

# Five things you need to know today



- Today at the Edinburgh International Science Festival
- Edinburgh Young Carers Project – you are invited to the Birthday party!
- Phil is off to play football in Rwanda – with a few friends
- Volunteer Edinburgh
- Edinburgh vet is Vet of the Year

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We told you about this event before but it is a really important milestone and it takes place on Saturday! If you have ever been involved with the Edinburgh Young Carers Project then you might be keen to go along and meet old friends.





Picture attached shows from left to right: Alan White, Football development officer with Heart of Midlothian. Sean McAuley, SFA football development officer for East Lothian Willie Gilhoolay, Disability coach with Tranent Colts and vice chairman. Mike Murray, Under 19's coach with Tranent Colts. Donna Catt-Rainbow, Mini kickers coach for Tranent Colts Phil Purves, Chairman Tranent Colts John Forsyth, Tranent Colts 2007 (under 9s) coach and the club's CP0 Mike Dick, Tranent Colts 2008 (under 8s) coach and club secretary Jamie Kinross, Tranent Colts 2004 (under 12s) coach Derek Liddle, Tranent Colts 2003 (under 13s) coach Allan Richardson, Tranent Colts 2008 (under 8s) coach. (Everyone in the picture is going to Rwanda)

Cruden Homes' Phil Purves is a man with a mission. Apart from his busy day job as site manager at the company's prestigious Kinnear Road development in Edinburgh's Inverleith area, Phil is also chairman of his local kids' football club, Tranent Colts FC in East Lothian, a position he has held for the last nine years having been involved with the club since 2001.

Under Phil's stewardship, the club is set to be involved in an extremely exciting and rewarding experience in June 2016 with a delegation from Tranent Colts FC, in conjunction with East Lothian Council and the Scottish Football Association, planning to visit a number of schools and communities in Rwanda in East Africa.

Phil said: "Our 'goal' is to assist in many community projects while also deliver football sessions to people who will really benefit from this opportunity. We believe this can make a real difference to young Rwandans' lives who can use football as a catalyst for change".

Phil continued: "This is not just about football but also assisting in the regeneration of communities within Rwanda's capital, Kigali, by also participating in community projects such as Street Kids Rescue, Building and Housing and Agriculture projects.

"Our team will help first hand with these projects to get kids off the street, build and repair housing and assist in the building of farming projects within the communities.

"East Lothian already has pre-existing links with Rwanda, which were further strengthened when they hosted representatives from the Rwandan Commonwealth Games team in 2014. The ongoing legacy is a continuing association which aims to provide better outcomes for people from both countries and our club is really looking forward to developing this exciting partnership".



Volunteer Edinburgh invites nominations of local volunteers for a prestigious annual award.

Edinburgh's Lord Provost and city Volunteering Ambassador, the Rt Hon Donald Wilson, will honour the city's most 'inspiring volunteers' at a special awards ceremony to take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016, during [#volunteersweek](#)

Volunteer Edinburgh wants to hear about the city's unsung heroes and most committed volunteers.

The closing date for nominations is **Monday 11th April 2016** and further details and a nomination form can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/IVA2016>



Heather Bacon is a vet who travelled to Asia


and saved dogs from being trafficked for the meat trade, Pictured with her three dogs that she rescued, Motie (black), Mathilda (brown and white) and Stewart (white with yellow collar). Pic Paul Chappells

Local vet, Heather Bacon of Jeanne Marchig International Centre for Animal Welfare Education (part of the University of Edinburgh) in Edinburgh has been shortlisted for Vet of the Year in the prestigious Petplan Veterinary Awards for 2016. The awards, now in their 17th year, celebrate the nation's most exceptional vets, vet nurses, practices, practice managers and vet support staff who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in keeping pets healthy and giving owners peace of mind.

Heather has worked with animals for seven years, travelling all over the world as part of her veterinary career. Along with lecturing at the university, she has played a role in influencing veterinary policy and regularly works with NGOs to deliver training and education of clinical skills. Her current role combines her love of improving veterinary practice abroad, with teaching the undergraduate vets of the future.

Commenting on her nomination, Heather says: "I'm totally stunned! I'm delighted to be considered, and hope that that my unusual role might inspire vets from across the UK to consider other areas of veterinary practice outside the norm."



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