

Five things you need to know today



- Bins will 'know when they are full'
- Writer in residence in Wester Hailes
- Scotmid sponsors breakfast club
- Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition opens today
- Volunteer Edinburgh takes place next week

We are reliably informed that it is not April and that this is a true story. The council have told us that they have installed new technology in 300 litter bins which will tell them when they are full.

The sensor acts over a mobile network and will help staff predict when bins will be full and needing emptied. We have already suggested making this a duty of the outsourced traffic wardens as part of the deal the city has with them, but it seems that it will be left to technology instead.

The information collected in this way will allow council staff to work out where they should be paying closer attention to emptying bins as some require to be emptied more than others.

[Read more here.](#)



Scottish Book Trust has told us that Wester Hailes Education Centre (WHEC) is to take part in a fully-funded Live Literature School Residency Programme taking place in 2016-17.

Author and storyteller Lari Don will be writer-in-residence at WHEC for 10 free sessions with the school. Through #WHECMakingStories, S1 pupils will work with Lari to make stories that they can share with their families and their

community, and showcase on the school website for others to enjoy.

Commenting on the residency, Lari Don said:

“I’m so excited about the chance to work with pupils and teachers at Wester Hailes Education Centre as their Writer in Residence.

So many author visits are a short burst of inspiration and story-sharing, then the author has to go away, leaving the pupils and teachers to follow up the story ideas that came to life during the visit. Authors rarely see where those ideas go and what those stories become. I’m looking forward to working with WHEC pupils on the middle and the end of their stories, as well as the start. It’s a great privilege to be trusted with nurturing children’s imaginations and encouraging them to discover their own voices. I’m delighted to be given this opportunity by the Scottish Book Trust’s Live Literature School Residency programme.”

Keep up with SBT’s updates on this and other initiatives on [Facebook](#).



L-R Sarah Walker, Olivia Stephen, Shane Buameh, Bevin Thomas, Mateusz Sokolowski, Nikola Sokolowski and Wiktoria Szymula

Scotmid have teamed up with St Catherine’s Primary School, Gracemount, to serve up healthy breakfasts for up to 80 pupils every morning, with a donation of £1,290 to sponsor the Breakfast Club.

The funding means parents only need to pay a nominal £1 per week to send their children to the Breakfast Club, created following extensive research which has shown that a good

breakfast can help their concentration, confidence and energy levels in the classroom.

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*51st Wildlife Photographer of the Year
Exhibition*

Friday 16 September 2016 to 19 February 2017

*National Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street,
Edinburgh*

*Alice Wyllie of the Museum with Snow Hare by
Rosamund Macfarlane*

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An exhibition of photography opens later today at the National Museum of Scotland. Admission is free.

Dr Andrew Kitchener, Principal Curator of Vertebrate Biology, said:

“We are thrilled that the National Museum of Scotland will host the 51st Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition, from the Natural History Museum in London. This is particularly exciting as we are the only Scottish venue on the exhibition’s international tour. These extraordinary images present a unique view of life on our planet that is sure to captivate and inspire our audiences.”

Through the lens of wildlife photography, the exhibition captures the intrigue and beauty of our planet, giving us a glimpse of the natural world as it has never been seen before.

[Read more here.](#)



Volunteer Edinburgh, as well sixty volunteer involving organisations, will join together on Wednesday, 21st September 2016 between 11.00am and 7.00pm at St Paul's and St Georges Church Hall on York Place to host Scotland's leading Volunteer Recruitment Fair.

Entry is free to the public, and we expect more than a thousand visitors to come along to find out about the huge variety of volunteering opportunities available across Edinburgh with charities, social enterprises, community groups and the public sector.

This year, in addition to representation from a wide-range of volunteer involving organisations, there will be free learning zone workshops happening throughout the day, and for the first time a [free app](#) to enhance your experience.

When visitors need to sit down after taking in all this new information there's a café serving delicious food and drink run by [bespoke organic events](#) (boe).

Volunteering helps people build new skills, get a taste of different working environments, create new friendships and boost individual confidence and wellbeing.

For those seeking a route into work, volunteering also adds skills to CVs as well as providing work experience and up-to-date references.

Making the choice to give your time and expertise to help others is a positive and meaningful commitment, with big rewards for the volunteer and the organisation or clients that the volunteer donates their time to. The Volunteer Recruitment Fair is the perfect way to match those who want to make the best use of their time with those who benefit from their

input. It's also an opportunity to publicise Edinburgh's vibrant Third Sector community.

For more about the Volunteer Recruitment Fair, visit the Volunteer Edinburgh **Website**: www.volunteeredinburgh.org.uk



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