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NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES IN NW EDINBURGH

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Opening of Granton Station Square marks first major milestone of £1.3bn Granton Waterfront regeneration



Locals in north Edinburgh being invited to celebrate the opening of Granton Station Square this Saturday (11 March 2023) will also be given a sneak peek of the magnificently refurbished Edwardian Granton Station building. Completion of the square and station building is the first major milestone of [the City of Edinburgh Council's wider £1.3bn regeneration of Granton Waterfront](#). [All are invited to attend the free community event.](#)

The site had lain vacant for years before it was bought over by the Council in 2018. The £4.75m restoration of the building, together with the development of the square, were

partly funded through the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund and Town Centre Fund.

The name for the square was chosen following an online consultation with local residents.

The station building will be managed by social enterprise charity Wasps Studios, who work across Edinburgh and Scotland, to provide affordable workspace for artists and the creative industries. Wasps will be taking on the building shortly to start their internal fit out.

When opened the charity will be providing space to support around 40 jobs, as well as helping around 100 people each year with creative business development opportunities. Alongside this they will deliver a heritage programme for local people and railway enthusiasts on the unique history of the location as well as providing exhibition space to showcase local talent. They'll also host workshops and a series of outdoor and online events for locals, with the potential to attract thousands of visitors to the area.

The newly created public square in front of the building will be host to events and local community activity throughout the year. Council leader Cammy Day will cut the ribbon to open this fantastic and innovative new public space and everyone attending will also have the opportunity to take a guided tour of the newly refurbished historic Granton Station building ahead of it officially opening later this year.

Family fun will be part of the celebrations from 11am to 2pm on the day where visitors will meet some local crafters, makers and organisations at the market stalls and will be able to join in with play and arts activities on the lawn. There will also be performances from Edinburgh College students and the Newhaven Community Choir.

Local S3 pupils from Craigmoynton Community High School have also been busy creating beautiful artwork symbolising the area with local artist Shona Hardie to be displayed from this weekend down Waterfront Broadway for everyone to see as they make their way to the event. A history exhibition will also be displayed on the square's two new art benches, which going forward, will provide free exhibition space year-round. Granton Waterfront will partner with cultural organisations to curate a changing programme of work inspired by and/or created by local artists and residents on the benches. The project was launched in March 2023 with a themed exhibition 'Past, Present, Future' to showcase historic and current-day images of key heritage assets within the area.

Help make Edinburgh greener



EDINBURGH COMMUNITY CLIMATE FUND



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THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

Voting is open for the Edinburgh Community Climate Fund – Help spread the word!

Today (March 3), the next phase of the [Edinburgh Community Climate Fund \(ECCF\)](#) is getting underway.

The City of Edinburgh Council has set up the £100,000 fund to help communities to develop and choose projects aimed at making Edinburgh a greener city.

Community, voluntary and non-profit organisations from across the city have submitted over 50 proposals for up to £20,000 each. [These community projects](#) have diverse aims including to reduce household carbon emissions, encourage dialogue about climate change and support the city's net zero effort.

We need your help to decide what gets funded by voting for your favourite ideas.

You have a total of 5 votes to use and can only vote once for a project. Please [consider all the projects](#) before making your final decision.

Voting is simple and easy. For adults, you can vote by using [myaccount](#). This is a secure way to access a range of Scottish public services online using just one username and password. We have [guidance on registering on our website](#).

For those under 18 wishing to vote this can be done through [Young Scot](#) using your Young Scot NEC number. School libraries will be offering supported voting.

Supported voting will also be available at all public libraries across the city. Please visit [your local library](#) for more information and to get help to vote for your favourite chosen projects.

Find out more about [participatory budgeting](#) or contact us for further information:
communityplanning@edinburgh.gov.uk

This is a chance for you to decide how Council money is spent on things that matter to you and your community.

Voting is open from March 3 to March 12.

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Lauriston Farm Newsletter March 2023

Hello, lots of good stuff for you to get involved with this month, and we're asking for your votes for our Edinburgh Community Climate Fund proposal. In this newsletter:

- **Community Kitchen proposal - please vote**
- **Tree planting news and new volunteering dates**
- **Our Seeds: Spring Grains event**
- **Community Garden & Market Garden volunteering**
- **Springtime wildflower planting**
- **Spring bird census walks**
- **Wildlife zone: curlew nesting season**

Your vote needed

Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

We are bidding for funding to make an **earthen built community kitchen** at the farm - for free shared meals and community gatherings in all weathers.

If you love this idea, please vote for it - the council gives the funding based on public votes. We're one of 56 great community projects applying to the fund.



[click here to go to the voting website: Your Voice](#)

To vote online, you need a 'MyAccount' login - this takes a few steps to set up if you haven't got one already. Maybe get yourself a cup of tea first, and be prepared for a few minutes of login struggles. Young people aged 8-18 can vote using their Young Scot ID.

Put 'Lauriston Farm' in the website search box to find our proposal - and please do use your other votes to support other great projects (you can choose **five**).

You can also vote at any public library instead of online.

Any questions, please get in touch.



New tree planting

Wednesday 8th (1:30-4pm)

Wednesday 15th (1:30-4pm)

Saturday 25th

(10am-12:30 & 1:30-3:30pm)

New tree planting continues - come help plant fruit trees in the agroforestry strips, and more mixed woodland. Tools, tea and biscuits provided!

[Tree planting Volunteer Signup](#)

Agroforestry alleys update

We have started to plant up the long agroforestry tree strips with fruit trees. The Global Shapers volunteers planted 37 apple trees in one afternoon - thank you to everyone who took part. We'll be continuing this in the tree planting session on the 8th for anyone who wants to get involved in this exciting development.



our seeds

Lauriston Agroecology Farm

Granton Community Gardeners

Spring Grains!

**Saturday 18 March
1:30pm-4pm**

1:30pm-3pm
Taste heritage grains in baking from Granton Community Bakery & help sow trial plots on the farm

3pm-4pm
Dance performance of *Her-acre* by Julie Lockett, from Riot Rye Bakehouse

FREE - book on Eventbrite

all seeds are migrants :: every seed has a story



Spring Grains!

**Saturday 18th March
1:30-4pm**

Join us to celebrate the diversity of Spring Grains. Taste heritage grains in baking from [Granton Community Bakery](#). Discover the stories behind the seeds and help plant our trial plots. Then enjoy a dance performance of *Her-acre* by Julie Lockett from [Riot Rye](#) in Ireland.

[book on Eventbrite](#)

Community Orchard news

Good news: the first phase of the community orchard has been planted.

It's got 34 trees so far - 18 varieties of apple and one variety of pear.

The group will be adding some more pears along with plums, cherries, greengage and a mulberry later this spring.



Community Garden drop-in sessions



Drop in whenever you can. There is a mix of lighter and heavier jobs - please feel free to choose the ones that are good for you, and just do as long as you want; it's meant to be enjoyable and we want you to come back! Any questions, please email communityallotments@lauristonfarm.org



Market Garden volunteering

Saturday 25th March

10am-12:30pm & 1:30-3:30pm

We've got polytunnels going up, new beds, and agroforestry strips in progress. Hope you can join us on the 25th if you'd like to get involved...

[Market Garden Volunteer Signup](#)

Wildflower planting

Wednesday 5th April

1:30-3:30pm

We will be preparing the Unexpected Garden, and seeding/planting wildflowers and plants-with-purpose for all wildlife, (including us!).

If you'd like to get involved, come along on Wednesday 5th - look for the arch or the wooden gazebo as you come onto the farm. All welcome, no need to sign up.



Spring bird census

with John Frank

(March session fully booked)

John will be leading small groups to carry out a bird census, including teaching beginners to identify birds and birdsong. The numbers for this are very limited to avoid creating disturbance to the wildlife, and the March one is already full, but there will be more chances to join these coming up in April, May & June.

Wildlife zone - curlew breeding season

You'll see posters from Curlew Action around the farm about curlew breeding season. Curlews are ground nesting birds, and prefer open areas away from trees. We are hoping they will use the fenced off zone for their nests - we won't be cutting grass in there while there could be chicks, and continue to ask walkers to avoid those fields. Fingers crossed for this breeding season, and please let us know of any sightings.

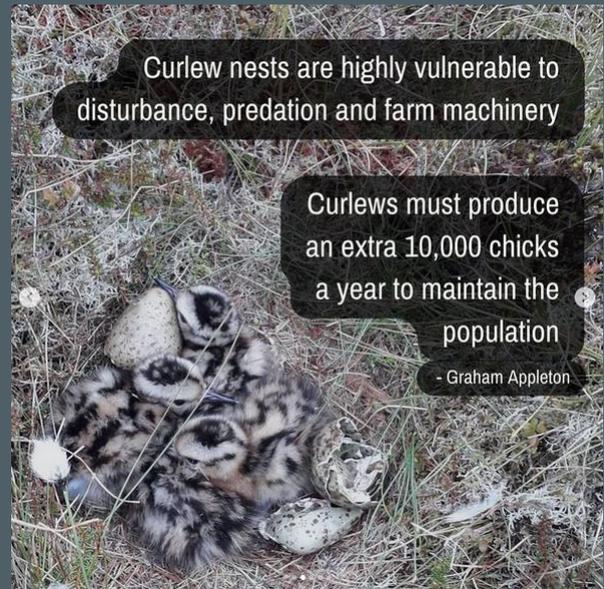


image from [@CurlewAction on Instagram](#)





Blue Tit logged by Bob Glen on iNaturalist



Dunnock logged by Bob Glen on iNaturalist



Pink Footed Geese logged by Bob Glen on iNaturalist

Thank you for reading. Hope to see you at the groups, events, volunteering sessions or wildlife spotting on the farm.

from all at Edinburgh Agroecology Co-op, Lauriston Farm

[click to visit our website](#)



Welcome to your March Newsletter

There's such a lot going on!

We have news of several events and a couple of requests.

Vote for us, join us in a community consultation and hear what is happening at the Heart.

First of all, please vote for us.

Edinburgh Community Climate Fund - Vote for the Heart



HONC has applied for funding from Edinburgh Community Climate Fund. Over 50 projects have been submitted and those with the most votes will be awarded grants until the fund of £100,000 is exhausted. Voting is open to all Edinburgh residents over the age of eight,

until 12th March. The Heart's proposal is the development of a teaching kitchen which will complement the partnership work we are already doing with Homestart in the development of a community garden within the curtilage of The Heart, and with Mwamba in our 'pots of herbs' project. Other organisations and groups keen to work with us in developing and using the facility include Edinburgh Community Food, Leith Pantry and the Ukrainian community. We also have close links to Friends of Victoria Park and Victoria Allotments who would provide a seasonal input of fruit and vegetables to the kitchen for community use.

Please vote for the Heart.

Vote below or head to Leith Library (or any other Edinburgh Library) and they are ready to help.

[VOTE HERE](#)

Newhaven Community Consultation

Are you interested in local history and heritage? If so, we would encourage you to join Museums & Galleries Edinburgh (MGE) for a discussion of how they can best support heritage within the Newhaven community. The views of individuals and groups, old friends and new perspectives will all be welcomed. The event will be led by Diana Morton, Outreach and Access Manager at MGE.

The last community consultation took place in 2010 and in the intervening years, the Wee Museum at Victoria Primary School formed a focus for MGE's support of local heritage. However the school community has moved to its new premises, some pillars of the community have passed away, new communities have moved to the area and new groups have been formed.

The consultation is to develop a coherent way forward for MGE to find a solution that meets the needs of the different communities and organisations in the area.

Please come along to find out more or contact Diana Morton, Outreach & Access Manager at diana.morton@edinburgh.gov.uk

The event will take place on 23 March, 6-7.30pm at the new Victoria Primary School 1 Windrush Drive, Edinburgh EH6 4TN



New event at the Heart

Newhaven resident Gino's bee journey began in 2014 when he took a beginner beekeeping course and got his first colony of honey bees to care for. He now holds a

Beemaster qualification in practical beekeeping,

is actively involved with the Scottish Beekeeping Community, keeps bees in Edinburgh, East & West Lothian, and is the recipient of several honey awards. His three-part Thursday evening course will be a summary of all the important things you need to know about bees, beekeeping, products of the hive, plants, the environment etc...

It is aimed at people with no knowledge or experience, ideal for gardeners or people looking to learn something new or get into beekeeping. Gino's very keen to persuade people away from thinking of honey as a cheap sweetener and to realise the rare and unique product that it is that captures the landscape in a jar.

Contact Gino at gino@simplyhoney.co



Foundation Beekeeping Course
Bees, Pollination, Hive Products, Apiculture, Getting Started
Have you ever wanted to get into beekeeping but didn't know how? Or you just want to learn more about bees & beekeeping – then this is the course...
7-9pm Thursdays - 16th 30th March & 6th April *The Heart of Newhaven*
Enquiries : gino@simplyhoney.co **£60** *EH6 4HY, Edinburgh*

Second Coorie-In

We organised an evening event on February 23rd to welcome people into The Heart and give them the opportunity to connect with each other, to meet the people (artists and organisations) who are based in the building and to try their hand at creative activities. Teas and coffees were on offer and Mwamba provided ethnically diverse hot food which proved very popular. The evening included a performance by the local Community Choir, taster sessions of Tai Chi and Qi Gong, felting and notebook making, visits to the pottery and violin workshops, as well as the Victorian Schoolroom and Victorian



Homelife display. There was even a chance of a free massage and advice from Age Scotland and Ace-It.

Over 100 people attended, not counting the many volunteers helping in various ways, meaning that the demonstrators and tenants found themselves very busy all evening. Visitors loved the “friendly community feel” as well as “visiting each organisation and making connections.” Here are just a few of the feedback comments we received:



“Watching book binding, seeing the Victorian school and meeting the Heart of Newhaven team!”

“Loved to see the print studio and the pottery.”

“The variety of events available.”

“Ceramics – so lovely and interesting! Ink on Mesh, violin repair specialist, felting, Victorian school. Was really great seeing all. Amazing evening!”

“We loved everything from the Victorian Schoolroom, to the Art, the lovely spaces and friendly members. Food was great.”

“EVERYTHING, BRAVO! Wonderful combination of art, craft, music, history and community initiatives. Also a very welcoming space.”

HONC’s Board is looking for a volunteer with secretarial skills to take on minute-taking for board meetings etc.

There are also still opportunities to volunteer in various capacities, as well as a couple of places on the Board to fill, in particular for those with legal, financial, marketing or HR experience.

Please check the website for further details or contact admin@heartofnewhaven.co.uk

Finally, welcome to the Leith Folk Club, (LFC) which held the first of its revitalised events at the **Heart** last month. To kick things off in their new guise and in a new venue, they held a fundraiser in the old gym hall with music and merry-making for what turned out to be a packed audience. A spokesperson for LFC said “The money raised will enable us to recover from the last three years and will be used to get us back to doing what we do best - presenting regular gigs featuring the best Scottish and international folk and world music in the **Heart** of Newhaven, just down the road from

our previous venue.

None of the musicians got paid for their services and the venue was staffed by LFC committee and HoN volunteers. The night was an unqualified success and a collaborative effort, with the door-take shared equally between both organisations.”



The Crooked River Kings at the Heart

To keep up to date with all that is happening go to [Heart of Newhaven](#) and hopefully we will see you at the Heart soon.



Hello

We have the following consultation and engagement activities open that you may be interested in.

[Women's Safety in Public Places – Phase 2](#)

(closes 26 March 2023)

[Taxi Fare Review 2023 – Proposed Tariff](#)

(closes 28 March 2022)

Please visit our [Consultation and Engagement Hub](#) for more information.

Policy and Insight

The City of Edinburgh Council

Spring Newsletter



LifeCare launches Forget-me-not Home Salon

LifeCare has launched a new service offering free haircuts at home for people living with dementia.

Our specially designed service ensures people living with dementia can continue to experience the joys and benefits of professional hair care in the comfort of their own homes.

The service is currently available to people over 50 years old, who are living with dementia, in EH4, EH5 and EH12, as well as unpaid carers they live with.



We will be running a free pilot until Autumn 2023 thanks to funding the Encouraging and Supporting Grassroots Activity Fund from Age Scotland's About Dementia project in partnership with the Scottish Government.

[Find out more & sign up](#)

Free activities for unpaid carers



Thanks to the Short Breaks Fund, LifeCare are running a series of free classes and activities for unpaid carers at the LifeCare Centre in Stockbridge.

Are you unpaid carer supporting another adult such as a friend or relative? Why not come along, relax, enjoy a new activity, meet people in similar situations.

Activities are accessible, with seated options available and you can bring along the person you care for.

[Find out more](#)

Dean Club Reopening

We recently celebrated the official reopening of the the Dean Club!

Thanks to funding from The Wolfson Foundation we were able to refurbish the club rooms and create a wonderful space for our clients to enjoy.



The Dean Club has been welcoming clients since the 1970s and supports people with poor mobility and those have become socially isolated. Clients are picked up from home and join us at the club to do all sorts of activities,

keeping minds active with games and quizzes, getting creative with arts and crafts, enjoying musical sessions and performances and trips out and about across Edinburgh.

[Find out more](#)

Celebrating Burns Night



Clients from the St Bernard's Day Club enjoyed a Burns Supper at The Melville Inn. A special thank you to the late Joyce Anderson and her family for their kind donation which made it possible. Everyone had a wonderful time and a toast was made in Joyce's memory.

La Belle Arts Easter School at the LifeCare Centre

5th - 7th April

Is your child born to perform? Watch them shine as they enjoy dancing and singing their way through the Easter break, making lots of new friends and creating special memories. They'll enjoy fun crafts and activities, including an Easter egg hunt, and create a special end of week performance for friends and family.



[Find out more](#)

Coffee Morning

Join us at The Cottage Day Club for tea, coffee and home made baking!

Thursday 16th March

10.30am-12.30pm

The Cottage, 53 Milton Road East, Edinburgh, EH15 2NL

Free but donations welcome

What's on at LifeCare

There are all sorts of events, groups, classes and activities happening at the LifeCare centre.

Get the latest on regular classes and groups as well as upcoming events.

[Find out more](#)

Hire a room

Want to run your own group, event or class? By choosing us, you're helping to support our work helping older people.

[Find out more](#)

Get support

Free places with Meals on Wheels

Thanks to our generous funders we are able to provide free meals for people on Pension Credit or Universal Credit.

Our Meals on Wheels service delivers nutritious meals, hot and ready to eat

to the over 50s with health and support needs across North Edinburgh & Leith. The meals are prepared fresh each morning at our community café - CaféLife.



[Find our more](#)

Other support

We also provide older people across Edinburgh with practical household support and shopping with **Help at Home**, offer care and companionship with **Outreach**, tackle isolation and loneliness with **Vintage Vibes** and bring people together to keep active and stay connected at our **Day Clubs**.

[Find out more](#)

Support us



Join our Board of Trustees

LifeCare is looking for new trustees! Do you have skills and experience that could help lead LifeCare at an exciting stage in

the charity's development? We are particularly looking for people with lived experience of care, or as an unpaid carer. Could this be you?

[Find out more](#)

Support us when you shop at Co-op

We're part of Co-op Local Community Fund. If you are a Co-op member, you can make a difference by raising funds for us every time you shop at Co-op. Select us as your local cause today.



[Find out more](#)

Thank you



Thank you Leonardo for helping us spread the Christmas cheer!

A huge thank you to Leonardo for printing our wonderful Christmas cards designed by our Day Club clients and

volunteering staff time to support people attending our ever popular Christmas lunches.

Leonardo has chosen LifeCare as their charity partner for the next year. The support from Leonardo will help us to continue to deliver our core services at a critical time.

Thank you Inverleith Neighbourhood Network for supporting our Warm Space!

Thanks to funding from Inverleith Neighbourhood Network we have been able to extend the opening of our Warm Space on selected weekend afternoons at CafeLife at the LifeCare Centre.

Everyone is welcome to drop in, relax, read, play games and enjoy free hot drinks and soup.

[Upcoming sessions](#)

Thank you for supporting The Cottage Day Club

Thank you to everyone who supported the staff and clients at The Cottage Day Club as they braved the cold on sponsored walks and raised over £1000 to support our Winter Warmer Campaign!



Your support

As a charity, LifeCare relies on the generosity of our amazing supporters, donors, funders, partners and volunteers. Thanks to their incredible support we can provide vital care for hundreds of local older people and their carers every year.

[Find out more](#)

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Curious Edinburgh Granton Walk

With spring around the corner and warmer weather upon us, why not head out for a walk and learn more about Granton's heritage? This tour spans medieval times through the industrial age and into the future. Spanning quarrying to castles and early steel to electric cars, Granton has been at the forefront of bringing innovation and wealth to Edinburgh. While most of its industries have now vanished, we hope to keep its heritage alive in describing what was once a hive of activity. The scenic walk along the Forth foreshore is suitable on foot, is wheelchair/pram friendly and can also be done on a bike. It takes around 1.5 hours, at a leisurely stroll and is suitable for all mobilities. To access the tour, please download the app via the Apple Store or Google Play at <http://curiousedinburgh.org>.

Exhibition opportunity for 2023

granton:hub would like to invite visual artists and makers, as well as artist collectives/groups to use Madelvic House as the location for their next exhibition. This call for expressions of interest is open to painters, sculptors, illustrators, printmakers, photographers, textile artists, ceramicists, jewellers, plus new media artists. To send in an expression of interest [check our website](#) for details how to submit.

Vacancy for new Chair

The Board of Trustees is looking to recruit a new Chair. We are looking for

someone who can provide leadership to the charity and its Board. You will be a key member of our board, who are all active volunteers within the hub, shaping the future of the organisation, ensuring that the hub continues to be a welcoming, creative space supporting local heritage and culture. If you are interested or wish to find out more please contact chair@grantonhub.org or [check the website for more information.](#)

Rooms for hire

If you're looking for an affordable venue to host a workshop, meeting or event in North Edinburgh, consider hiring a room with granton:hub. where there are 3 rooms available to hire at Madelvic House. Find out more information [on our website.](#)

Our regular weekly activities are:

Mondays: 7-8:15pm, Slow Flow Yoga. A slow evening class where we will wind down from the day together. We'll start out with a slightly (but not very) dynamic flow and then work our way down to the mat for some rest and relaxation. For more info and to book, [check the website.](#)

Tuesdays - Hannah King Yoga sessions are held every Tuesday mornings 9:30-10:45, COST: £5/7/9. To book, [check the website.](#)

Wednesdays: The Pantry provides access to fresh, chilled and ambient foods on a fortnightly basis to around 30 households in the local area. Come along between 10.30-11.30. Dates are 15/3 and the final one is to be held 29/3.

Fridays: Sitting at Dawn is a morning meditation group that meets on Fridays from 7.15am to 8.45am. There is no need to book. Recommended donation £3-£5.

If you have any questions, please contact community@grantonhub.org

Getting here – Madelvic House is just off the cycle path, has a dedicated car park and is a 2 minute walk from the number 19, 16 and 200 bus stop. Address is Madelvic House, Granton Park Avenue, Edinburgh EH5 1HS

Special notice: Madelvic House is not fully accessible. We do have a portable ramp to allow wheelchair and powerchair users to get into the building, which you will have access to, and once in the building there is level access but there is no wheelchair accessible toilet.

To make an inquiry to book one of the 3 rooms we have available, please contact events@grantonhub.org. Our room hire details including the rates are available on the website <https://grantonhub.org/room-hire-at-madelvic-house/>

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[Hospital Discharge Consultation](#) (16 Mar)

[Insights into Minority Ethnic Mental Health](#) (20 Mar &

EVOC SUPPORT

We are here to offer help and support to community and voluntary organisations across Edinburgh.

This includes a range of opportunities:

- [Development & training opportunities](#)
- [Events, seminars and workshops](#)
- [FREE governance and fundraising courses](#)
- [Membership benefits](#)
- [Projects & Partnerships](#)

17 Apr)

EVENTS

[Carers Scotland Summit and Members Conference](#)

[2023](#) (16 Mar)

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FUNDING

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[UK Community Ownership Fund](#)

SUPPORT & TRAINING

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- [Red Book Directory](#)
- [Tailored organisational support](#)
- Themed forums and networks:
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 - [Carers Forum](#)
 - [Children, Young People & Families Network](#)
 - [Disability Forum](#)
 - [Health Walk Network](#)
 - [Mental Health Forum](#)
 - [Older People's Service Providers' Forum](#)
 - [Small Area Networks](#)
 - [Substance Use Network Edinburgh](#)
 - [Voluntary Sector Forums](#)

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Support the NEA Community Shed

The NEA Community Shed has been shortlisted for the [Edinburgh Community Climate Fund \(funded by the City of Edinburgh Council\)](#), and you can vote for it as part of the public participatory budgeting process until 12th March.



Help make Edinburgh greener



The funding will enable us to buy specialist tools which will up the quality of the Shed's work as well as make some of the work done much easier, enabling more wood to be recycled and remade into beautiful items.

You can [vote online](#) or in person at your local library **by 12th March**. Please note that you'll be required to use or create your [myaccount](#) to be able to vote online. Thank you for your support, and please share this information with your friends and family.

[Find out more & vote here](#)

What's on this week

Create Community Wealth Evening Talk with Gosia Lysakowska

Wednesday 8 March

5pm - 8pm

West Pilton

Neighbourhood Centre

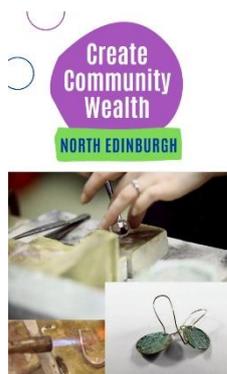
Free // Book your place online

A special Create Community

Wealth evening with Gosia

Lysakowska from [My Jewelled Box](#). Gosia will share her experience in building and running a successful creative jewellery business.

Create Community Wealth (CCW) supports local people living in North Edinburgh to explore their creative and enterprising ideas. CCW is a Culture Collective project run in



SPECIAL EVENT

EVENING TALK WITH
GOSIA LYSAKOWSKA FROM
MYJEWELLEDBOX

WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH, 5PM - 8PM
@ WEST PILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD
CENTRE

FREE, BOOKING REQUIRED

partnership with WHALE Arts, SCOREscotland, Passion4Fusion and North Edinburgh Arts.
If you would like to know more about the CWW - North Edinburgh please email
asia@northedinburgharts.co.uk.

[Book your free place](#)

NEA Annual General Meeting

Friday 10 March

6pm - 7pm

**West Pilton Neighbourhood
Centre**

Free // Book your place online

Join us for North Edinburgh Arts'
Annual General Meeting.
Everyone's welcome!



[Register here](#)

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS

Our Spring Term of weekly regular activities is running until 25 March. We've got a variety of creative sessions for all ages, including art, crafts, dance, music, creative and outdoor play and gardening.

For more information, please [visit our Eventbrite page](#), email admin@northedinburgharts.co.uk come by and chat to a member of staff at our temporary office at West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre (Monday-Friday, 9am - 4pm).

**Art Buds in Muirhosue
Family Fun Day
Saturday 18 March
12.30pm - 4.30pm
West Pilton
Neighbourhood Centre
Free // Drop in**



We would like to invite you and your family to join us for our Family Fun Day on **Saturday 18 March** at West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre!

Join us for a fun, free drop-in afternoon of art activities for all ages, free food and drink, and a chance to connect with local families and reconnect with the Art Buds team. Weather permitting, much of our event will take place outside in West Pilton Park, so dress for unpredictable Spring weather but hope for sunshine!

Art Buds in Muirhouse is a programme of free outdoor art classes inspired by nature for children in Muirhouse (postcodes EH4 4, EH4 5, EH5 1, EH5 2) and the surrounding area, run by Art Buds Collective in partnership with North Edinburgh Arts.

Art Buds in Muirhouse Family Fun Day

**Saturday 18th March • 12.30pm - 4.30pm
West Pilton Park and Neighbourhood Centre**

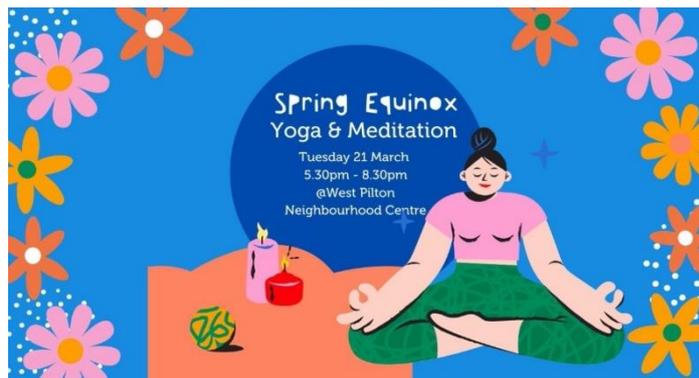
Bring your family along to learn art skills inspired by nature, meet other local families and have fun outdoors!

**Free drop-in event • Artist led activities
Free food and drinks • Fun for all ages**



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**Spring Equinox Yoga &
Meditation
Tuesday 21 March
5.30pm - 8.30pm
West Pilton
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Get in touch

You can find us at: North Edinburgh Arts West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre 19 West Pilton Grove Edinburgh EH4 4BY

Call us between Monday to Friday, 9am - 2pm on 0131 315 2151 or
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FUNDING, VACANCIES & OPPORTUNITIES



Drylaw Telford Community Organisation SCIO wishes to appoint a Centre Development Co-ordinator to develop the work of Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre in the local community.

Background

You will have a deep understanding and passion for the development and growth of Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre and our community, bringing energy and passion to the role.

You are a problem solver whose attention to detail is as strong as your appreciation of the bigger picture. With great communication skills you will be able to interact with a variety of stakeholders whilst continually prioritising centre needs with wider organisational objectives.

The Centre currently hosts a wide variety of activities, and we strive to support the health and wellbeing of all members of our community regardless of race, gender, ability, background, beliefs or orientation. The Drylaw Telford Community Organisation Management Committee is keen to continue development and support of the community-based activities within the Centre's facilities.

The Centre is based in a purpose-built building in extensive grounds and has a well-appointed kitchen, a small and medium sized meeting room, a creche area as well as a large hall. The post holder will advise the Management Committee and work with existing stakeholders, service providers and the community to develop current and new projects which will benefit the locality and, most importantly, galvanise a sense of joint purpose and shared community.

Responsibilities

The Centre Development Co-ordinator will be expected to

1. Familiarise themselves with groups and activities currently taking place in the Centre and offer support to groups/group leaders as required and where appropriate.
2. Line manage some staff and volunteers
3. Develop local groups, events, and activities which further the Centre's vision and work alongside the Management Committee to agree classes and events operating in the building.
4. Work collaboratively with the management committee and in partnership with Centre based employees with the aim of promoting the smooth running of the Centre's activities. Provide key-holding responsibility periodically (subject to Management Committee approval)
5. Work with the Management Committee to identify/deliver fundraising activities, such as researching potential sponsors and funders, developing fundraising events, and writing proposals to potential sources of funds.
6. Develop outreach work to deliver our inclusive goals and engagement remits through networking and open dialogue across and between current centre users, local neighbourhood and the wider diverse communities.
7. Develop use of the building's spaces to attract commercial lets, to raise the profile of the Centre and create both income and resources to support community projects.
8. Represent the Centre at local events to promote the Centre's contribution to the locality.

Contractual arrangements

- This is an initial 2 year contract focussing on specific project goals.
- The hours are 28 per week, salary £29500. Working pattern to be agreed between the committee and the successful candidate(s). Working-time should be appropriately logged.
- Applicants should be educated to degree-level or equivalent in a professional discipline.
- The post-holder will be directly responsible to the Management Committee Chair (or other named Committee member). A regular report should be provided to the monthly Management Committee. Any short period of leave must be arranged and agreed in advance.
- Office facilities will be provided in the Centre.
- The SCIO is an equal opportunity employer and is guided by the City of Edinburgh Equality and Diversity Framework.

The successful candidate must have

1. Demonstrable experience of working in partnership settings with a wide range of stakeholders including but not limited to; Community Councils, Local Community Planning Partnerships, Tenants and Residents organisations, Community Centre Management Committees, statutory agencies and voluntary sector partners.
2. Demonstrable experience in the development and leading of multi-agency groups in a partnership setting with particular emphasis on collaboration, consistency, coordination, and public engagement.
3. Demonstrable experience in community engagement and capacity building.
4. Demonstrable experience in supporting/enabling community involvement/influence, in the decision-making processes associated with the development of Centre based and community development programmes.
5. Demonstrated ability to communicate, influence and negotiate effectively at all levels whilst maintaining effective relationships with a diverse range of people and organisations.

6. Excellent problem-solving skills including interpretation of policy and guidance in a range of situations and the ability to provide creative solutions to problems that may arise with a range of partners, stakeholders, and funders.
7. Ability to work flexible hours including occasional weekend work.

Qualifications and training

Qualified to degree level or equivalent in a relevant professional discipline. In exceptional cases this requirement may be satisfied through relevant experience and demonstrated competence.

Application notes

Individuals interested in applying for the post are invited to speak informally to the Chair of the Management Committee (jason@drylawnc.org.uk) in the first instance.

Applications, including proposals for developing the Centre's activities, a CV and the names (and contact details) of two referees, should be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Management Committee and sent to 67B Groathill Rd. North, Edinburgh EH4 2SA or to jason@drylawnc.org.uk by 17th March 2023. Interviews for shortlisted candidates are provisionally planned for the week beginning 3rd April 2023.

Are you a Young Person age 16-24 years?

Do you want to work with children and become a qualified childcare worker?

[North Edinburgh Childcare Training Services](#) recruits Modern Apprentices on behalf of our own organisation and on behalf of various nurseries and out of school care settings in Edinburgh, Midlothian and East Lothian.

If you successfully progress through our initial screening process, you will be supported to secure employment as a Modern Apprentice within a suitable childcare setting where you will earn while you learn and work towards the completion of your SVQ Level 3 Social Services Children and Young People Award. You will work alongside a team of colleagues to provide a safe, caring and stimulating environment for babies and children age 0-5 years if you choose to work in a nursery setting or 5-12 years if you choose to work in an out of school care setting. Some examples of the duties that your day to day job will involve include:

- supporting your team to plan and implement stimulating activities for the children
- supporting the children to learn and develop through play
- keeping the children safe and well at all times
- becoming familiar with and following the setting's policies and procedures
- assisting with snack and lunches

The qualification is fully funded by Skills Development Scotland and can take up to 18 months to complete. You will be supported throughout by one of our experienced Assessors and by your Employer who will provide you with the opportunities and experiences required to help you to develop your childcare knowledge and skills. Upon completion, you will be a fully qualified Childcare Practitioner able to register with the Scottish Social Services Council.

No experience is necessary; however, you will need to be friendly, caring and enthusiastic and able to communicate well with both children and adults. If you would like more information or to apply, please contact Rebecca Radin on 0131 6931 or 07500 633 950 or email rebecca.radin@northedinburghchildcare.co.uk

Although I try to filter events that have passed, cancelled or changed, please check dates and times with organiser, thanks, Elaine

Please email me at elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk if you have any community news to share. Preferred format is a link to your website or a jpeg or word docume, and nt if possible, and I would ask you to give me as much notice of events as possible to enable local people to attend if interested. We will only use any data to provide you with updates associated with the North West Locality and your data will not be shared. This is in line with the [City of Edinburgh Council's Privacy Notice](#). You can opt out at any time by [using this link to unsubscribe](#).