

Five things you need to know today

Swinney's first Cabinet meeting

John Swinney, the newly elected First Minister will hold his first Cabinet meeting this morning as First Minister, before making some visits around Scotland.

Later today he will meet health staff at St John's Hospital, Livingston, see near completed works on the Levenmouth Rail Link in Fife, and visit IGS, a highly successful international vertical farm company in Dundee.

The whole cabinet has now been named with 11 Cabinet Secretaries including Mr Swinney and 14 Ministers who will be their support.

[Read more here.](#)



John Swinney introduces his new Scottish cabinet at Bute House
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Friday Night Lights

This is a great initiative by local police doing what police officers used to do – engage with young people. Tonight will be the second week of their football evenings for young people aged 11 to 18 at Big Hearts Community Trust Wheatfield Stand so not too late to join in.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Starts Friday 3rd May
Every Friday
6pm - 9pm
Free

11-18
YEARS
OLD

Meet at 6pm at Big Hearts Community Trust
Wheatfield Stand @ the Car Park Entrance

Come Play Football, Eat & Use the Space to
Chill Out with Friends



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Edinburgh Convention Bureau will be run by the council

After demands for more funding at last week's Finance Committee were rejected, the council is now poised to run the Edinburgh Convention Bureau in house rather than handing it over on a permanent basis to the Edinburgh International Conference Centre.

[Read the full story here.](#)

EIFF opening night film

The EIFF has announced the opening night film will star Saoirse Ronan in *The Outrun* which is set in Orkney where our Scottish Beacon colleagues at The Orkney News produce the independent local newspaper.

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EDINBURGH'S INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER...A CAPITAL READ FROM START TO FINISH



Trew gent

By **GEORGE MAIR AND PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

HIS SELFLESS ACTS OF GENEROSITY raised more than £1 million for charities, and the late Tom Gilzean, MBE, was much loved

and well-known in the capital.

Now, an Our Wullie-themed statue, in the image of the late Scots war veteran and charity fundraiser, has been unveiled on the spot where he used to break for lunch during his

long days spent in the city centre collecting cash for charities. The life size sculpture, a replica of one auctioned during an 2019 fundraiser, is now in place outside Gordon's Trattoria on The Royal Mile which was his

regular lunch spot. For more than 20 years Tom could be seen rattling his collecting tin, wearing his trademark tartan trews and medals in the city centre.

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