

North Edinburgh Community Festival – a ray of sunshine

This was the third year of the North Edinburgh Community Festival – free family friendly fun in West Pilton Park – and it was the third year of good weather for the event.

More than 100 organisations took part with information about the services they can provide and how everyone could get involved with them. From housing associations to political representatives, North Edinburgh Arts and police and armed services, Spokes, Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust. There truly was something for everyone.

The person who had the initial idea for the festival and parade, Willie Black, had his sleeves rolled up when we caught up with him. Willie was pleased to see so many people attend, estimating there were around 8,000 throughout the day.



Willie Black clearing up the rubbish during the event
The music stage had a constant audience, with Fischy Music
earlier and the Ukrainian Children's Choir later on.

Inside the Neighbourhood Centre the Youth Stage proved popular with many local acts performing and there was a Games Club showcase – an exhibition of games made by young designers.

And there were stalls for other festivals such as the Edinburgh International Children's Festival and the Book Festival.





Edinburgh Science Festival



L-R Summer (12) and Saoirse (11) were enjoying having their hair braided



Saoirse (11) was enjoying having her hair braided



Emelia had her face painted and then hair braided – the hairdresser was so fast!



L-R Ben Macpherson MSP for Edinburgh Northern and Leith, Deidre Brock MP for Edinburgh North and Leith and Cllr Stuart Dobbin (Forth Ward)



Edinburgh Science Festival were demonstrating science magic



Fun in the sun at the North Edinburgh Community Festival



The music stage was popular



The Ukrainian Children's Choir



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Rhythms of India