

Five things you need to know today

Edinburgh Festival of Cycling

The programmes for the eighth festival are out now. It will run from 31 May to 9 June 2024.

[Full details of the programme here.](#)

Sea Rising festival

Porty Energy are holding the Sea Rising Festival on 22 June but they have a crowdfunder running here which you may like to donate to. A spokesperson said: "The festival will include a music stage and stalls near the Seafield end of the Promenade with bike demos and family activities. It will be during the day and there is a full moon that day so we expect a High Spring Tide (so if you are performing you may have the waves lapping at your ankles and the audience will be in the Sea at some point)."

The organisers are looking for musicians and performers.

[More information here.](#)

The logo for the Sea Rising Festival, featuring the words "SEA RISING FESTIVAL" in a bold, blue, outlined font, set against a light blue background.

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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 Pomegranate 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 audiences 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 for all led by Gemma Brockbank of Caledonia, 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.

Styren Neelova, Festival Producer and Curator of the Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland said: "It is so satisfying to see that the pomegranate 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 crossings, we were inspired by a poem by Lee Min-Hwan that captured the zeitgeist."

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The Crannie

There is an art exhibition at The Crannie (on Cranston Street) and the opening event is being held on Friday 10 May from 4pm to 6pm. If you would like to have your work included in the exhibition then you are invited to send some in.

[Contact a member of staff at the Crannie.](#)



Consultation on designs for St Margaret's Park bowling greens

The Thriving Green Spaces team at The City of Edinburgh Council are currently developing proposals for unused Bowling Greens in parks throughout the city. This includes St Margaret's Park's bowling green.

The team has delivered several consultation sessions. Drawing from this feedback, the council have developed several ideas for ways these spaces could be improved and re-integrated back into the park. The landscape architects have visually developed these ideas further, and at this stage the council is asking for feedback on these ideas to help refine future proposals.

The re-opening and improvements of these spaces will provide significant value to the local community, benefitting people who live in or work in the area, as well as those travelling through.

[The link to the consultation is here.](#)