

Five things you need to know today

Edinburgh International Festival opening event

The details of the Edinburgh International Festival opening night event have been released. The multi-art form spectacle will take place in the grounds of George Heriot's School on Lauriston Place. The event is sponsored by The Macallan and created by Pinwheel.

[More details here.](#)



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General Election Hustings 2024

There will be an election hustings at breakfast time on 19 June (yes that is tomorrow) in the Kimpton Charlotte Square.

The event will be hosted by We Do Scotland. [Tickets here](#) are £28 for non-members which includes breakfast.



These are the hustings we know of – (one is on tonight) – if you know of any others then please let us know

We Do Scotland	19 June 2024 8.30am to 9.30am	Kimpton Hotel Charlotte Square
Spurtle hustings Edinburgh North and Leith	24 June 2024 7.30pm to 9.30pm	Broughton St Mary's Church Bellevue Crescent
Hustings on Mental Health	18 June 2024 at 5.00pm	Augustine United Church George IV Bridge
Hustings Edinburgh South	20 June at 7.30pm	Greenbank Parish Church

Hustings	25 June 2pm to 3.30pm	Southside Community Centre Nicolson Street
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St Mark's Portobello

A private donor has gifted £1 million to National Churches Trust to help preserve churches and other buildings for the future. With the £100,000 grant St Mark's in Portobello hope to increase their revenue back to pre-pandemic levels when they have carried out repairs to the interior of the building.

[Read more here.](#)



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Trams are 10

By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

IT IS NOW TEN YEARS since Edinburgh Trams began running the passenger service

from Edinburgh Airport to York Place. Actually on the first day the service began at the Gyle Stop with many people trying to be the first passengers to get on board.

Edinburgh Trams have now carried more than 60 million passengers in the last decade on a fleet of 27 trams and employ around 300 people in Edinburgh. Except during Covid

tram income has risen year on year. In 2014 the half year income was £4.782 million and this rose to £23.9 million in 2023.

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