?

From singing to knitting, amateur dramatics to painting, over 60,000 amateur arts groups across the UK and Republic of Ireland are making a difference to lives in their local areas. The Epic Awards shines a spotlight on their achievements.

You can nominate your group or a group in your local area for an award by filling in the form on www.epicawards.co.uk and put them forward for national recognition and a range of prizes from financial support to advice, partnership and performance opportunities.



Covet is a lovely wee shop on Thistle Street that has many goodies that we, well, we covet...

Tonight they are holding a meet the designer evening and you are all invited. This is a small shop though so you may have to take turns.

Meet the designers: Euan McWhirter and Laura Orchant this Thursday for this month's 2nd Designer Rooms event.

Euan McWhirter is a luxury jewellery designer, focusing on fashion forward, cutting edge jewellery. Since launching in 2010, Euan's covetable pieces have adorned many famous women, such as Kylie Minogue, Shirley Manson and Emma Thompson.

Manchester based designer, Laura Orchant is offering her 6th season of luxurious silk scarves with her Autumn Winter 15 collection.

This is the perfect opportunity to spice up your winter wardrobe, while gaining first hand styling advice from the designers themselves, and of course: fizz will be served.

20 Thistle Street EH2 1EN from 5:00pm to 8:00pm



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