

Edinburgh 900 – Edinburgh Leisure's inspiring exhibition

The City of Leisure will be seen through the lens of Edinburgh Leisure in the Edinburgh 900 celebrations.

Edinburgh Leisure, the largest sports and leisure facilities provider across the city will launch a new pop-up exhibition on Monday 30 September at the Royal Commonwealth Pool. Celebrate Edinburgh's legacy of health and fitness and discover how Edinburgh Leisure continues to inspire and support active lifestyles across the city.

The Your Health is for Life exhibition will focus on one of the ten themes of Edinburgh 900, 'the City of Leisure' through the lens of Edinburgh Leisure. It will showcase the vital role Edinburgh Leisure has played in promoting active lifestyles for the past 26 years and generations before, and the history of pools in Edinburgh, including a 2005 film by Sitar Rose and Karen Chambers, Liquid Paradise which captures the unique atmosphere of the Victorian Warrender Swim Centre.

The free exhibition can be viewed in the foyer and café area of the Royal Commonwealth Pool and will complement the existing display which celebrated the Commie's 50th anniversary in January 2020.

Free Sporting Memories reminiscence event

On what is also National Sporting Heritage Day, as part of the

celebrations, Edinburgh Leisure's Active Communities in association with the Sporting Memories Foundation, will be hosting a free, one-off event at the Royal Commonwealth Pool themed around memories of the Commie pool and their five Victorian pools.

It will be a fun and friendly session to talk and reminisce with older sports fans over a cuppa. Taking place on Monday 30 September 2024 from 10.30am – 12.00 noon in the Sir Peter Heatly Room at the Royal Commonwealth Pool, 21 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh EH16 5BB, the event is open to anyone, including people living with dementia and their carers. Booking is not required but registering your interest to attend is recommended by emailing: samscott@edinburghleisure.co.uk.

Kerry Teakle, Project Lead for Edinburgh 900 at Edinburgh Leisure said: "Timed perfectly to coincide with Sporting Heritage Day on 30 September, we hope the new exhibition will spark conversations across multi generations about the rich heritage across our sporting estate.

"The exhibition will also highlight Edinburgh Leisure's ongoing vision to make a positive difference to communities by creating opportunities for everyone in Edinburgh get active, stay active and achieve more."

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