

Latest News

Culture and Communities Committee
10.00am, Tuesday 4 October 2022



City Art Centre - Ron O'Donnell – Edinburgh: A Lost World (19 November 2022 – 5 March 2023) (Ward: City-wide)

This winter the City Art Centre presents an exhibition featuring black and white and colour photographs of unseen and forgotten Edinburgh interiors by Scottish artist Ron O'Donnell. The images are of unusual interiors such as prison cells, public toilets, and laundrettes as well as local shops such as grocers, fishmongers, and pet shops, which were taken during the 1970s and 1980s, and three decades later many of which are no longer in existence.

The *Edinburgh: A Lost World* highlights how many of these once bustling and thriving locations have now disappeared from the city's interior landscape. The exhibition is accompanied by an in person and digital events programme. For further information please visit edinburghmuseums.org.uk



Credit: Ron O'Donnell, Laundrette, South Clerk Street, 1978. © the artist



Credit: Ron O'Donnell, Robert Cresser, Brush Shop, Victoria Street, 1978. © the artist

The Meadows Jawbones: Update (Ward: City Centre and Southside/Newington)

In [February 2022](#) the Culture and Communities Committee recommended that a suitable indoor location for the original Jawbone Arch which was both free and publicly accessible be explored, and that funding should be sought to commission a bronze replica to be erected in its place. The

bones are currently in storage, but due to their fragile condition it was deemed that the priority was to try and find a new indoor location preferably within proximity to the Meadows area of the City.

Since then Council officials have had discussions with several different external organisations and internal Council departments, but to date a new site has not been found. Not only are the Jawbones extremely large structures, but they need to be moved by crane and with built supports, so an indoor location needs to have easy access as well as sufficient space to re-erect them. Edinburgh World Heritage Trust (as major stakeholders and co-funders of the project) have been kept fully informed.

Officers will continue to pursue a suitable location and funding resource and report back to a future Committee on progress. Any questions on this can be directed to [David Patterson](#).

Digital Exhibition Explores How Edinburgh Was Made Fit For A King (Ward: City-wide)

10 August saw the launch of a new digital exhibition by Museums and Galleries Edinburgh that explores the impact and legacy of a landmark royal visit. The Royal Visit of George IV to Edinburgh, 1822: Making a city fit for a King enables visitors to view objects made for the visit via a map showing the locations of pageants, ceremonies and other events held for the King, the first reigning monarch to visit the capital in nearly 200 years. The objects showcased are from our own collections, and many were photographed recently as part of our Auld Reekie Retold live inventory work at the Museum of Edinburgh. The exhibition has been developed in partnership with Libraries, who have produced their own companion exhibition on Sir Walter Scott and his orchestration of the royal visit. Libraries' Our Town Stories platform hosts both exhibitions. You can view the exhibition here: [The royal visit of George IV to Edinburgh, 1822: making a city fit for a King - Our Town Stories](#)



A plaque made in Portobello to mark the Royal Visit of George IV in 1822 (City of Edinburgh Council Museums and Galleries)

Travelling Gallery (Ward: City-wide)

Travelling Gallery hit the road again at the start of September. The upcoming exhibition, ReConnect, is in partnership with Project Ability, and showcases work of people with lived experience of mental ill health. The exhibition will launch in Edinburgh and visit The Ripple, Bridgend Farmhouse, WHALE, Muirhouse Library and Portobello High Street before going on to Ayrshire, Lanarkshire and Argyle and Bute, with more dates to be added.

Museums and Galleries: Black History Month Lecture Series 2022 (Ward: City-wide)

Museums and Galleries Edinburgh work annually with The Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights (CRER) to host and deliver lectures for Black History Month. CRER works to eliminate racial discrimination and harassment and to promote racial justice across Scotland.

The schedule for October 2022 is:

- The Face Of A Thousand Faces: Representations of Non-Whites in Western Culture – Friday 7 October 2022
- The Tartan Gandhi: Mahatma Gandhi and Scotland – Friday 7 October 2022
- Caribbean Life in Edinburgh: A Celebration – Friday 14 October 2022
- Scotland's Ties to Slavery – Friday 21 October 2022
- Racializing Children: Addressing Anti-Black Racism in the Museum of Childhood Book Collection – Thursday 27 October 2022

For full details of these events please look at the website – [here](#).

Events at Museums and Galleries (Ward: City-wide)

Events taking place at Museums and Galleries – for more information please see the website – [here](#).

- World Mental Health Day: 'The Picture of thy mind': Mental Health and Wellbeing in the Writings of Robert Burns – Monday 10 October 2022
- Trafalgar Day: The Nelson Monument and Curiosities of Calton Hill – Friday 21 October 2022
- Pilates at the Museum: Wellbeing event in association with the exhibition 'Respect! Caribbean Life in Edinburgh' – Sunday 29 October 2022
- Colourful Collage Workshop: Family art event in association with the exhibition 'Respect! Caribbean Life in Edinburgh' – Saturday 5 November 2022
- Armistice Day: A School at War- Stories from Stewart's College in World War One – Tuesday 8 November 2022

- Braxton Wellness Session - Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Sound Bath: Wellbeing event in association with the exhibition 'Respect! Caribbean Life in Edinburgh' – Saturday 12 November 2022
- Robert Louis Stevenson Day: Remediating Robert Louis Stevenson's Pacific Fiction – Sunday 13 November 2022 (Further events are in planning for Robert Louis Stevenson day including poetry readings and music)
- Search for that Jumbie in You – Family Story and Creative Writing Class: Event in association with the exhibition 'Respect! Caribbean Life in Edinburgh' – Saturday 3 December 2022
- Establishments and Emporiums of Edinburgh Past: Digital Talk in association with the exhibition 'Ron O'Donnell - Edinburgh: A Lost World' – Thursday 8 December 2022
- In Conversation with Ron O'Donnell, Daryl Green and Malcolm Dickson: In association with the exhibition 'Ron O'Donnell - Edinburgh: A Lost World' – Saturday 10 December 2022
- Trini Sweets & Punches: Cooking Class in association with the exhibition 'Respect! Caribbean Life in Edinburgh' – Saturday 10 December 2022
- Braxton Wellness Session - Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Sound Bath: Wellbeing Event in association with the exhibition 'Respect! Caribbean Life in Edinburgh' – Saturday 17 December 2022

Lauriston Castle (Ward: Almond)

RSPB: We have now re-established our long-term partner RSPB back at the Castle to work and engage with families and the environment on a regular basis.

Volunteers: Our costumed volunteers 'Edinburgh Living History' are working on a new Murder Mystery to be performed on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 November 2022- Such a Sweet Death - A Lauriston Castle Murder Mystery.

Museums and Galleries Schools and Young People Update (Ward: City-wide)

KPE4 Funded Post: An amazing opportunity is being given to a young person from Craigoyston High School in North Edinburgh. KPE4 are paying Impact Arts to allow a young person to get a paid placement at the City Art Centre, to assist young people attending the City Art Centre from primary schools in North Edinburgh and also gaining valuable paid work experience. Museums and Galleries are grateful to KPE4 Trust for their support, especially extra funding to help us to pay for school transport costs.

Promising Young People: Museums and Galleries will be supporting a Young Person through the Promising Young People initiative, supporting care experienced young people with placements to support their development. This starts in October.

Crankstart: Museums and Galleries continue to support scholars through the Oxford University scheme to support and give experience to low-income families. One of the scholars is currently

working on a series of videos to support our collection engagement. Another of our Crankstart scholars from the Spring 2022 intake is delivering a lecture during Black History Month focussing on her research into our collection looking at legacies of Slavery and Colonialism.

Schools: Museums and Galleries launched a new maths week lesson plan at Lauriston Castle in September, linking to Napier University and the invention of logarithms. Schools are invited to engage in maths activities linking to the gardens. Over 50 schools have asked to take part and we plan to extend this beyond Maths Week.

Racket Skills Holiday Programme is a Big Hit! (Ward: City-wide)

The 'Racket Skills' Holiday programme was delivered this summer within three areas of the city. The programme delivers badminton and tennis activities as part of the Racquets Development programme headed up by Ryan Harrower - Racquets Development Officer with the Sport and Outdoor Learning Unit. 116 pupils aged between P3 – P7 attended across five sports camps.



"By far the best summer camp/ activity we have put our kids into. So happy to see our daughter enthusiastic to go every morning, running to get her stuff ready and bouncing into the class!"

"Kids loved it, I felt good sending them to a class where they wanted to go and it wasn't just 'babysitting' - kids made new connections and had fun."

Active Schools Working in Partnership with West Edinburgh Sting Rays (Ward: Pentland Hills)

Following the reopening of the pool at Balerno High School, Active Schools partnered with West Edinburgh Stingrays Waterpolo Club to provide a range of swimming lessons for the local community, as well as offering a Waterpolo Club for the students at Balerno High School, along with some "Come and Try" waterpolo sessions for the local primary aged young people.

The interest for both swimming lessons and waterpolo has been so high that we are now creating plans for additional sessions in the coming months to try and satisfy the demand.

Set for Success at Liberton High School (Ward: Liberton/Gilmertons)

NUVOC have a partnership with Liberton High School, along with Scottish Volleyball and other partner clubs to create a Volleyball Pathway within the curricular timetable. It was through this partnership with Scottish Volleyball and the clubs that the high school and community sports hub were able to acquire funding to build one of only two Beach Volleyball courts in Scotland; this was

built on the grounds of Liberton High School and is frequently used for PE, extra-curricular clubs, and local and national beach volleyball events.

“There are many great kids involved and I love the way that the link just gets stronger.”

Health and Wellbeing Afternoon Inspires Pupils Participation – Castlebrae High School (Ward: Southside/Newington and Portobello/Craigmillar)

To introduce pupils to extra-curricular opportunities at Castlebrae High School and to strengthen links between local clubs and partners a Health and Wellbeing afternoon was held for the 80 new S1 pupils. Pupils rotated around five stations – girls football, boys football, rugby, hockey and basketball. Sessions were led by PE staff and local clubs/partners.

Update on Building Works for the Central Library (Ward: City Centre)

The £1.8m programme of building works at Central Library is continuing with the replacement of 95% of the internal lighting providing a more energy efficient building with improved lighting levels for customers and staff. Improvement work has also included an overhaul of the electrical system with replacement of all of the electrical distribution boards and new fire safety equipment.

Externally, work to replace and repoint the stonework continues as does the refurbishment work to ensure all of the windows are wind and watertight. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by April 2023. Scaffolding has now been completely removed from the Cowgate elevation of the building.

All of Us Family Fun Day (Ward:Leith Walk)

The All of Us Edinburgh Council campaign organised a family fun day at McDonald Road Library on the 23 July. All of Us was set up to help people to find out where to get parenting support and advice or to address other worries about family life and where they could turn if they had concerns about a child.

The event hosted stalls by a wide range of partners including the NSPCC, Edinburgh City Libraries, Home Start, Children’s Health Scotland, Edinburgh and Lothian Regional Equity Council (ELREC), the Junction and Venture Scotland, alongside the provision of snacks, crafts from Polymorphics, a facepainter and a balloon artist.

The Library Stall gifted 150 free books donated by Scottish Book Trust, as well as signing up new members, promoting the Summer Reading Challenge and hosting a very loud and bouncy Bookbug session.

Escape, Connect, Relate (Ward: City-wide)

School librarians across the city developed and delivered a support programme to help ease the move for P7 pupils to S1, based on the successful established school library bibliotherapy service

Escape, Connect, Relate.

A book list featuring a number of titles that address change (covering Graphic Novels, Dyslexia Friendly, Wordless Picture Books, Non-fiction and Novels) was produced and provided in every School Library and ten community libraries across the city for young people to read throughout the summer. Library staff also delivered a series of welcome workshops inviting pupils transitioning to high school to come and meet their school librarian, ask any questions about their new school, learn about the library before they begin their high school journey, whilst enjoying a range of craft activities that promote mindfulness.

Craigmillar Library Events (Ward: Portobello/Craigmillar)

Musical Instrument Workshop - Craigmillar Library delivered an incredible workshop in partnership with the Tinderbox Collective on the 8 June, where school age children and their parents/carers could try a selection of string, brass, keys and wind instruments with expert tuition from the incredible Tinderbox team. Over the entire session, there were a total of 50 participants. This was a wonderful experience and particularly meaningful to those that participated.



Institute of Physics - The Institute of Physics ran a fun and interactive event for children and their families at the Library attracting new members and encouraging children to borrow books from our collections.

South Asian Heritage Month (Ward: City-Wide)

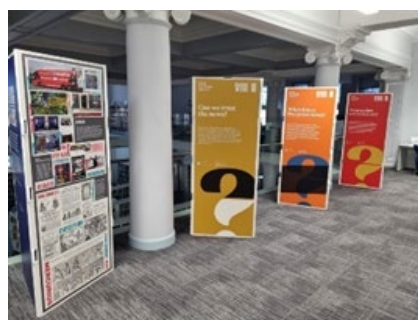
South Asian Heritage Month – By Roshni Gallagher, one of our talented Library Advisors’

Shining a light on South Asian histories and identities – South Asian Heritage Month was founded in 2020 and ran this year from 18 July to 17 August. This year’s theme is ‘Journeys of Empire.’ Journeys like the odyssey of indenture in the Caribbean and East Asia, the ones taken by Indian Ayahs paid to travel to Scotland in the 19th century, South Asian migration to Britain, and many others. Roshni for Edinburgh Libraries has collated a wonderful book list to celebrate the JOURNEYS OF EMPIRE. [Click here](#) to access the list

Exhibitions in Libraries (Ward: City Centre and Leith)

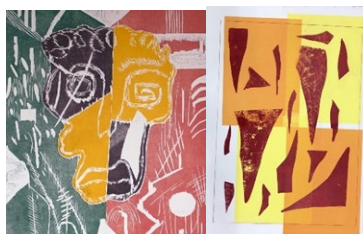
Central Library Exhibition – Edinburgh: A City of Firsts

The exhibition highlights local achievements that have put Edinburgh on the map. From the pioneering women known as the Edinburgh Seven, who would not rest until they became the first females accepted into a UK university to study medicine, to modern scientific marvels such as God particles and cloned sheep. Edinburgh has been at the forefront of many significant achievements and breakthroughs, and the exhibition provides a chance to explore and see how these developments were reported at the time. The work is also accompanied by a showcase of the many and varied local news publications that have been produced over the years.



Central Library Exhibition - Women and The Environment

A two-week programme of events 6-17 June was held in Central Library with the theme ‘Women in the Environment – Activists, Pioneers and Gardeners’. The programme was drawn up in partnership with the Bonnie Fechters, an Edinburgh women’s group and with support from the Glasgow Women’s Library. [Click here to find out more.](#)



An exhibition in July in the Art and Design library took place - “I didn’t know Robert Motherwell made prints” is an exhibition of unique prints by Dilal Singh, an Edinburgh-born art student.

Leith Library: SEPA interactive exhibit (11 July to 29 August)

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and the Glasgow Science Centre launched this touring exhibition in 2020, aiming to highlight the importance of air quality. The exhibition was on display until the end of August at [Leith Library](#). Earlier this year a Low Emission Zone was launched in Edinburgh, along with three other Scottish cities, which aims to reduce air pollution across the city. The interactive exhibit encourages visitors of all ages to think about their local environment and the quality of the air. It also uses a bespoke tool which allows visitors to share their thoughts on the environments they live and work in and what can be done to improve air quality.



Edinburgh International Book Festival (Ward: City-Wide)

Keeping our long standing association with the Book Festival, Edinburgh Libraires hosted Bookbug Sessions and Dr Book sessions in the Festival Bookshop. Dr Book is always well attended and for the first year we provided this service for children and adults. The 10am-1pm session was busy with many visitors leaving with their prescription of new authors and a different genre to try. Dr Book will also appear at the Schools Gala Day and we will be hosting a stall for the ECO Market.



South Queensferry Library: LGBT+ Book Group (Ward: Almond)

On 3 August South Queensferry Library had their first meetup of their LGBT+ – a first for Edinburgh Libraries. By setting up this group, South Queensferry Library is supporting the diversity of Edinburgh Libraries social group offer whilst helping to bring in new customers who may feel unwelcome or unrepresented. Not only this, but the group provides an accessible space for local LGBT+ people to access instead of having to travel further afield.

Bringing Communities Back Into Our Libraries – New Exciting Initiatives (Ward: Colinton/Fairmilehead, Liberton/Gilmerton, Inverleith, Sighthill/Gorgie, Pentland Hills, Forth, Southside/Newington, Almond)

Oxgangs Library have embarked on weekly craft projects where not just children, but families are attending - the giraffe projects, dinosaurs, weather spinners moving to aeroplanes and Bee bot Bonanza, making sure all levels of children in the family are entertained.

Moredun Library have joined The Wildlife Trust, beginning their Wildings Summer Project – a hands on activity for children, learning how biodiversity and ecosystems thrive in our gardens. Using the garden space at Moredun the children are creating a beautiful, biodiverse space for all our humans and animals!

Blackhall Library Friends of the Library - Friends of Blackhall Library (FOBL) was set up in June 2022 to support general improvements at Blackhall Library and develop activities that increase the awareness of the library and improve access for all. Priorities of the Friends Group are to fundraise and gather ideas from the community. At the first meeting in June, members prioritised the library garden as an area that needed some improvement and where volunteers could make a difference. In the future, the Group aims to raise funds for comfortable seating in the library, find ways to attract teenagers to use the space, have a pop-up cafe and investigate how they can make the front of the library more attractive. The intention is to become a formally constituted group once a Chair has been elected.

Blackhall Library - Intergenerational Craft Group The purpose of this group is to increase

footfall in the library, to establish the library as a central community hub and to connect with local people who may not be using the library already. Research has shown that intergenerational activities can have wonderful wellbeing benefits to all involved, decreasing feelings of isolation, prejudice and creating a sense of community. If the group is successful, the library staff aim to share the positive experience with other libraries who may be interested in running similar sessions

Blackhall Library - Knit & Natter - The group identified that they would like to see more sessions for adults in the library, one of the Friends Group kindly volunteered to facilitate the sessions. We hope that they will encourage people who used to visit the library pre-covid to return and engage with other services alongside the new activity.



HMP Edinburgh Library – A new Hall Library service is being created with a return to Hall Library book swaps and two new partnerships have been secured, one with the Chaplaincy unit where plans are developing is to host a weekly Film Club and another providing new borrowing rights from the Scottish Poetry Library. The Library will also be participating in the Scottish Prison Service Family Day in August, there will be book giveaways and crafts for the families to enjoy.

HMP Edinburgh Library – Family Day. Information stalls from all areas of the prison were provided at this family event offering access to information for visiting families, but also as a networking and information sharing opportunity for staff. A wide range of groups were present including: Saughton Library, Education (Fife College), Social Work, Catering, Induction and several volunteer groups, although the most popular areas were the PlayTalkRead bus, the award winning chickens from The Henitentiary, and the 250+ free children's books that found new homes.



Ratho Library are thrilled to be delivering Bookbug and crafts at Ratho Parish Church Hall.

Ratho Library's team on the mobile took part at Ratho Children's Gala and Lifelong Learning Picnic in the Park.

Ratho Library is delighted to have extended our mobile vehicle Library service provision at Hillview Cottages. We are increasing our opening hours introducing a Thursday opening and providing a late Monday/Wednesday service.

Gate 55 Library - Our Gertie Giraffe has seen many visitors both locally and from further afield, including Aberdeen and Bristol! We have hosted a selection of well attended activities.

We have been working closely with Lifelong Learning to deliver a Family Fun Day at Gate 55 Library in July as part of the wider South West Picnic in the Park events – hosting BookBug, STEM and Dog's Trust alongside creative writing sessions.



Gate 55 Library: Visible Fictions - *Visible Fictions* theatre company delivered their fun, free workshop based on their Edinburgh Festival Fringe show 'A Ladder to the Stars'. This was an excellent opportunity for children aged 3-6 in our community to experience an interactive storytelling workshop by a company performing at the Gilded Balloon. The practitioners had paper lanterns representing planets hanging from the ceiling with gently glowing colour-changing touch lamps.. Any parents attending were also offered an opportunity for their families to attend the Festival show for free, highlighting the importance of removing barriers to experience the Festival.

Granton Library has been actively working to promote sustainability and become eco aware. Every Friday we have run activities for children focussed on the garden, delivered craft sessions and hosted various speakers to educate both children and adults about the importance of protecting our planet. Library staff are working hard to create craft activities that are fun, educative and use mostly natural materials with sessions often happening in our garden managed by our in-house garden expert Euan, and his group of Friday Garden Buddies.



Hosting - ECO EVENT - Tom Kirby and Fran Anderson delivered an interactive workshop on food production followed by Carol Sharps' short adaptation of 3 Crows song was a hit.



Fringe came to Granton Library - One small step for man, one giant pile of rubbish left behind! The creators of Luna and This Island's Mine come to Fringe Festival and Granton Library with a new stage adaptation of Michael Foreman's environmental tale, Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish.



We are very conscious of cost of living crisis and how every children weekend activity tends to be so expensive. Thus, we have decided for Saturday Face painting to be one of our regular activities.



Summer Reading Challenge - Edinburgh Libraries take part in The Reading Agency's nationwide Summer Reading Challenge each year and work with schools, partners and the Discover project to make sure we are reaching as many children as we can across the city. Once the children have read and reviewed six books, they get a medal, certificate, pencil and fridge magnet. The theme for this year's challenge is Gadgeteers meaning libraries were setting up for a summer of inventions, gadgets and STEM. Alongside the challenge, each library will have a programme of free events for our children, young people and families to take part in,

Newington Library – The Commonwealth War Graves and The Grange Cemetery, held their first adult event hosting 22 adults and their very successful children's event Let's Talk About the Honeybee, with The Scottish Bee Association tying in nicely with our Resource Management Bee Book Collection



Partnership with The Zoo – Workshops: Oxgangs Zoo Event – Giraffes about Town - Oxgangs library held an open drop in session for Giraffes About Town hosted by James from Edinburgh Zoo.

Oxgangs Library at Colinton Mains park Community Picnic Libraries provided Bookbug, Storytime, crafts and badge making at this well attended event.



Westerhailes Library - Our Giraffe, 'Skittles' was decorated with fantastic bright colours and patterns during a session at WHALE Arts, the local community-led arts charity and social enterprise. Skittles has been very popular with regular library users and has also brought lots of new visitors in following the Giraffe About Town trail map.



Kirkliston Library Youth Club Library staff worked in partnership with Lifelong Learning colleagues to engage with local young people to hear their views on summer service provision. Consultation with young people from P7-S1 took place in the Library, at Kirkliston Primary and in Queensferry High School Library. In partnership we developed an exciting programme to take place weekly from April – June, and in response to young people's ideas.

Usher Hall (Ward: City-wide)

Future events scheduled for the Usher Hall:

- 90's Baby Pop – Sunday 2 October 2022
- Public Service Broadcasting – Tuesday 4 October 2022
- 10cc – Wednesday 5 October 2022
- SCO: The Creation – Thursday 6 October 2022
- RSNO Season 22-23 Saint Saens' Organ Symphony – Friday 7 October 2022
- Boyzlife – Saturday 8 October 2022
- Sunday Classics 2022-23: Brno Philharmonic – Sunday 9 October 2022
- Pink Martini - Silver Jubilee Tour – Monday 10 October 2022
- An Evening with Richard E Grant – Thursday 13 October 2022
- RSNO Season 22-23 Dvorak Seven – Friday 14 October 2022
- The Snuts – Saturday 15 October 2022
- Will Young – Sunday 16 October 2022
- An Evening with Graham Norton – Tuesday 18 October 2022
- Pavement – Wednesday 19 October 2022
- Angel Olsen – Saturday 22 October 2022
- Whitney - Queen Of The Night – Tuesday 25 October 2022
- RSNO Season 22-23 Beethoven Five – Friday 28 October 2022
- Children's Classic Concerts and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra - Space Invasion – Sunday 30 October 2022
- Ladysmith Black Mambazo – Wednesday 2 November 2022
- RSNO Season 22-23 Tchaikovsky Four – Friday 4 November 2022
- Sugababes – Saturday 5 November 2022
- Sunday Classics 2022-23: Belgian National Orchestra – Sunday 6 November 2022
- Sigrid – Tuesday 8 November 2022
- Squeeze – Wednesday 9 November 2022
- RSNO Season 22-23 Britten's War Requiem – Friday 11 November 2022
- Sigur Ros World Tour – Tuesday 15 November 2022
- RSNO Season 22-23 Grieg Piano Concerto – Friday 18 November 2022
- BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra Wagner: Twilight of the Gods – Sunday 20 November 2022
- An Evening with Monty Don – Monday 21 November 2022

- Magical Music of Harry Potter – Tuesday 22 November 2022
- Belle and Sebastian – Wednesday 23 November 2022
- James Bay – Friday 25 November 2022
- The Australian Pink Floyd – Saturday 26 November 2022
- Sunday Classics 2022-23: Malta Philharmonic – Sunday 27 November 2022
- The Muppet Christmas Carol - Film with Live Orchestra – Tuesday 29 November 2022
- Blazin' Fiddles – Wednesday 30 November 2022
- SCO: Israel in Egypt – Thursday 1 December 2022
- RSNO Season 22-23 PRE-CONCERT Big Noise Wester Hailes Showcase – Friday 2 December 2022
- RSNO Season 22-23 Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto – Friday 2 December 2022
- Children's Classic Concerts and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra - The Night Before Christmas – Sunday 4 December 2022
- Emerging Artists - Christopher Michie and Aimee Clark – Monday 5 December 2022
- Love Actually In Concert - Film With Live Orchestra – Wednesday 7 December 2022
- Daniel Sloss – Thursday 8 December 2022
- RSNO Season 22-23 Beethoven's Eroica – Friday 9 December 2022
- Bootleg Beatles – Saturday 10 December 2022
- Collabro - The Farewell Tour- Sunday 11 December 2022
- Christmas with Il Divo – Wednesday 14 December 2022
- SCO: Yeol Eum Son Plays Mozart – Thursday 15 December 2022
- RSNO Season 22-23 Christmas Concert featuring The Snowman – Sunday 18 December 2022
- Ocean Colour Scene – Tuesday 20 December 2022
- Mogwai – Wednesday 21 December 2022
- Christmas Spectacular – Thursday 22 December 2022
- RSNO Season 22-23 Gaspard's Christmas – Friday 23 December 2022
- The Music of Zimmer vs. Williams -Thursday 29 December 2022
- Scottish Fiddle Orchestra - Hogmanay Celebration – Friday 30 December 2022

For full details of these events please visit the website – [here](#).

Assembly Rooms (Ward: City-wide)

Future events scheduled for the Assembly Rooms:

- The Music of James Bond By Candlelight - Friday 7 October 2022
- An Evening with Lucy Worsley on Agatha Christie – Sunday 9 October 2022
- A Night With Ian Rankin - Tuesday 11 October 2022
- Beyond the Wand with Tom Felton – Thursday 13 October 2022
- The UK's Bitcoin Conference – Friday 21 October and Saturday 22 October 2022
- Meat Loaf by Candlelight – Friday 11 November 2022
- Cowboy Junkies – Sunday 20 November 2022
- Bowie by Candlelight – Friday 25 November 2022
- G4 Christmas – Saturday 10 December 2022
- ABBAMANIA's 2022 Christmas Party – Friday 16 December 2022
- Bubl  Christmas by Candlelight – Friday 23 Decemer 2022

For full details of these events please visit the website – [here](#).

Church Hill Theatre (Ward: City-wide)

Future events scheduled for the Church Hill Theatre:

- Allegro present Legally Blonde – Tuesday 1 – Saturday 5 November 2022
- Leith Theatre present Vanity Fair – Wednesday 16 November 2022
- Let's Face The Music and Dance – Tuesday 22 – Saturday 26 November 2022
- Balerno Theatre Company present Cinderella the Pantomime – Wednesday 30 November – Saturday 3 December 2022
- Edinburgh People's Theatre present Babes In The Wood - by John Somerville – Friday 9 – Sunday 18 December 2022

For full details of these events please visit the website – [here](#).

The Quaich Project – Future of Ross Bandstand (Ward: City-wide)

The Covid 19 Pandemic brought a halt to the work of The Ross Development Trust in 2019, when fundraising and other Trust activities ended. Future proposals for the redevelopment and operation of the Ross Bandstand will be managed by officers within Culture and Wellbeing service plans.

Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM): Trial and Briefing (Ward: City-wide)

The Public Safety team organised a trial of different temporary equipment during the Summer Festivals. The trial involved two different suppliers, Crowdguard and Hormann, and four different types of equipment. It also involved a multi-agency team with particular thanks going to Police Scotland, University of Edinburgh and Edinburgh International Book Festival for their contribution to the trial.

The aims of the trial were to:

- Raise awareness of some of the products available on the market, be able to see them working on site and evaluate their effectiveness;
- Encourage discussion on how venues, event organisers and landowners could work collaboratively to procure and install rated measures across the City in the future;
- Increase security at one of Edinburgh's busiest festival sites which has the highest concentration of venues and therefore significant footfall;
- Enhance Edinburgh's reputation as a safe place to host events by taking a proactive approach in providing and promoting counter terrorism measures for crowded places; and
- Report findings of the trial to Culture and Communities Committee, the multi-agency CONTEST group and HVM Partner Forum as well as the European PACTESUR project (EU commission led project intended to protect urban environments from terrorism of which is Edinburgh is an associate city).

A briefing was held with over 40 different organisations in attendance from all over Scotland. It has led to some new relationships and meetings and further actions will take place over the coming months to keep up the momentum. Any questions on this project can be directed to

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Summer Festivals – HVM trial

Products in Edinburgh

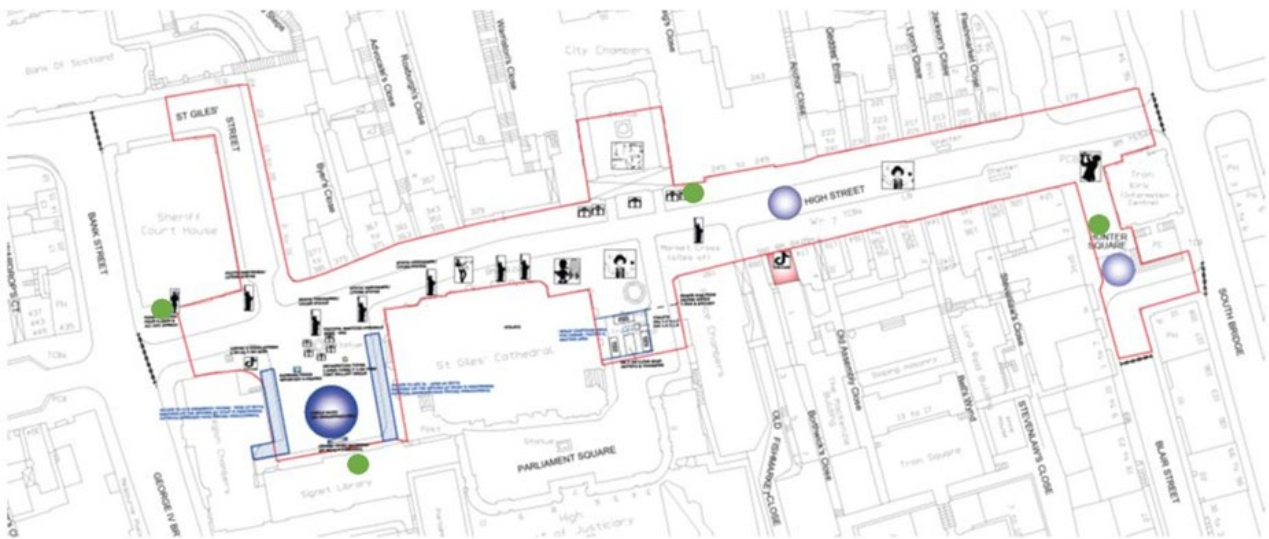


Turin Delegation: Crowd Sensors (Ward: City-wide)

The Public Safety team, in conjunction with Police Scotland, hosted a delegation from Turin during the Summer Festivals. The delegation brought over some crowd sensors (www.dropper.ai) to run a trial using the iconic Fringe High Street arena as their test site.

The picture shows where the sensors were positioned and they gathered data on peak attendance, most travelled routes (point to point), preferred entry points, dwell time and travel time.

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We are awaiting a full report on the data gathered from the delegation which we can share with members in due course if that would be of interest.

It is possible that this technology could help in matters relating to night time economy, smart cities and zone ex/grey space at events and sports grounds. Any questions on this project can be directed to Claire.miller@edinburgh.gov.uk

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