

Five things you need to know today

Edinburgh Leisure have a new boss

Jen Holland who has worked with Scottish Borders Council at Director level for five years has been appointed to run Edinburgh Leisure, the charity which runs all leisure facilities in the capital owned by the council.

[Read more here.](#)



Tradfest 2024

This festival of traditional music takes place from 3 to 13 May. Get your tickets now for the array of traditional music concerts, storytelling, film, workshops, talks, ceilidhs and

special events all supported by The National Lottery through Creative Scotland and the William Grant Foundation.

Headliners include **VALTOS** headlining a line-up of musicians including **Assynt** and **Josie Duncan** at the Queen's Hall. Also playing on opening weekend is multi-award winning folk singer and guitar master **Martin Simpson**, and Scandi-fiddlers **Nordic Fiddlers Bloc**. Plus, Hands Up For Trad's concert to celebrate **#WorldPlayAStrathspeyDay** takes place on Sat 4 May – the day when people all around the world are invited to record, video and upload themselves playing a strathspey to social media. And, the city's annual **May Day Parade** on Sun 5 May will leave from the Castle at mid-day and finish at The Pleasance where there will be a rally, music and stalls.

Other huge Scottish talents joining the line-up are **Julie Fowlis** who will close this year's festival at the Assembly Rooms with special guests **Laura Wilkie** and **Ian Carr**; Gaelic supergroup **Dàimh**; velvet harmonies from fresh new electro-trad band **Birdvox** (Inge Thomson, Charlotte Printer, Jenny Sturgeon, Sarah Hayes); **Triptic** formed from three members of Moishe's Bagel (Greg Lawson, Phil Alexander and Mario Caribé); and a whole host of talented new musicians and soloists including BBC Radio Scotland's Young Traditional Musician of the Year finalist 2024 **Evie Waddell**.

[More information here.](#)



Triptych who will perform during TradFest

Vigil for Gaza

There will be a vigil for Gaza today at St Giles' Cathedral and also next Friday at noon until 1pm. The San Ghanny Choir say all are welcome. "We will gather in vigil to mourn the many people killed over the last five months, and to keep calling for an immediate ceasefire, as well as for the safe return of hostages held by Hamas and the many hostages also held by Israel in the West Bank under 'administrative detention'. We will keep singing for a ceasefire."

Makers Market

The quarterly Makers Market will take place at Summerhall on Sunday. [More details here.](#)

A colorful poster for the Summerhall Makers Market. The background is a light teal color with white wavy lines. There are several white rectangular boxes containing text. The text is in a bold, black, serif font. The words 'SUMMERHALL', 'MAKERS', and 'MARKET' are arranged vertically. The date '17th MARCH' is in a smaller box at the bottom. There are decorative elements: a daisy-like flower in the top right, a sprig of leaves on the left, and a stalk of wheat in the bottom right. The poster is framed by a light blue border.

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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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