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A Festival of Tennis will take place at Craiglockhart Tennis centre on Saturday, 22 September to celebrate the launch of six new outdoor floodlit tennis courts.

The free Festival will take place from 2.00pm-4.00pm and everyone is welcome. The afternoon will include the opportunity to watch senior and performance players on the Centre Court. There will also be the opportunity to sign up for various tennis related coaching activities including She Rallies, an initiative to get more girls and women into the game. Details will be found on the Craiglockhart venue page at Edinburgh Leisure's website or via the Edinburgh Leisure app.



Edinburgh Leisure's flagship tennis facility at Craiglockhart has been served up the new outdoor floodlit tennis courts having secured funding from **sport**scotland, Tennis Scotland and the City of Edinburgh Council.

The front four have been reconfigured and extended to create five courts, all with floodlights and a centre court will allow major tournaments to be hosted that can accommodate spectators. All the courts have been resurfaced to a new all-weather artificial clay surface, which will allow play all year round.

Kirsty Stobie, Manager at Craiglockhart Tennis Centre said: "We're thrilled that the new surface will allow us to continue to host the Junior International Edinburgh and the Scottish Junior Open Championships each year, which will bring the outdoor courts alive with talented players from all over the world coming to participate.

"The surface will also help support the development of our junior players within Edinburgh Leisure's programme as well as the local development squads with the East of Scotland Tennis Association."





Craiglockhart Leisure and Tennis Centre is also the home of Tennis Scotland, part of the Lawn Tennis Association, the governing body for tennis in Scotland responsible for growing participation and supporting the long-term development of talented players.

The outdoor tennis courts at Craiglockhart has seen many world-famous players grace their surface over the years from Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe in the 1970s to Andy Murray in the 90s and the new all-weather surface and floodlights will mean the public can enjoy the courts at any time of the year.

Craiglockhart Tennis Centre has six indoor courts and a further three outdoor clay ts at the back of the building in addition to these new courts, a cycling studio and Harry's Café. Its Leisure Centre close by, boasts a spacious gym with over 70 pieces of kit, fitness studios, squash courts and a multipurpose sports hall.

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