

Five things you need to know today

Earth Hour

Everyone is invited to switch off the lights and give an hour for Earth on Saturday 23 March at 8.30pm. This is an opportunity to show some care for the people around you and the planet.

While the lights are out and the TV is off you can have a meal by candlelight, or go outdoors and reconnect with nature.

You can join WWF Scotland's Earth Hour on Facebook [here](#) or sign a petition on the Facebook page.

[There are also many ideas here of activities and recipes to prepare ahead of time.](#)



Story of a stair

Diarmid Mogg writes beautiful threads on Twitter which trace the history of a particular house in a stair. This time it is 114 Lauriston Place which gets some attention.

114 Lauriston Place, Edinburgh, six flats in the stair over two main-door flats. Built around 1860 on the site of an old timber yard.

Former residents include: pic.twitter.com/NdGryUBXrV

– Diarmid Mogg (@diarmidmogg) [March 19, 2024](#)

Active Travel



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Picture Alan Simpson

Cllr Scott Arthur the Transport Convenr with Claire Daly of Sustrans and Patrick Harvie MSP, Active Travel Minister and former Transport Convener and former Lord Provost, Lesley Hinds

The new £23 million City Centre West to East Link walking, wheeling and cycling route officially opened at Haymarket.

Accompanied by children from St George's School for Girls

The Active Travel Minister Patrick Harvie has had a busy week opening cycle paths.

First he was at Haymarket on Wednesday opening the £23 million City Centre West to East Link and then afterwards he was opening a path at Queen Margaret University (QMU). The path connects QMU to the centre of Musselburgh has been refurbished and upgraded to meet the needs of local users after receiving a grant through Scotland's national walking charity Paths for All on behalf of Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government and funding from East Lothian Council.

Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants'

Rights, Patrick Harvie MSP, said: “I’m really pleased—to be able to visit this project which has been made possible through grant funding provided by the Ian Findlay Path Fund (IFPF).

“Ian would have been enthused by the projects coming forward through the fund and that it continues to support communities across the country to put their ideas for local walking and cycling infrastructure into practice, and encourage more people to choose active forms of travel for their everyday journeys.

“This new path will not only help staff and students to travel in a more sustainable way, but also provides a safe and accessible connection to the wider National Cycle Network for surrounding communities.”



EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND – MARCH 20: Patrick Harvie is pictured on a visit to the Ian Findlay Path Fund project at Queen Margaret University, on March 20, 2024, in Edinburgh, Scotland. (Photo by Mark Scates / SNS Group)

Looking ahead to Easter

An Easter tree has sprouted up in Morningside at the Parish Church. Easter is on 31 March with Good Friday – usually a holiday – on Friday 29 March 2024.

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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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