

# Armistice Day Service 2017

Armistice Day in Princes Street Gardens began with the firing of the Edinburgh Castle gun



Photo caption:- Kevin Gray of Royal British Legion Scotland, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh the Rt Hon Frank Ross, PoppyScotland's Gordon Michie and Col (ret'd) Jim Wilson of Veterans Scotland lay wreaths at the Garden of remembrance for Armistice Day.

A two-minute silence followed thereafter before the Rev Dr Karen K Campbell conducted the service in the Garden of Remembrance.

Members of the Armed Forces community, including veterans, attended the event, organised by Legion Scotland, to remember those who have fallen in conflicts.



2 minute silence in remembrance

The Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh the Rt Hon Frank Ross led a special group of wreath-layers at an event open to the public.

The 'Poppy Bus' – provided by Lothian Buses and appropriately numbered 11 – halted beside the Garden of Remembrance at 11am.

Tomorrow (Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>), the Lord Provost will be joined by First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and fellow politicians, as well as members of the Armed Forces community, for a ceremony at the Stone of Remembrance to mark Remembrance Sunday at the City Chambers.

More than 100 wreaths will be laid at the service organised by Legion Scotland to remember those who have fallen in conflicts.

Sir Alistair Irwin KCB CBE, the President of Legion Scotland and Poppyscotland, will read *Binyon's Lines* after the bugler has played the *Last Post*.

*They shall grow not old*

*As we that are left grow old*

*Age shall not weary them*

*Nor the years condemn*

*At the going down of the sun*

*And in the morning*

*We will remember them*

Before, during and after today's service, Poppyscotland's 10,000-strong team of volunteers across the country were hard at work collecting for the charity. In Edinburgh, more than 130 volunteers – including Army cadets, Air cadets and Navy Officer cadets – manned the key points all over the city

Sine Ward, Poppy Appeal Organiser East for Poppyscotland, said: "It has gone really well today. There has been lots of public engagement, chat and stories. It has been sunny and busy, and everyone seems to be having a great time. We cannot thank our wonderful volunteers enough for all of their efforts today."



Volunteer Christie McMonagle helps plan a cross for a relative at the Edinburgh Field of Remembrance.