

Five things you need to know today

SNP Leadership Election

The result of the SNP Leadership Election will be announced at just after 2pm today from BT Murrayfield where all the candidates will gather to hear their fate.

In common with the other leadership elections which have taken place in the UK – all Conservative leadership elections – this has not been a campaign without incident. There have been many surprises, and stories will no doubt unfold in the days and weeks to come.

Whether it is Ash Regan, Kate Forbes or Humza Yousaf who is elected today, there will be changes at The Scottish Parliament and in the SNP.

We will bring you the result as soon as we can, and hopefully some photos and film coverage. But you can also watch live on TV or on the SNP YouTube channel.



Ash Regan MSP At Dynamic Earth in the last few days of the SNP Leadership campaign PHOTO ©2023 The Edinburgh Reporter



SNP Leadership candidate Kate Forbes at the Scottish Whisky Experience PHOTO Alan Simpson Photography



Humza Yousaf MSP at the Times Radio debate PHOTO ©2023 The Edinburgh Reporter

Some roadworks this week

There will be more roadworks on [Leith Walk](#) and also elsewhere in the city. Read the round up of [places to avoid with a vehicle](#) here.

Play Parks – more money and fewer planning rules

The Scottish Government has announced that new planning reforms are intended to give children and young people more opportunities to play outside.

Under the new policy, local authorities will be encouraged to support planning applications for the development of play spaces, parks and sports facilities.

The changes will also increase opportunities for outdoor activity and help put the commitment of incorporating children and young people's rights into Scots Law and practice. This brings part of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 into effect.

New regulations will be introduced to require that local authorities assess the adequacy of play spaces, and consult local children and communities. This will ensure councils are better informed when making future provision for play in their local development plans.

And the Scottish Government has also announced increases in [the amounts of funding available](#) to refurbish play areas.

[Read more here.](#)

Edinburgh is gearing up for Eurovision at Vue

Even though the city is not hosting the final, there will be screenings of the final live at Vue Edinburgh Omni and Ocean Terminal joins venues across the UK in screening the grand final live on Saturday, 13 May.

Fans in Edinburgh will be able to come together to join in the festivities live from Liverpool from the best seat in the house at their local Vue, with tickets available from Monday.

The show will celebrate last year's winner Ukraine, who won with the band Kalush Orchestra's song 'Stefania' but will be hosted in the UK due to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

The hugely popular event had close to 170 million viewers last year and this year, fans everywhere can come together to share in the incredible experience celebrating the biggest, brightest and boldest music from across Europe and Australia at this premium live streamed event.

Tickets for **Eurovision – Grand Final Live** will be on sale online from Monday 27 March at www.myvue.com.

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We stand with Ukraine

Scots Russians commemorate war dead and call for an end to conflict

By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

THE RUSSIAN invasion of Ukraine has entered its second year. The one year anniversary was marked with wreath laying at the National War

Museum at Edinburgh Castle and a number of other events, both joyful and reflective, involving the Ukrainian people who live in Scotland. Some lived here already and thousands of others have made

their way to Scotland to escape the war zone. Russians who oppose the war are very brave to speak out.

We met a small group, who live mainly in Scotland, and who had gathered outside the Russian

Consulate on Melville Street to come together and talk of their experiences, and remember people who have died in Ukraine in the past year.

The group hung posters of images

of people who have died in the war. These were created by a Russian born artist known as Instagram Nick, and represents only a small number of the innocent lives lost in the past twelve months.

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