

Five things you need to know today

Pulse of the Place are heading to New York next week

The samba drumming band based in Edinburgh are off to New York next week but would really appreciate any last minute donations from you. There are more than 30 people in their crew who are all flying to the Big Apple and staying there for a long weekend.

The band is made up mostly of young drummers and they will take pride of place at the head of the parade along with TV personality, Gail Porter, who will lead the way for the hundreds marching behind them down Sixth Avenue on 15 April. Listen to one of their rehearsals below.

<https://www.givey.com/pulseoftheplacenyc>



Pulse of the Place fundraising with a march across the Forth Road Bridge on 4 March 2023. They will also parade across the Brooklyn Bridge when they are in New York. PHOTO Martin P McAdam

New hotel headed for Princes Street



A £100 million development is headed for Princes Street with Ruby Hotels and Hunter REIM combining forces to bring a luxury hotel to the block next to Boots. Formerly occupied by Zara, Next and Russell & Bromley these will be rooms with a great view of the Castle and Princes Street Gardens in the heart of the city.

[Read more here.](#)

At Edinburgh Science Festival today

Joseph Coelho will talk about his book A Year of Nature Poems today at 2pm at the National Museum of Scotland. The hour long event is intended for over fives who will learn how the environment and poetry intertwine. Chaired by Nadine Aisha Jassat.

[More details here.](#)

At Shrub Coop

Learn how to repair what you wear at a session at the Zero Waste Hub 22 Bread Street EH3 9AF this evening at 5.30 to 7.30pm. This is a free drop in sewing session for everyone from beginners to experts. There are sewing machines to use and some supplies.

The group can help you with

- mending knitwear
- mending with regular techniques
- visible mending with embroidery, sashiko, boro, patchwork
- adjusting garments to fit better
- trousers fraying at the crotch, knees, etc
- fixing a zip, replacing a button
- using a sewing machine
- fixing a torn seam
- upcycling

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New York bound

Samba Drumming band Pulse of the Place will lead Tartan Day Parade in the Big Apple

By **PHYLIS STEPHEN**

THE 25TH New York City Tartan Day Parade will be led down Sixth Avenue on 15 April by Portobello's own Gail Porter accompanied by

around 30 young people from Edinburgh. They will all be wearing World Fair Trade Tartan which Tania Pramschuler Director of Hand Up Events uses to promote Scotland in its tenth year as a Fair Trade Nation.

As part of the band's fundraising efforts thirty young drummers accompanied by Gail, marched across the Forth Road Bridge, drumming all the way. And, in what is being called Bridge to Bridge, they

will also parade and drum over the Brooklyn Bridge when they are in the US.

Pulse of the Place, based in the capital, is a youth samba drumming band and has been in existence for

about 15 years. Previously, the group has been part of the entertainment at the 2012 Paralympics, and has toured to places such as Brighton Manchester and Liverpool.

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