

Five things you need to know today

Active travel route opens today after a decade of planning and construction, and information about funding available for history projects, tickets for the Edinburgh Science Festival – and photos of Sunday's bus crash.

The Roseburn to Union Canal link – grand opening

This is actually happening. After ten years in the planning, consulting and construction phases, the £17 million path for all walkers and wheelers will actually open today. The cost to the council is around £3 million as 70% of the funding is provided by Sustrans, a charity which is charged by the government to fund projects such as this.

This will be the second big active travel project delivered in short order. The Melville Street cycle lane is part of the City Centre to West Edinburgh Link (CCWEL) which also began its journey around ten or more years ago. These legacy projects are important, but were begun years ago.

The next big transport project that the current council is involved in planning and consulting upon is the Roseburn to Granton tram line extension. According to what we have heard

from councillors and council officers it is unlikely that any tramline is built soon – so plan for this happening in around ten years' time. In the meantime the council is ploughing ahead by building thousands of homes – including council houses in Granton and reviving the area around the gasometer (which now has a play area inside it).

Useful links to information and facts about these three key projects:

- <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cycling-walking/roseburn-union-canal>
- <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/ccwel>
- <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/homepage/10492/granton-waterfront-regeneration>



Old Edinburgh Club has grants available

OEC is seeking applications for project awards (up to £3,500) and individuals (up to £500) for research, records and

bringing history to life with the potential for lasting benefits. <https://olddedinburghclub.org.uk/projects/jean-guild-grants/jean-guild-grants-round-2/>

The deadline for applications for this round of applications is Friday, 10 January 2025.



Edinburgh Science 2025 – tickets on sale

Tickets for three standout events in the 2025 Edinburgh Science Festival programme are set to go on-sale at 10am on 9 December. Offering a jam-packed day for festival-goers, 5

April presents in-conversation events with former-NASA astronaut and oceanographer **Dr Kathy Sullivan**, and also with Director of Community Clothing and The Great British Sewing Bee Judge **Patrick Grant**.

Regularly described as '**The World's most vertical woman**', Dr Kathy Sullivan was the first woman to reach Challenger Deep, and the first American woman to walk in space. Join Kathy on **5 April** at the Gordon Aikman Lecture Theatre for ***Above and Below: An Astronaut's View of our Planet***, to hear firsthand about her unparalleled experiences, including her time as a crew member on three Space Shuttle missions, her role in deploying the Hubble Space Telescope, as well as her dive to the Challenger Deep.

Specifically tailored to younger science-curious minds, Dr Kathy Sullivan will also be chatting to the constantly curious science presenter **Siân Bevan** about her adventures in space and on earth in the family-focused event ***Walk Like An Astronaut***, at the National Museum of Scotland, also on **5 April**.

Above and Below: An Astronaut's View of our Planet and ***Walk Like An Astronaut*** are programmed with support from the United States Embassy.

Director of Community Clothing and The Great British Sewing Bee Judge, **Edinburgh-born Patrick Grant** also joins the festival **5 April** at the Gordon Aikman Lecture Theatre for ***Less with Patrick Grant***. Clothes are important. They define who we are, impact our mood and influence how people think of us. Today the average person buys 60% more clothes than they did 15 years ago and wears them for half as long. Join Patrick Grant in conversation with broadcaster and climate writer **Lucy Siegle** as they consider the crisis of consumption and quality in fashion.

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By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

ALL ABOARD THE TRAM to get to the city centre for Christmas fun. Santa's in town ready to meet children just next to the tram stop in the Piccolo Spiegeltent in St Andrew Square, where there will be stories, a letter writing

station and a post box to send any missives direct to Santa's workshop.

The newest attraction in Edinburgh is the Christmas Tree Maze which is one of the UK's largest illuminated Christmas tree trails. Step free access but anyone who wants to explore the maze is advised to buy a ticket in advance

- and remember the EH postcode discount.

A spokesperson for producers, UniqueAssembly, said: "Edinburgh's Christmas is finally here, and with a seven-week programme packed full of family favourites, this year promises to be one of the biggest and best ever. Whether sipping on cool

cocktails in our brand new Ice Bar, enjoying a festive treat at the Coorie Inn or showing off your skating skills on the Ice Rink, there's something for everyone at Edinburgh's Christmas."

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Bus crash

A bus crash on Sunday involving a male pedestrian and a Lothian bus occurred on the corner of Hanover Street and George Street in the city centre around 1.50pm.



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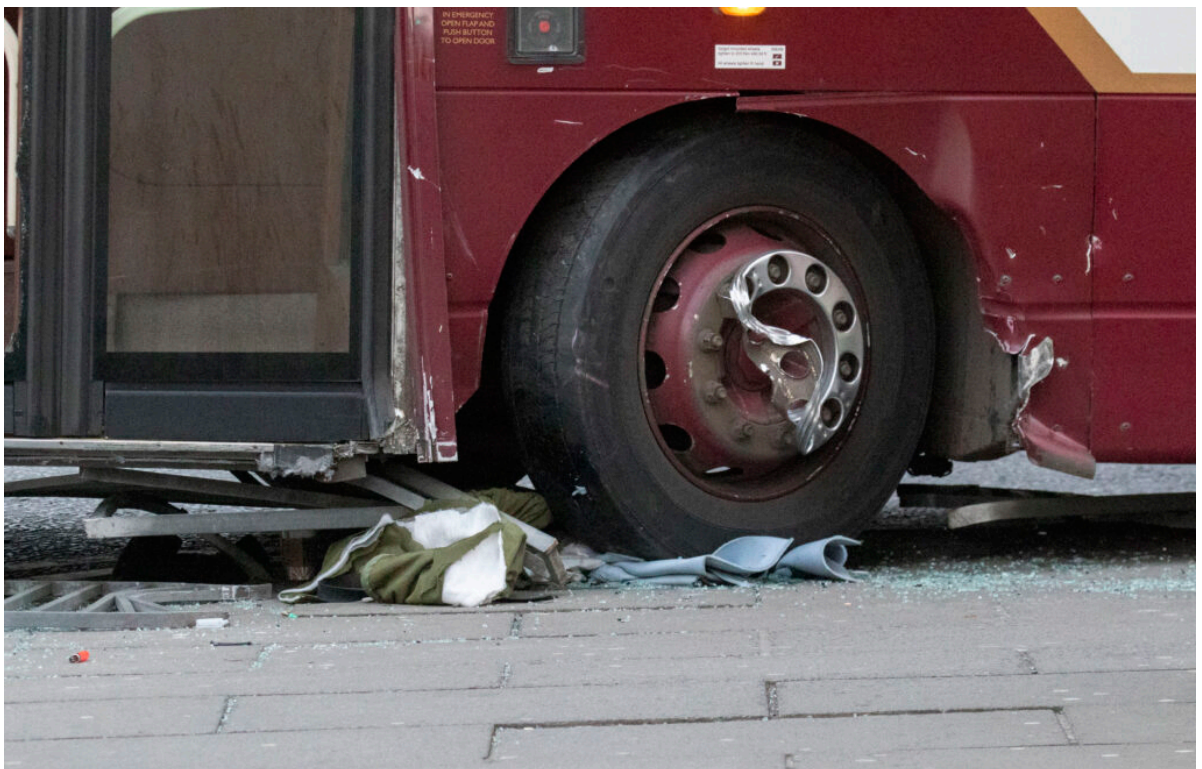
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