

Five things you need to know today

Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership

The Edinburgh Health and Social Care has a problem in that it requires to make cuts to balance its budget. It tried to remove some of its expenditure by slashing £4.5 million from the monies it provides to third sector organisations – and the council has had to step in to plug some of that gap.

The EIJB, in common with all other integration boards in Scotland, is facing “significant financial challenges” even with a £900 million budget. Demand for their services continues to grow, alongside rising costs and a reduction in the working age population.

The board suggests that its medium-term financial strategy, and its new strategic plan, will respond to these challenges in determining how the board invests the £900 million it has to spend on providing health and social care services in Edinburgh.

[Read more here.](#)

Tattoo reintroduces narrator

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo has reintroduced a narrator at all performances during the August run to take audiences through the history of the 75 year old event.

The Creative Director Alan Lane has appointed Terence Rae to perform the role of Storyteller during this season providing a commentary thread to explain to the 220,000 members of the

audience what is happening beneath them. The role of narrator was performed by Alasdair Hutton from 1992, but has been much missed in recent years.

[Read more here](#)

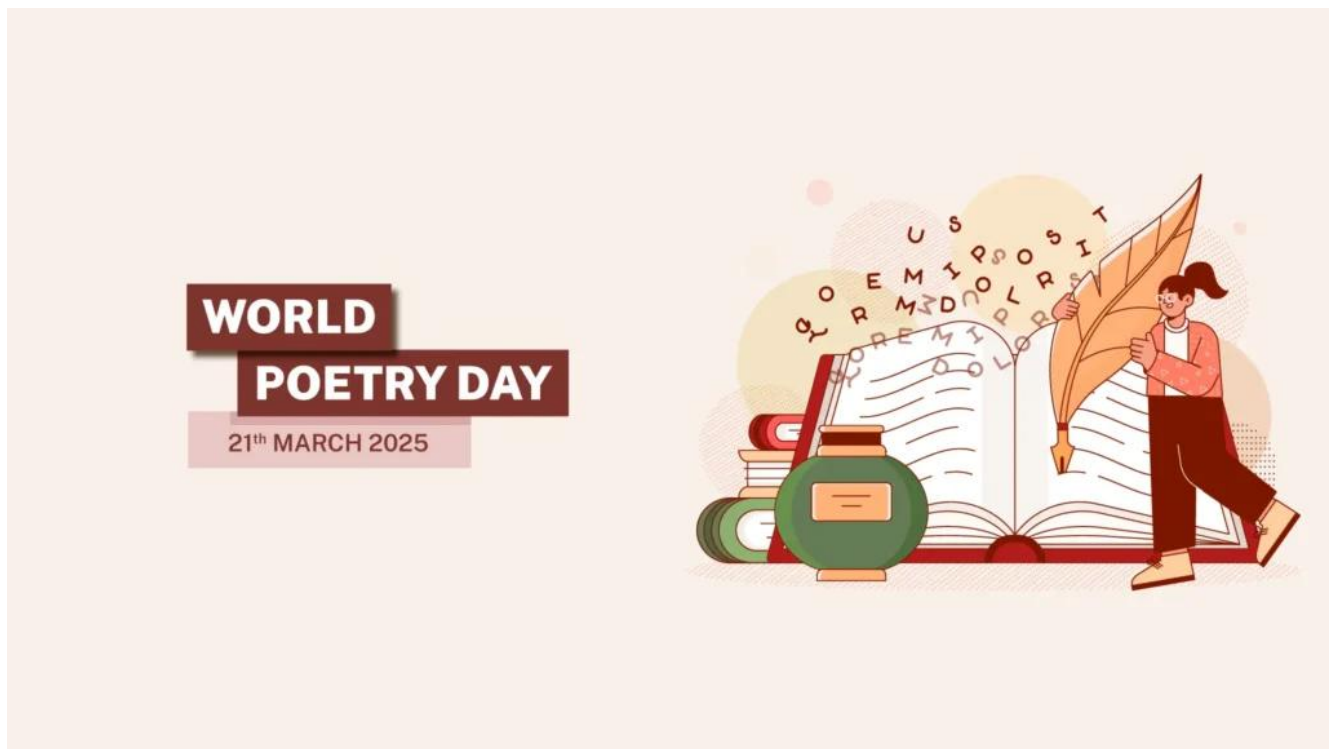


Terence Rae

World Poetry Day

Edinburgh, the oldest City of Literature, will mark World Poetry Day today with a teaser trailer made by their Edinburgh College of Art animation students, hinting at a love-letter poem for the city by Edinburgh Makar and author Michael Pedersen.

Watch out for it on social media and [read more here.](#)



Idiogram at The Caves tomorrow



Idiogram's debut album 'Reunion of Broken Parts' is out tomorrow – 22 March. The band recently received positive reviews

To coincide with the album release, the band are hosting a launch event at The Caves in Edinburgh on 22 March.

A spokesperson for the band said: "Like the album's cover, an imposing exterior gives way to a dazzling interior. Seven unique tracks span from sparse ambience to wall-of-sound via bold riffs and delicate melodies, and the album skillfully combines these elements into a natural whole that is absolutely of the times; by turns technological and organic, calming and overwhelming, occasionally confusing – but always refreshing. It puts Idiogram's stellar range of influences on resplendent display, transporting listeners between the moods and spaces that occupy the band's collective psyche."

Idiogram's Lesley Crawford said: 'Reunion of Broken Parts' is wholly true to its title. Musical parts and unions live here in

abundance; a host of earworms tucked away amidst strangeness, hope and complexity.

"We're making music that we want to make with no agenda other than the joy and

satisfaction of doing so. The band follow their interests with intention, disregarding preconceived ideas about what should and should not be. "We

hold a core belief that music is about community and not competition, so we're excited to put

it out there and see if it resonates with other people."

Launch Gig:

- Date: 22nd March 2025
- Venue: The Caves, Edinburgh
- Support from: SLY DIG and Matilda Brown
- Live visuals: Sam Healy
- Tickets: [Available to buy here](#) – concessions and add-ons also available

Billy the cheetah is now on show

Visitors to Edinburgh Zoo are now able to spot their new cheetah, Billy, as he explores his new home.

The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) hopes to welcome a female cheetah in future, with the potential for the wildlife conservation charity to be home to some cubs.

Visitors can book tickets to Edinburgh Zoo online and save at edinburghzoo.org.uk/tickets

