

Five things you need to know today



- **Portobello & Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership**
- **Murrayfield Community Council**
- **Daughters of Penelope talk**
- **Avengers**
- **Edinburgh's Hogmanay**

Portobello & Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership are giving local people the power to decide how £21,737 of Community Grants will be spent .

Local groups with a good idea about an event or a project that will benefit the ir community should bid now . Applications will close on 27 December 2017.

There are two options available. Groups can bid for up to £1,500 or make a smaller bid of up to £500, for example, to buy a piece of equipment the group needs . Groups who apply for the higher amount should note that a member of t he group must attend the voting event on Saturday 3 February, for their bid to be included.

The aim is to give local people a chance to speak to projects and find out more about what they are planning to do , before they vote.

On Saturday 3 February, young and old across the area will vote for the work they want to see delivered. The groups who win the most votes will be awarded the money.

This time, the voting will take place in the East Neighbourhood Centre , 101 Niddrie Mains Road, from 1 pm – 3 pm. Young people from Portobello who are aged 16 and under , will be able vote on the same day in Portobello Library.

We want to encourage people to turn up, see what's on offer and to find out what groups are hoping to do in the area.

Information is available on the Partnership website [here](#).

Murrayfield Community Council will next meet on 5 December 2017, and as part of their meeting there will be a public exhibition of the draft designs for proposed changes to the street layout on Murrayfield Avenue, Murrayfield Place and the old Coltbridge.



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[Lunchtime Artist Talk: Julie Brook](#)

Wednesday 20 December 1-2pm

£6/£4 concession

[Book tickets here](#)

Long-time Dovecot collaborator, and [Daughters of Penelope](#) artist, Julie Brook takes us on a journey from Namibia to Japan via Dovecot. Telling the story of her rug collaboration with Dovecot, through the realms and environments she explores in her artistic practice, to her most recent collaborations and research in Japan. In particular, Brook is going to focus on the work of 15th-generation Raku tea-bowl maker, artist and craftsman Raku Kichizaemon.

The nineteenth film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, **Avengers: Infinity War** is a sequel to 2012's **The Avengers** (the fifth highest grossing film of all time) and 2015's **Avengers: Age of Ultron** (the seventh highest grossing film of all time). The ensemble sees the Avengers (which includes Iron Man, Hulk, Captain America, Thor, and Black Widow) team up with the Guardians of the Galaxy to battle supervillain, Thanos. One of the world's biggest and beloved movie franchises, Avengers: Infinity War stars Robert Downey Jr, Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johansson, Mark Ruffalo, Anthony Mackie, Jeremy Renner, Elizabeth Olsen and Paul Bettany.

Filmed partly on location in Edinburgh over seven weeks, **Avengers: Infinity War** was the largest and most complex shoot ever to film in Edinburgh's historic Old Town and city centre. The production saw over 400 crew members working on the shoot, following three months of pre-production and several months of preparation in advance of this, working closely with Film Edinburgh and the City of Edinburgh Council. In total the production generated an estimated £10 million plus for the

city region in economic impact.

Here is the trailer!

Christmas is just around the corner and will be closely followed by Edinburgh's Hogmanay which begins on 30 December.

Here are the key events :

- **Torchlight Procession:** 30 December 7pm
- **Bairns Afore:** 31 December 5pm
- **Street Party:** 31 December 7pm
- **Ceilidh under the Castle with Edinburgh Gin:** 31 December 8pm
- **Concert in the Gardens:** 31 December 8pm
- **Loony Dook:** 1 January 10.30am
- **Message From The Skies:** 1-25 January, 5.30pm onwards

The organisers of Edinburgh's Hogmanay have been criticised for seeking out volunteers to help with the safe running of the event this year.

The page on Edinburgh's Hogmanay website where volunteer positions are still being advertised is [here](#).

[Alastair Grant's article](#) in yesterday's print edition of The Herald said that the volunteers would get reasonable expenses and a personalised certificate.

What do you think? Would you apply?