

# Five things you need to know today



## Festival of Politics

The Festival of Politics begins at The Scottish Parliament on Wednesday for just three days. It kicked off with a reception held at Holyrood on Tuesday when entertainment was provided by the independent dance school, Nikkan Dance Academy which is based in Slateford.

The band DOPESICKFLY also entertained the invited audience and will be back in the parliament to play at 12.25 and 2.30pm/

The Festival begins at 11am with a conversation with musician Dame Evelyn Glenn OBE.

### WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST

In Conversation with Dame Evelyn Glennie OBE 	11:00am - 12.15pm
Is the West in decline?	11:30am - 1:00pm
Urgency of climate change & justice ahead of COP28	11:45am - 1:15pm
How to disagree agreeably 	1:45pm - 3:15pm
Volunteers and the state	2:00pm - 3:30pm
Ukraine	3:45pm - 5:15pm
Cheap food and mental health	4:00pm - 5:30pm
25 years of devolution in the UK	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Women of colour in politics and challenging racism	6:15pm - 7:45pm

Below the dancers pose after their performance with L-R behind Martin Whitfield MSP, Consul-General of India, Bijay Selvaraj, Foyso! Choudhury, MBE, MSP and Cllr Marie-Clair Munro.



The full programme is here and ticket prices are very reasonably priced:



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# Broomhouse Street Party

Space @ The Broomhouse Hub received half a million pounds from Foundation Scotland which helped develop the state of the art Broomhouse Hub. This investment has transformed the lives of hundreds living in South West Edinburgh. Come along to the Street Party to meet with key people from the charity and from Foundation Scotland, volunteers, and local people from all generations who benefit from this incredible support.

The frontline charity has recently tripled their staff capacity and doubled the reach of their vital support services post-pandemic. The charity cites the development of their multi-purpose community hub as the catalyst for this expansion. Foundation Scotland's social investment played a pivotal role in this development.

The party takes place on Thursday 10 August with involvement from Space, The Big Project, B healthy together, St David's Broomhouse Church and Community One Stop Shop from noon to 4pm.

- The Broomhouse Street Party is an annual event and this year it is back bigger and better than ever before with free activities, food, stalls and events for all generations. Taking place throughout the indoor and outdoor areas of the fabulous Broomhouse Hub, organisers have closed off the road with celebrations spilling over to the St David's church grounds.
- Free food is available all day, including firm summer favourites like burgers and hot dogs and our Outta Space Pizza team will have two stands set up dishing up tasty pizzas as well on both sites. Everyone will be given food vouchers to redeem on entry to the Street Party, with ice cream vouchers available for the wee ones

# Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal

It is five years since The City of Edinburgh Council signed the City Region Deal with all other local authorities in the area, The Scottish Government and the UK Government.

Here is a video offering a five year report:

## John Kerry

Former US Secretary of State John Kerry will speak at an event at the Signet Library on 24 August. The event will be by invitation only but will be live streamed.

Mr Kerry is an American attorney, politician and diplomat. He will make a keynote address on an issue of global concern.

he event will launch an annual joint series of 'Scottish Global Dialogues' with Beyond Borders, to feature guests of international standing, held each year in the height of the Edinburgh Festivals. The series aims to promote non-partisan debate on international relations and global politics, in the interests of advancing citizenship and cultural exchange. The series is supported by the Scottish Council for Global Affairs.

In January 2021, Kerry assumed a full-time position in President Biden's administration serving as a Special Envoy for Climate.

## Our August issue

Our August newspaper is on the streets now and we hope you like it.

Our cover story is about Rachel, with a strapline to our

exclusive story about the leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats.

And inside we have a feature from George Mair who is writing for us for the first time this month – and loads of sport from both Nigel Duncan and Bill Lothian.

If you would like to receive a copy just a wee bit ahead of everyone else then please subscribe by clicking on the image below. (And do read about [Rachel and the Barbie story here](#))

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# the Edinburgh Reporter

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EDINBURGH CAPITAL READ FROM START TO FINISH



## Capital firm living the Barbie dream

By PHYLLIS STEPHEN

RACHEL HANRETTY started her business, Mademoiselle Macaron, in Edinburgh in 2013. Now some ten years later her trademark products - beautiful macarons - have a starring role in the very pink Greta Gerwig directed blockbuster movie of this summer, Barbie.

The pink delicacies were ordered in five flavours to be delivered to Warner Brothers Studio in Leavesdon, and not just as a perk for the cast, but to appear in a café in Barbie Land.

This was easy for the company based in Bonnington which produces more than 30,000 macarons each week. Rachel learned how to craft the sweet treat in Paris where she first tasted a vanilla macaron on the Champs-Élysées. She attended the Alain Ducasse cookery school in the French capital to perfect making the macarons which is now the centre of her business.

Mademoiselle Macaron products have been on screen before. They appeared on Strictly Come Dancing in 2021 during a dance based in a bakery when a tall tower of macarons appeared on the set. And there is at least one big name that can be revealed as a macaron lover. Courtney Love is a repeat customer who orders their vegan product - and no, we don't know how they make them - the recipe is secret. And in exciting news the business is commissioned to colour match the new Revlon lipstick range in just the right shade.

[mademoisellemacaron.co.uk](http://mademoisellemacaron.co.uk)

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