

# Five things you need to know today

## This week at the council

Councillors will be back at work this week after their two week recess to coincide with school holidays. Here is the schedule with links to the papers for each meeting – and anyone may watch the meetings by using the council webcast either live or afterwards when the recorded session is published online.

Monday, 15th April, 2024

- [10.00 am Lothian Valuation Joint Board](#) – Hybrid Meeting – Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers / Microsoft Teams – City Chambers

Tuesday, 16th April, 2024

- [10.00 am Education, Children and Families Committee](#) – Dean of Guild Court Room – City Chambers

Wednesday, 17th April, 2024

- [10.00 am Development Management Sub-Committee](#) – Dean of Guild Court Room – City Chambers

Thursday, 18th April, 2024 – no meetings

Friday, 19th April, 2024

- [3.30 pm Pentland Hills Regional Park Joint Committee](#) –

Microsoft Teams

## At St Giles' this evening



Tonight at 6.30pm there will be a concert when Tyler Hay will perform Beethoven on piano. St Giles' Cathedral plays host to the inaugural **Edinburgh Royal Mile International Piano Series**. This prestigious new concert series will feature **all 32 of Beethoven's Piano Sonatas** throughout the 2024 season.

[Tickets here.](#)

# Edinburgh Cocktail Week 2024

Looking ahead 100 bars in Edinburgh will take part in Edinburgh Cocktail Week 2024 which runs from 11 to 20 October and Earlybird Tickets are now on sale. Everyone with a wristband can take part enjoying a signature cocktail in each participating venue and entry to the pop up Cocktail Village where drinks are £5 each. Click on the image below for more information.



**Free cooking class begins on Wednesday**



## TASTING CHANGE

### FREE COOKING CLASS FOR ADULTS

#### Where and When?

- 📅 Starts: Wed 17th April
- 🕒 12pm until 2pm
- 📍 The Health Agency, 30 Harvesters Way



#### What will you get?

- ✓ The chance to learn new cooking skills
- ✓ To learn about nutrition and healthy eating
- ✓ To learn how to cook on a budget
- ✓ Access to an interactive Facebook group
- ✓ Weekly take home recipes and a sit down lunch

This project is **FREE TO JOIN** For more information or to register please  
contact: Stacey McGregor on 07727 151 206. or email  
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## Traditional dancers have spring in their step

By PHILIP STEPHEN

TRADITIONAL DANCE will take centre stage during the Pongopona festival which showcases international dance as 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 audiences will be performed, with live music, poetry, and art and the festival invites audiences to take part in artfests, workshops (both in person and live-streamed), buses, and talks about traditional dance.

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

Dyana Neelova, Festival Producer and Curator of the Traditional Dance Festivals of Scotland said: "It is so satisfying to see that the pongopona city yards of traditional dance that we planted in the first time in spring 2022, once again blossoms into Scotland's springtime festival for world traditional dance."

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

# Lift off at dance festival

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