

# **Parliamentary exhibition will mark Liddell's legacy**

**The Eric Liddell 100 is running a campaign to promote awareness of the Scottish athlete which operates to remember his legacy with the patronage of HRH The Princess Royal.**

To honour the centenary of Eric Liddell winning a gold medal in Paris, there will be a world-first exhibition opening at The Scottish Parliament on 25 July.

The exhibition of photos and memorabilia offers a unique opportunity for visitors to explore the life and legacy of Eric Liddell – the Flying Scotsman and 1924 Olympic champion – alongside other legends from the Scottish Sporting Hall of Fame and Scottish athletes competing in the 2024 Olympics.

Organised by The Eric Liddell 100 campaign, which Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal serves as Patron, this initiative seeks to honour Liddell's legacy and inspire future generations through a series of events and activities emphasising his core values of passion, compassion, and integrity.

John MacMillan, CEO of The Eric Liddell Community, said: "We are thrilled to see the launch of the Eric Liddell exhibition, as part of our exciting programme of events to celebrate the centenary of Eric Liddell's gold medal win. All of our partners involved in this initiative spent a significant

amount of time considering what Eric Liddell would have wanted and how important it is that we reflect him in our endeavours; we believe that any individual can make a positive impact on the world if they approach the challenges they face with passion, compassion, and integrity, which are our three values for The Eric Liddell 100. We hope everyone who visits the exhibition leaves feeling uplifted, inspired, and motivated to live life with these values in mind.”

Rt. Hon Alison Johnstone MSP, Presiding Officer of The Scottish Parliament, said: “We are delighted to host this exhibition in the Scottish Parliament, which celebrates the significant achievements of Eric Liddell but also serves as a powerful reminder of his legacy. It seems particularly relevant as Olympians from across the world prepare to compete in Paris. The Scottish Parliament is delighted to provide a platform for sharing his inspiring story with the thousands of people who will visit us this summer.”

Eric Liddell: Legacy of an Olympic legend will remain on show in the main hall at The Scottish Parliament until 12 September. The exhibition is free and no ticket is required.

The intention is to inspire future generations with Liddell’s story of passion, compassion and integrity.

There is an online course available on the Eric Liddell Community (ELC) website developed partly by the University of Edinburgh. The course covers elements of Eric’s life and explores the way his actions paved the way for using sport as a force for good. An educational resource has also begun at Castlebrae High School to preserve his memory and also add to the knowledge among local young people of his life and legacy.

Norma Prentice, Head Teacher at Castlebrae, said: “The Eric Liddell 100 Educational Resource provides a fantastic opportunity for Castlebrae High School and schools around the

country. Not only will we teach pupils about his extraordinary life but inspire them through the values that Eric Liddell represented every day.”



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