

Five things you need to know today

Today a petition about Winchburgh Railway Station will be brought to Holyrood

The petition which will be presented to Patrick Harvie MSP to take the necessary action to put a new train station in place as promised. members of the Community Council will get on the X 38 at Sainsbury's Local in Winchburgh heading for Edinburgh. The petition states: "We call on the Scottish Government to set a date to open a Train Station in Winchburgh. The lack of information and not coming forward to meet Winchburgh Developments despite continuous promises for meetings, not only undermines trust in our government but also hinders our ability as **local organisations to plan for future community growth and development in our community.**

"There is evidence a train station would deliver these benefits:

- Trips on congested roads to Edinburgh would be reduced to 15 minutes to the city centre.
- Estimated up to 1658 car trips a day off the Lothians/Edinburgh Road network
- Benefits from reduced congestion removing greenhouse gasses and improved air quality for all.
- Direct economic benefits of £2.4m to passengers per year.
- Provide a regional station serving 26,000 people – double the projected Winchburgh population.

"As members of the Winchburgh community, we have experienced first-hand our collective anticipation for the opening of our

long-awaited train station and watched as other villages and towns across Scotland – much smaller than Winchburgh – are getting new train stations. **NOW IT'S WINCHBURGH'S TURN."**

[See the petition here](#)



New sessions at Dr Bell's

Dr Bell's Family Centre

Monday 15th April - Friday
17th May 2024

Start Well, Live Well: Wellbeing
Support for Families in Leith

This term at Dr Bell's

Mondays

- 9.30am - **Mindful Moments**
Book via email
- 1pm - **Wee feeders**
[fortnightly] Book via Eventbrite
- Online - **Pick up, prepare & share**
Book via email

Tuesdays

- 10am - **Bumps & Bairs**
[pre birth to 9 months]
Book via Eventbrite
- 12:30pm - **PEEP**
[6-12 months] Book via email

Wednesday

- 1pm - **Messy Play**
[£5 per session, 6 months plus]
Book via Eventbrite

Criteria

- You need to live in Leith (EH6/7)
- Have at least one child under the age of 5

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Thursdays

- 9.30am - **Mindfulness Dip** (outdoors)
Book via email
- 10am - **Baby Massage**
[£30 for course]
Book via email
- 1pm - **Art at the start**
Book via email
- 1pm - **Buggy Fit** (Indoors)
[suitable for under 1's]
Book via Eventbrite

Fridays

- 9.40am - **Bookbug - 18 mths - 5 yrs**
Book via Eventbrite
- 10.30am - **Bookbug - 0-18 months**
Book via Eventbrite
- 11.30am - **Community Lunch**
No booking needed
- 1pm - **Nurture & Natter**
[from 10 months]
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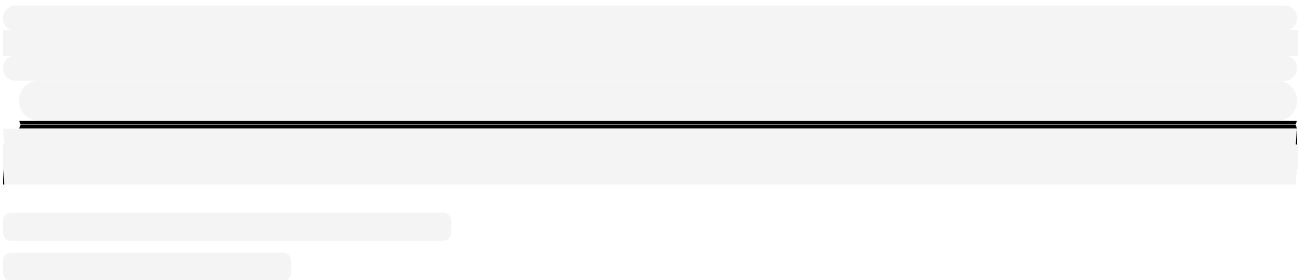
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EDINBURGH'S FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER...A CAPITAL READ FROM START TO FINISH



Lift off at dance festival

Traditional dancers have spring in their step

By PHILIP STEPHEN

TRADITIONAL DANCE will take centre stage during the Pongmante 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 all about traditional dance.

Some of the highlights include a family day with a craft fair for all led by Caroline Brockbank of CelticBride, 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.

Diana Nedelova, Festival Producer and Curator of the Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland said: "It is so satisfying to see that the pongmante eddy sands of traditional dance that we planted for the first time in spring 2022, once again blossom into Scotland's springtime festival for world trad 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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