## What's on this month? Leith Festival of course

A charitable organisation run by locals, Leith Festival is as much a tradition as it is a festival. For over a century, on the second Saturday in June, there has been a Pageant and a Gala day.

This year Pageant and Gala day are on Saturday 8 June 2019 and the entire festival runs from 8-16 June 2019.

New this year is Leith's Official Dog Show (2.30pm, run by Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home in front of their marquee).

LeithLate is taking over the mainstage with a cutting edge selection of bands, football, a very special bouncy castle (it's a secret), as well as local schoolchildren doing country dancing, singing and even Mr Boom (the man from the moon).

Festival week has expanded to 66 events in 37 venues. 50 of the events are totally free to attend, really important for maintaining access to the arts for people who live here!

The 2019 Pageant theme is 'Leith's Maritime Heritage: Across the Seas'. Expect colourful costumes, pirates, sea creatures and Pulse of the Place samba band, comprised of local schoolchildren, at the front, with our Mock Lord Provost Sandy Campbell (who will be wearing the traditional Provost gown).

The procession departs Pilrig Park at 12noon on 8 June 2019, processing along Balfour Street, down Leith Walk, Constitution Street, Queen Charlotte, and onto Leith Links. Roads will be closed only when the parade is passing.

More information in the programme here

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