

# Five things you need to know today

## General Election

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# At Jupiter Artland

A season of events, activities and workshops which celebrate creativity and inspire hope, lightness and joy will open the new season at Jupiter Artland this week. The *Happiness Series* creates moments for escape and dreaming together in the beautiful Jupiter Artland landscape.

Nicky Wilson, Founder and Director, Jupiter Artland, said, “We are delighted to open our 2024 programme with such a range of joyful events and exhibitions ahead. Experience luscious and textured paintings and sculptures, relax with a wild swim, or join for one of our workshops set to take place in the artland – we look forward to welcoming you this season.”



## The Bike Station – Free Wheel

# Gorgie



The project is a partnership working with organisations in Gorgie, supporting individuals with free bikes, accessories and skills classes.

The public facing aspect of the programme aims to skill up individuals in the local community with free maintenance classes, Dr. Bike services and skills development.

[More details here.](#)

## Revised planning application lodged – for student flats

A planning application for purpose built student accommodation at 26 Dunedin Street where there was a car rental office has been revised after permission for the original 73 room student flat development was refused.

The application for London-based company Dunedin Street (Edinburgh) LLP has been lodged by planning consultant Colin Turley.

The Cockburn Association objected to the previous application saying: “This part of Edinburgh is in danger of being redeveloped through ad hoc market driven development” and recommending that a Local Place Plan could be drawn up for the



area in which locals could say what they would like and suggest proposals for land and buildings.

[In the new application there does not appear to be any mention of the previous application.](#)



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## Lift off at dance festival

### Traditional dancers have spring in their step

By PHILIP STEPHEN

TRADITIONAL DANCE will take centre stage during the Pongpang Festival which showcases international dance on a teaching, learning and performing platform. The still new festival is on at The Scottish Storytelling Centre and other Edinburgh venues from 25-30 April.

New dance commissions and workshops will be performed, with live music, poetry, and art and the festival invites audiences to take part in workshops, workshops (both in-person and live-streamed), tours, and talks about traditional dance.

Some of the highlights include a family day with a variety of activities for all led by Caroline Brockbank of Caribbids, and a mature showcase by traditional dance artists who are in residence at Edinburgh primary schools, and Bulgarian and Ukrainian language schools in the capital.

Shona Neilson, Festival Producer and Curator of the Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland said: "It is so satisfying to see that the pongpang festival seeds of traditional dance that we planted for the first time in spring 2022, once again blossom into Scotland's springtime festival for world traditional dance."

"As a new festival born in times of uncertainty, displacement and border restrictions, we were inspired by a poem by Ian MacMillan that captured the zeitgeist."

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