# Five things you need to know today

## The Royal Highland Show 2024

The Royal Highland Show opens on Thursday and runs until Sunday at Ingliston.

There will be more than 800 exhibitors displaying their goods on the 110-acre site.

There are cookery demonstrations with some of the country's top chefs including Head Chef at The Globe Inn, Fraser Cameron, FutureChef Winner, Phoebe Lawson, and Head Chef at Benugo, Emma Clark-Szabo.

Johnnie Walker are putting on a pop up bar and Innis & Gunn will host guests at their Taproom Bar.

Shopping is varied with clothing, shoes, crafts, gifts, pet supplies, art, toys and a range of premium shopping outlets which can be found at the Countryside Village.

There will be music during the day on the West Stage and on Friday night Tide Lines will appear at the Royal Highland Hoolie.

Children go free at the show with many activities linked to food production and farming.

Circa Alba's exciting mix of movement and circus skills, including juggling, parkour, capoeira, along with professional face painting and Annie the alpaca and her family from the Alpacas Trekking Centre, will let little imaginations soar. Dive into abstract art where kids can engage in animal-themed arts and crafts, creating personalised keepsakes to take

home.

Oh and there are also many things for farmers to see and do.

David Tennant, Head of Royal Highland Show, said: "This year's Royal Highland Show is bigger and better than ever and it's all thanks to the wide variety of exhibitors. The diverse array of trade stands is a true celebration of everything Scotland has to offer in agricultural heritage, artisan crafts and rural communities. We are on track for a sold-out show, so if you'd like to experience a mix of entertainment, sample Scotland's wonderful larder and see the very best in livestock, from the traditional to the unexpected, it's worth purchasing your tickets now. It's not to be missed!"

Get to the show on the tram or by bus. A shuttle bus will run from the Ingliston Park and Ride to the East entrance every 15 minutes between 7am and 9pm. There is taxi drop off and pick up point at the East entrance and accessible car parks for those driving at the East and West entrances. Advanced Mobility are located at both the East and West entrances and a Quiet Place next to the welfare tent will be available for those who may require time out from the busy event. https://www.royalhighlandshow.org/visitors/accessibility-at-the-royal-highland-show/



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## **Public Rally**

There will be a public rally against racism in the election at the Mound on 21 June. The speaker will be Tommy Sheppard the SNP candidate for Edinburgh East and Musselburgh.



## Sea Rising Festival

Porty Community Energy will bring together 10 bands, three exhibitions, 10 local makers, 10 local climate organisations, trials of unusual bikes, five workshops, children's activities and a puppet show on the beach and prom near the bottom of Kings Road.

The theme is Low Carbon Transport and local Climate Action, and the festival takes place on Saturday 22 June in Portobello between 1 and 6pm.

To illustrate the dangers of climate change and the effect it could have on our seaside towns the artists will perform climate themed songs and there will be two stages — one a Landlubbers' stage which is "dry" and the other, the Selkies Sea Stage where the Earth in Common Choir will perform at High Tide.

More information here



### Scotland's Gardens Scheme

Some private gardens are open to the public and this weekend it is the turn of gardens in Edinburgh. The garden trail runs between Logie Green Gardens EH7 4HE and Royal Circus Gardens North EH3 6TN. Visit some of the surprising horticultural delights behind the terraces of Stockbridge/New Town and relax in a classic Georgian leisure garden.

Bringing fresh air and wildlife into the heart of the city, the collection provides many creative solutions to urban gardening with year-round interest through a mix of seasonal planting and structural evergreens which the gardeners will be on hand to talk about.

More information about the weekend events here.

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By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN** 

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