

# Five things you need to know today

## International Women's Day

There are many events in Edinburgh which focus on women or which are organised by women. Today the International Women's Day theme is Inspire Inclusion.

We listed the many events in and around Edinburgh which we could find on Monday [in this article](#).

But tonight we recommend a trip to [The Causey](#). You can read about the vision that people have for the area on their website. But what may astound you is that they have been working since 2007 to change the road layout and make it a more inviting place to sit, read a book, enjoy a coffee (and at one time they turned it into a beach). There have been various initiatives for the last 17 years – and it began mainly because of the inspiration of one woman, Alison Blamire. [Read about that inspiration here](#).

And our photo today is of Nicola Benedetti, CBE, Director of the Edinburgh International Festival, who has launched her second festival programme in a series of events this week culminating in a VIP event at The Hub on Thursday night.

Friday, March 8th

# Street Projections Event

7.30 pm, Art Exhibition, Southside Community Centre, EH8 9ER

8.00 pm, Projection Mapping, The Causey, EH8 9JW.



## Canal Social

On Tuesday 12 March from 7.00pm – 9.00pm at the Merchiston Tennis & Bowling Club, Polwarth Terrace, EH11 1NA join an event organised by the Edinburgh Union Canal Society

This will be a chance to meet up with some of the organisations from along the canal and the individuals who do such a variety of work there.

Go along and find out about volunteering opportunities,

including helping out with the rowing boat hires which are due to restart on Sunday 14 April 2024.

## **‘Sir’ David Gray supporting the Hibs Foundation**

‘Sir’ David Gray has left many Hibs fans with the greatest footballing memory of their lives, and now he intends to leave a lasting legacy to help people in the local community.

He made a pledge to support the Hibernian Community Foundation during his testimonial year, and to raise valuable funds for a cause close to his heart, he’s created a special, unique challenge for Hibernian FC supporters.

On Sunday 5 May, 2024, David Gray will be cycling the route the Scottish Cup trophy made from Hampden Park to Easter Road Stadium in 2016, after scoring his injury time winner!

And there’s an opportunity for a limited number of Hibernian FC supporters to join him.

Funds raised will enable another 180 children with autism and other neurodiverse conditions play weekly football with Team United.



## Mother's Day suggestions

[We have a few suggestions for Mother's Day \(which is on Sunday\) here in our longer article.](#)

And late news that Ondine is opening for lunch that day:

The restaurant is offering a special menu, which will be available for lunch, serving from 12-2:30pm, to treat your Mum.

A special menu has been carefully selected just for Mother's Day.

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This month's paper celebrates the 100th anniversary of Sir Eduardo Paolozzi's birth in 1924.

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EDINBURGH'S FREE LOCAL NEWS PAPER A CAPITAL READ FROM START TO FINISH



## Leith artist carves out new look for Athletic

By **STEPHEN RAFFERTY**

**THE LEGACY OF** world famous artist and Leither Eduardo Paolozzi is helping to support the work of a local football club for which it is believed members of his family played.

The eye-catching special edition Paolozzi football shirt was launched to increase community awareness of Leith Athletic and to raise funds for the launch of girls and women's teams.

The initial run sold out immediately and a new edition - produced on the 100th anniversary of Paolozzi's birth on 7 March - is being shipped worldwide as fans and collectors from as far away as Australia, Brazil, America and The Netherlands, snap up the shirt.

Paolozzi, widely credited as the father of pop art, was born in Leith in 1924 to Italian immigrants and after graduating from the Edinburgh School of Art, became established as a sought-after sculptor, designer, printmaker and in later life, a teacher and academic.

Knighted in 1989, Paolozzi later donated a large body of his work and the contents of his studio to the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art. Members of Leith Athletic's fledgling girls' squad (left) visited the Modern Two gallery on Belford Road to experience the "Paolozzi at 100" free exhibition which runs until Sunday 21 April.

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