

Five things you need to know today

Good news for Pulse of the Place

Pulse of the Place will lead the New York City Tartan Day Parade on Saturday 15 April. This is a good month for the young samba drummers already, but today they have even better news as they are included in the list of 63 youth music initiatives which will receive grants from Creative Scotland.

[Read more here.](#)

*Pulse of the Place in one of their final rehearsals with [@edinburghcastle](#) behind before heading to New York next week to lead the Tartan Day parade with [@Gailporter](#) [@nyctartanweek](#)
Read more in our April paper pic.twitter.com/7W0UPpBLS7*

– Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) [April 5, 2023](#)

Portobello Baths – now and then

Sinead Fielding is a swim teacher at Portobello Swim Centre and also a student at Edinburgh Napier University. She has undertaken a final year project which brings both of her roles together. She has created a page on the Edinburgh Leisure website where she shows what the baths have looked like over the years.

To do this she uses photos by J. K. Home Crawford (1901) showing what areas of the baths were used for and has taken up to date photos of the same place in the building to offer a comparison.

It is quite fascinating. [Take a look here.](#)

Studio 1

This space was originally the men's smoking room. It's now our fitness studio for classes such as Body Pump, 15/15/15 and Hatha yoga.



1901

J. K. Home Crawford



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At Shrub Coop

The group are holding a banner making workshop tonight from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Zero Waste Hub at 22 Bread Street EH3 9AF. This session will be facilitated by their sustainable fashion volunteers who have a passion for getting folk sewing.

A spokesperson said: "The focus will be on making fabric banners rather than paper or cardboard ones. This could be a banner to take to a protest, or simply to hang in your home. We will be providing limited material so please do bring along some appropriate fabric if you can. Old cotton or polycotton bed sheets make a great canvas to work on.

"Sewing machines, needles, thread and fabric scissors will be available for use. You can buy hot and cold drinks in our café too.

"This is a free and non-ticketed event but we would appreciate donations for fabric and to support our project going

forward.”

More details [here.](#)



Ship gets lifeline



The Explorer, a charity based in Leith, has been awarded a grant of £20,000 by The Pilgrim Trust to support the development of a Conservation Management Plan for the SS Explorer, one of Scotland's National Historic Ships.

[Read more here](#)

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New York bound

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

By **PHYLLIS 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 Prantschuler 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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