

Five things you need to know today



- **Today at the Edinburgh International Science Festival**
- **Valvona & Crolla celebrate 20 years**
- **Polar Challenge**
- **Tonight at the Queen's Hall**
- **Water of Leith clean-up**

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Valvona & Crolla are baking a huge birthday cake to share with customers along with a glass of their signature Prosecco to celebrate the Caffe Bar's 20th Birthday today and over the weekend.

Throughout April customers can expect to be spoilt with treats during their visit to Elm Row to thank them for their custom.

Customers should check Twitter and Facebook for further news of celebrations.

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After months of tough physical training, ten teenagers from Edinburgh flew out to Greenland from Glasgow Airport on 25 March for the start of what promises to be a life changing 10 day, 100km arctic expedition.

Now they are right in the middle of the challenge!

All aged between 15 and 17 years old, the 6 girls and 4 boys are the second group to benefit from The Polar Academy, a charity set-up in 2013 by expedition leader Craig Mathieson with the aim of inspiring Scotland's youth through exploration.



Natasha Hoffmann (15), one of ten Edinburgh pupils, selected by The Polar Academy charity for a self confidence building, ten day, 100 kilometre expedition to Greenland with the Tiso supported Polar Academy charity, sets the compass to North as expedition leader Craig Mathieson(left) and founding supporter

Chris Tiso look on.

Selected from St Augustine's, Liberton, Gracemount, Forrester and Tynecastle High comprehensive schools, the Edinburgh pupils will face temperatures below -20C and need to haul their own 45kg sledges as they play an active role in navigating across sea ice, setting up camp and tracking through remote mountain passes on x-country skis. During the expedition each pupil will burn at least 3,000 calories per day.

Supported by three expert guides and a doctor, they will also conduct scientific field research on ice samples. They are due to return home on 7 April.



At the Queen's Hall this evening they have a group of fiddlers for you!




We welcome back the lassies from RANT, showcasing their new album Reverie; using just their fiddles, they weave a tapestry of melodies, textures, layers and sounds.

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Clean up the Water of Leith with the Neighbourhood Partnership on 10 April.



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