

Five things you need to know today

Support local independent news

This is Indie News Week and there will be an event for anyone to attend on Friday at Grassmarket Community Project. [Details of the last few remaining tickets here.](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/no-news-is-bad-news-the-future-of-local-journalism-in-scotland-tickets-879456507087?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>



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2024**

Edinburgh International Book Festival 2024

The full programme for the Book Festival was released yesterday and tickets will go on sale on 20 June.

[Read more here](#) to find out which books Chief Executive Jenny Niven recommends reading between now and August.

And the best kept secret is that there is a new café and restaurant in the Edinburgh Futures Institute.



Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival 2024



The Jazz Bar has been saved from closure and will host a full programme of events during the festival which runs from 12 to 21 July 2024. With just under six weeks to go there are some events which have already sold out so buying tickets as soon as possible is the best advice.

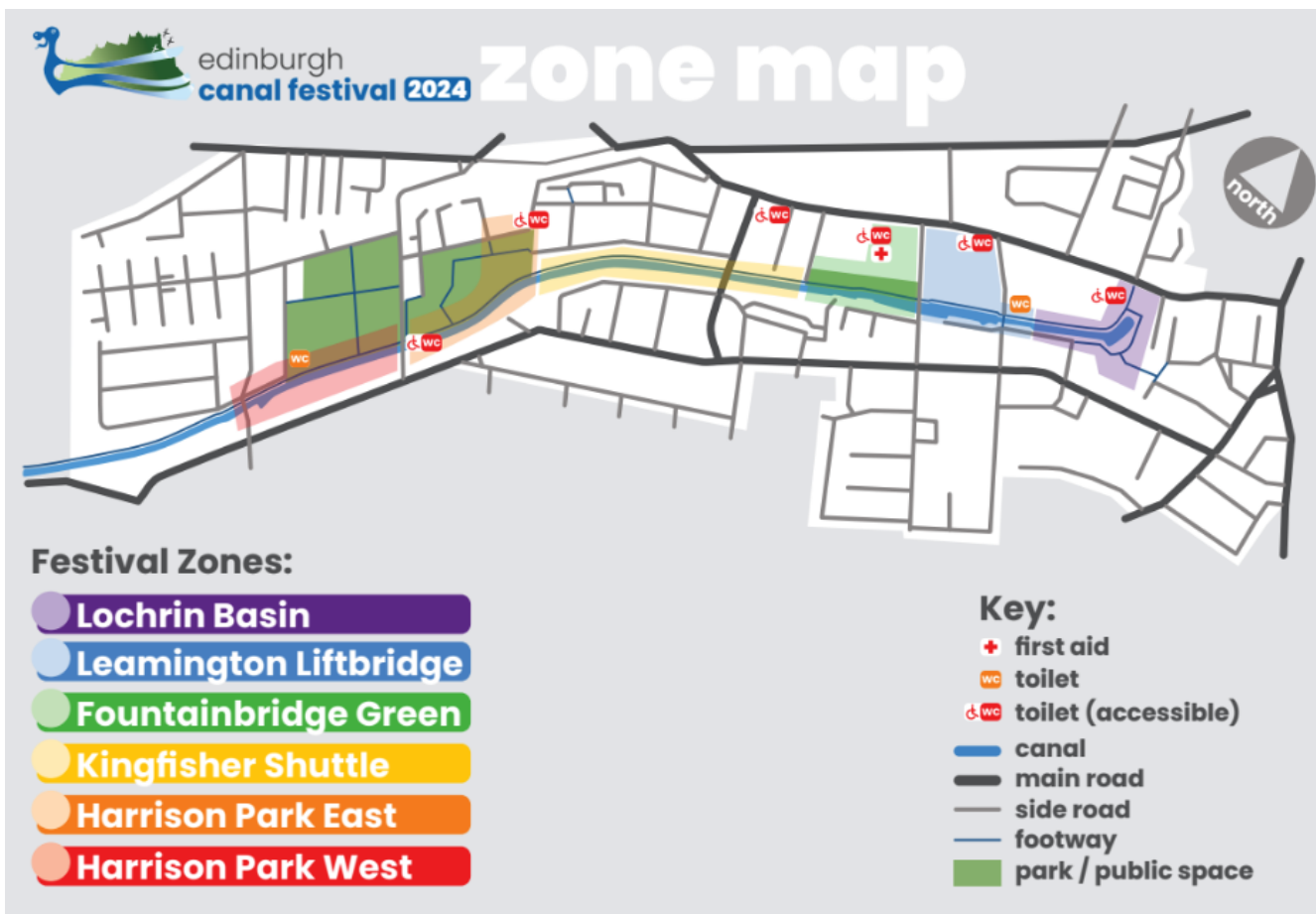
[Tickets and details of the Jazz Bar programme here.](#)

Edinburgh Canal Festival

The annual Edinburgh Canal Festival takes place on 15 June and there will be many organisations represented, including the Edinburgh Union Canal Society who have rowing boats to rent out from a spot opposite the Ashley Terrace Boathouse (which they are campaigning and fundraising to refurbish).

The raft race is free to enter. All equipment will be provided just bring your decorations, costumes and enthusiasm.

[More details here.](#)



Summer Concert

There will be a concert at 2.30pm on Monday afternoon at the Southside Community Centre EH8 9ER. The performers will be the Southside Community Orchestra with conductor Vaughan Townhill. The music will feature Beethoven and Bizet. Admission is free.

All are welcome tea and coffee will be served with a collection in aid of Drake Music Scotland.

*A free afternoon concert from our local community orchestra.
All welcome. pic.twitter.com/tpA0aR1Cio*

– Southside Community Centre (@centresouthside) [June 2, 2024](#)