

Five things you need to know today

Granton Marina planning consultation

There are two consultation events coming up related to the developments at Granton now called Boardwalk. The first is on 17 April at Granton Station from 2pm to 7pm and the second is on 7 May at West Hall Granton Parish Church 55 Boswell Parkway EH5 2DA also from 2 to 7pm.

These relate to the major development at Granton Marina which has previously been refused. The developer has now reconsidered their plans and has submitted plans for The Boardwalk through their architects Wilson+Gunn comprising 81 homes and commercial space. Plans were originally lodged for the two residential plots with revised road layout between the marina and the hotel.

Plans were then submitted for 81 homes and commercial space in December 2021 but planners recommended refusal in January 2023. An unsuccessful appeal followed last summer and this is now a new Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) – apparently for one plot only number 35a. A website will go live from 17 April with more details – www.wga.ltd/plot35a



Image from previous planning applications.

Playing at Collective Gallery

The Friday afternoon play sessions at Collective Gallery on Calton Hill will begin on 19 April. The sessions run from 1.30 to 4.00pm and are led by the gallery's Play Lead Artist, Frieda Ford. Includes messy play and cooking.

[More information here.](#)

Rowing begins on the Union Canal

[The Edinburgh Union Canal Society](#) are launching their rowing boats this Sunday 14 April at noon.



Rowing Boat Launch Coffee & Information

Sunday 14th April, 12.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Towpath at Ogilvie Terrace

 Cake

 Teas & Coffees

 Raffle



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Uniqlo opening soon

The newest store on Princes Street will open on 25 April as Uniqlo come to town. The store will sell apparel for all in its new 1,430 square metre store in the building formerly occupied by BHS.

Alessandro Ducech, Chief Operating Officer at UNIQLO UK said: ““At UNIQLO, we are deeply committed to supporting and enriching the communities where we operate. The opening of our new store in Edinburgh represents an exciting opportunity to forge lasting connections with local residents, businesses and organisations. Edinburgh is a city of great cultural and historical heritage, and we are excited to partner with a few of the many people who help to make the city so vibrant. Together, we will show how LifeWear brings people together, transcending differences in everyday lives. We invite the people of Edinburgh to join us in celebrating the opening of our new store and to be part of this exciting milestone with us.”

To celebrate the Princes Street store opening, UNIQLO will be offering the first 100 customers through the door a goody bag, there will also be the exciting opportunity for app scan customers to win a trip to Tokyo, just scan the UNIQLO app with any purchase to be entered into the draw (T&Cs apply).





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Lift off at dance festival

Traditional dancers have spring in their step

By PHILIP DIXON

TRADITIONAL DANCE will take centre stage during the Pongopon 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.

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

Some of the highlights include a family day with a craft fair all led by Gairne Brockbank of Caledonia, and a matinee showcase by traditional dance artists who are in residence at Edinburgh primary schools, and Bulgarian and Christian language schools in the capital.

Syren Nordin, Festival Producer and Curator of the Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland said: "It is so satisfying to see that the pongopon ruby 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."

"In a new festival born in times of uncertainty, displacement and border reconfigurations, we were inspired by a poem by Lee Min-Hwan that captured the zeitgeist."

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