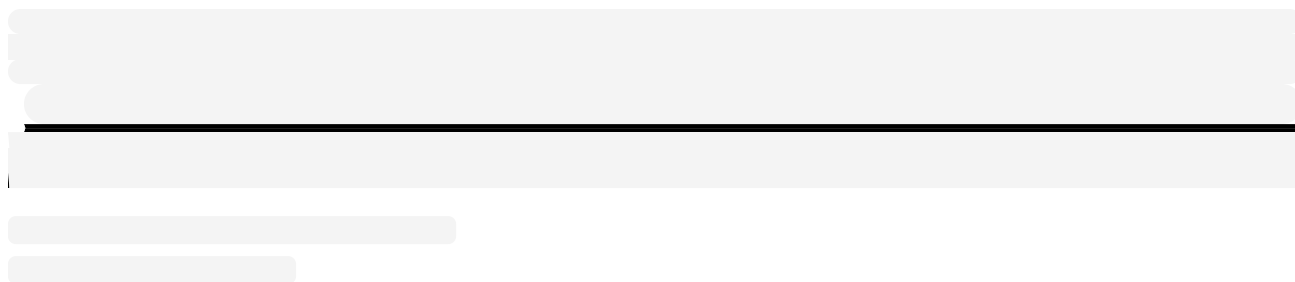


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## Tickets still available for D-Day event on Saturday

This year there will be a special Scottish commemorative event marking the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Scotland's Salute – a concert at Usher Hall on 6 June 2024 – will mark 80 years to the day since ships landed in Normandy. Music will be provided by His Majesty's Royal Marines Band Scotland and the Military Wives' Choir.

[Read more here](#)





## Free places at activity camp

Scotmid are supporting five free places at an activity camp in West Lothian for 10-15 year olds.

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## At Granton Hub

On 13 April Granton Hub are running a session called Painting for Pleasure.

Book here.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/painting-for-pleasure-saturday-workshop-tickets-876177900687?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

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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 Caidhfidh, 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 Nerliova, 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 Ian MacMillan that captured the zeitgeist."

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