

Five things you need to know today

Friends of Montgomery Park – official park opening

Later today Cllr Val Walker will open the new play park at Montgomery Street, refurbished and ready for use.

There will be an official ribbon cutting at 3.30pm.

Last year the Friends tried hard to save the helter skelter from demolition, but sadly it was just not possible as the structure did not comply with present day safety regulations.

There is a possibility that a part of the helter skelter will be retained in the park in some form as many people have fond memories of it.



The Friends of Montgomery Street Park worked hard to try to save the historic helter skelter but were ultimately unsuccessful PHOTO Alan Simpson

At Modern One – Do Ho Suh : Tracing Time

There are two free exhibitions on now at the National Galleries of Scotland: Modern One and Modern Two. One is dedicated to Sir Eduardo Paolozzi in this the centenary year of his birth, and the other is the first time that the intricate art of Korean artist Do Ho Sun has been exhibited in Scotland. Immerse yourself in the imagination of one of the world's leading contemporary artists. A lot of room has been dedicated to showing the art with an installation in the

middle of one of the rooms which is so fragile that you have to remove all outer clothing and any bags before entering.



Wander through the artist's iconic architectural hubs, experiencing Suh's colourful, interconnected, life-size 'homes' PHOTO ©2023 The Edinburgh Reporter

Don't miss this unique opportunity to marvel at Do Ho Suh's larger-than-life thread drawings, take in his never-before-seen sketchbooks and wander through the artist's iconic architectural hubs, experiencing Suh's colourful, interconnected, life-size 'homes'.

Do Ho Suh: Tracing Time is free to visit, taking over the entire ground floor of Modern One in Edinburgh until 1 September 2024. This major solo exhibition by the South Korean-born, London-based artist will be the largest European exhibition to date of his work on paper, with artworks spanning 25 years of Suh's career. With over 100 works on display, many never seen before, the artist poses questions

such as 'Where and when does home exist?' and 'What defines our sense of place?'.

Do Ho Suh: Tracing Time explores the important role that drawing and paper play in Suh's work, focusing on his collaborative methods, experimental techniques, and ingenious use of materials. The exhibition will travel forwards and backwards in time, organised according to the artist's transformative approaches to drawing as a toolkit with endless possibilities.

[And read Lindsay Given Black's account of the exhibit here.](#)



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Development at Western Harbour Ponds

There is a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) for development of all the Ponds plots which the Friends of Western Harbour Ponds are trying to protect. These areas were left deserted for a time after the crash of 2008 and it is only now that the owner and developer are able to consider progressing their plans. There are two drop-in public consultation events, one on 27 February and one on 2 May at Heart of Newhaven when members of the public can view the plans and ask questions of the developers.

[The details of the PAN are here.](#)



Job Fair next week

North Edinburgh Job Fair

Wednesday 28th February
11am - 1pm
Muirhouse Millennium Centre,
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Our February issue

Our February issue is out now and we will be working on our March issue very soon. The February edition has more on Stephen Rafferty's exclusive story about Chief Constable Jo Farrell revealed in our centre spread and our new columnist Liam Rudden will entertain you with news of all the theatre you must see.

We are pleased with this month's issue, and really pleased to be nominated for an award which will be announced in March.

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EDINBURGH'S FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER...A CAPITAL READ FROM START TO FINISH



Year of the Dragon

Bringing success and opportunity

By PHYLIS STEPHEN

THERE WILL BE a full programme of events in the capital to herald the start of the Year of the Dragon and celebrate Chinese New Year 2024.

The entertainment in Edinburgh firms the largest celebration of its kind in Scotland and it runs from 3 to 13 February. There is a wide range of activities including the Official Chinese New Year Concert at Usher Hall which has become an annual fixture in the civic calendar.

The programme includes dragon and lion dances, a bilingual ceilidh, tai chi sessions, calligraphy and tarot card reading, all of which help to promote local businesses and to reinforce the links between Scottish and Chinese culture.

The Dragon is a significant emblem in Chinese culture symbolising power, nobleness, honour, luck and success, and it is predicted that the new year will bring opportunities, changes and challenges.

The festival in the capital is supported by Heriot-Watt University and Hainan Airlines, and is coordinated by Edinburgh Tourism Action Group (ETAG). This forms a large part of the group's China Ready initiative and ETAG will hold their annual conference during the week at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre with training sessions and industry meet-ups.

For a full run down of this month's events to celebrate turn to page seven

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