

Five things you need to know today



- **Scottish Parliamentary Election 2016**
- **Edinburgh Art Festival**
- **Careers at the Botanic**
- **International Women's Day in Edinburgh**
- **One City Trust**

We have begun interviewing all the candidates we can find for the Holyrood Election 2016. If you are standing in Edinburgh or Lothian then do [get in touch.](#)

Our aim is to have interviews with all (or nearly all!) by the end of March.

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If you are at the very beginning of your career as an artist and ready to showcase your work, Edinburgh Art Festival would like to hear from you.

Following the successful launch of [Platform: 2015](#), the organisers have called for proposals to participate in [Platform: 2016](#), their new initiative designed to provide a dedicated opportunity for artists at the beginning of their careers to participate in the festival.

Between **3-5 artists** selected through the [open call](#) will be invited to present their work in a group exhibition as part of the 2016 festival. Selected artists will be given an artist fee, a dedicated production budget, and supported by the festival team throughout the development and delivery of the exhibition.

For more information and how to apply, visit the Edinburgh Art

Festival [website](#).

Application deadline: Monday 29th February, 5pm.

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Yesterday afternoon it became too dangerous to allow the public to wander around the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh due to the high winds.

But if this is a place you could see yourself working then they are holding an information day there **today**.

The day will comprise talks and short presentations to explain the broad range of careers that the garden can offer.

Who is the event aimed at?

- Anyone interested in starting a career in horticulture
- Students on horticulture courses
- Anyone already in horticulture wishing to progress their career
- Anyone with qualifications / experience in another area wanting to apply these to horticulture
- Career advisers

Book your place [here](#) for the day long Careers Day which runs from 10.00am to 4.00pm.



International Women's Day will be celebrated at the Festival Theatre on 8 March 2016. Speakers will include **Orla O'Loughlin**, the Traverse Theatre's Artistic Director, **Lee Chalmers**, the Lothian List candidate for The Women's Equality Party, **Alice Strang**, Curator of the Modern Scottish Women

exhibition at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, **Jemima Levick**, recently appointed as the new Artistic Director of Stellar Quines and **Susan Russell**, co-founder and Chair of the recently launched Women In Tourism, a not-for-profit organisation which seeks to develop a framework of activity in recognition of the challenges and opportunities available to women within the tourism sector.

The sessions are free but ticketed. You can book online at www.edtheatres.com/internationalwomensday or call the box office on 0131 529 6000.




The One City Trust has grants of between £5,000 and £10,000 available for registered charities and constituted groups based in Edinburgh, which work in Edinburgh and which have an annual income of less than £200,000. These must be social inclusion projects with one of these aims: Community connectedness, cultural bridging or civic inclusion.

There may be as many as 8 grants available.

For further information and to request an application form, please see www.onecity.org.uk

If you'd prefer to speak to someone, please telephone Susan Shippey on 0131 469 3874 or e-mail 1617applications@onecity.org.uk Please note that the Trust is supported by the council on a part-time basis.

The deadline for applications is **29 April 2016**, and projects should commence on 1 July 2016 and run for up to one year.

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