

17th December 2020 – NEWS AND EVENTS IN NORTH WEST EDINBURGH

This will be the final bulletin for 2020 and the next one will be in a couple of weeks. Please have a lovely festive break if you take one and please continue to send me any news, events and opportunities in 2021.

(Although I try to filter events that have passed, please check dates and times, as occasionally some slip through, thanks, Elaine)

Latest COVID updates from [CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL](#)

[New local restrictions for Edinburgh from Monday 2 November](#)

[Phased reopening of libraries from Tuesday 6 October](#)

[NHS Lothian FAQs on COVID-19 for schools](#)

[Updated FAQs on the wearing of face coverings in schools](#)

[Primary school advice for drop off and pick up times](#)



Schools and early years

[Latest update on schools](#)

[Latest update on early years](#)

[YOU CAN ALSO GET UPDATES HERE ON COUNCIL SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR](#)

VOLUNTEER EDINBURGH



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Volunteer Edinburgh have produced a [Health and Wellbeing resources page](#) on the Volunteer Edinburgh website. It has news and information about various health and wellbeing topics that you might find useful, including looking after yourself over Christmas.

WE WANT YOUR VIEWS ON DRAFT EQUALITY OUTCOMES, AND WE ARE PARTICULARLY KEEN TO HEAR FROM YOUNG PEOPLE

The City of Edinburgh Council is asking people about equalities: what is most important to focus on in the next 4 years (2021-2025)?

We've used research and evidence to write draft Equality outcomes.

Each equality outcome aims to improve people's quality of life, eliminate discrimination and promote understanding between people.

Now we need young people to tell us what they think. Your feedback will influence the final outcomes and help us decide on actions that can make a difference.

You can give your views by completing [this survey](#). You can respond to all the sections or just the ones you're most interested in.

Thank you!

CALLING FOR NORTH EDINBURGH RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON ACTIVE TRAVEL CONNECTIONS

Residents in north Edinburgh are being invited to help shape a key project to improve walking and cycling connections and public spaces in their local community.



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CONNECTIONS

Make your voice heard and help us improve your neighbourhood for active travel and socialising.

Tell us what you want to see changed and what you like about the streets, public space and green space in North Edinburgh.

Go to [NEATconnections.commonplace.is](https://neatconnections.commonplace.is) or come by the café at **North Edinburgh Arts to leave your feedback and comments!**

The map shows a network of streets in North Edinburgh, including Silverknowes Parkway, Muirhouse Parkway, West Granton Road, Pennywell Road, and Ferry Road. Key areas like Muirhouse and West Pilton are highlighted. The map is overlaid with a dashed blue border.

We're asking people from across Muirhouse, Pilton, Granton and Drylaw to contribute to the future of Pennywell Road and its links to existing paths at Crewe Toll, Gypsy Brae, Silverknowes and West Granton Access Road.

Through the [North Edinburgh Active Travel \(NEAT\) Connections scheme](#) we're proposing changes to Pennywell Road and the surrounding area. These include increasing space available for walking, cycling and wheeling, making it easier to access local shops and community spaces without the use of a car and working with members of the community to improve public areas and green spaces.

We're seeking feedback from residents via a [dedicated Commonplace map](#), a tool recently [used as part of Spaces for People engagement](#), which attracted more than 4000 comments. This will help to identify existing problem areas and opportunities for new crossings, green spaces or where other improvements could be made.

As well as the online site, we have arranged a non-digital opportunity to comment in the **North Edinburgh Arts Café**. It is a paper survey following the same structure as the website, and comments from both will be collated to feed in to the designs.

These will both be available until around the 17th January.

Welcome to the Sunday Mail Young Scot Awards 2021 - an opportunity to nominate inspirational young people in your life!

This year has undoubtedly shown that young people in Scotland can show resilience and creativity in times of hardship. So – now's the time to nominate the most inspirational young people in your lives and local areas for the [Sunday Mail Young Scot Awards 2021!](https://www.youngscotawards.com)



Now in its fifteenth year, the Sunday Mail Young Scot Awards recognise outstanding 11-26-year-olds from all backgrounds who are making a difference. The Awards celebrate the contributions made by young people to all aspects of our communities – from sport and the arts, through to enterprise and volunteering.

To ensure we receive a wide selection of nominations, we'd also appreciate if you could share a call for nominations on your social media channels and with your networks. We have created a [toolkit](#) with graphics and suggested text for different platforms to help you.

CIRCLE'S WINTER NEWSLETTER



Welcome! We hope you are preparing to have a fun, festive period with the friends and family that you are able to see.

We'd like to start by saying thank you for your support, in whatever ways you provide it, and pass on our appreciation for helping Circle survive a very challenging year.

Our Winter Newsletter is absolutely full of positive news albeit in trying times for the families we support. [Read full newsletter here](#)

It's a pleasure to start with a little Christmas stardust as David Tennant, Circle's Patron, has judged this year's Christmas Card Design Competition, [see the video here](#).

We also have some new staff and students joining the Circle team and you can read about their work increasing beneficiary involvement in our daily work and strategy.

If you would like to contribute to our ongoing work and our response to family challenges this Christmas then you can give a gift via Circle's first ever Virtual Christmas Tree.

All the best, Circle

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Download the latest information on the Free and Low Cost Activities and Support available for Families in Edinburgh at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/pacs

Designed to signpost families to current available support within the North West. Including Support and Information for Parents and Carers; Additional Support Needs; Support for Black Asian and Minority Ethnic families; Support for Young People; Family Activities; Financial and Employability Support and Advice and Community Food.

HEART OF NEWHAVEN

Welcome to your December newsletter.

Since the last newsletter, your Board of Trustees and their many volunteer consultants and helpers have been busy working on various projects, as we continue to spend most of our lives online. Hopefully by now you have read about **Newhaven Neighbours**, **Newhaven Sings** and **Newhaven Lights Up**.



The board members have been joined by around three dozen active volunteers to bring these projects to fruition as examples of how we can bring the community together under the Heart of Newhaven umbrella as we continue to work towards acquisition of Victoria Primary School.

However we do have some sad news to share with you.

We have to report the death of Joan Davidson. Joan was instrumental in helping to launch the Heart of Newhaven Community. Present at the first public meeting at Victoria Primary School in 2018 she preserved the charts produced that night of what was later called "Blue-Sky Thinking". She introduced them with great enthusiasm when the interim Steering Committee was set up later that year and helped plan the very first meeting.

Joan continued as a member of the Steering Group progressing the plans and helping to define the area of benefit but then sadly had to step back through illness. Despite that, she never lost her interest or failed to give her support. At the outset she was interviewed for a short video which can be viewed at **online** where her ideas are recorded. We will miss her but with gratitude for helping to 'get the show on the road'!

In our last newsletter we told you about Newhaven Neighbours.

Many of you answered the call and are now working together with one of our partners, Pilmey Development Project to help support the isolated and vulnerable within the community.

Thank you all for your support. Thanks to you, Newhaven neighbours are receiving support in all manner of ways. There is always room for more of course, so it's never too late to sign up to help out. Sign Up **here**.



Following on from Newhaven Neighbours, we have been working on Newhaven Sings Auld Lang Syne in collaboration with several local choirs and individual singers. Perhaps you have already recorded your contribution but if you haven't, don't be bashful. It's simple to do and will

provide such pleasure. The deadline to send in your recording has been extended till Saturday 19th, so there's no excuse! All the instructions are on the website.

Hot on the heels of Newhaven Sings, came Newhaven Lights Up, created in collaboration with local artist Johnathan Elders and with help from Men's Shed. You may have seen the delightful light boxes on the railings round Victoria Primary School. Help light up Newhaven by creating your own window display. Instructions for this are also on the website.

So although it may seem that little is happening on the wider front of the purchase - look out for more news on that front in the spring - everyone is still working hard behind the scenes. If you would like to join in and help, or have any ideas for projects you would like to discuss, do get in touch with our volunteering team or any of the trustees via the website.

Don't forget to check the website too, for updates of all kinds and regular blogs, including from our Chairman, Rodney Matthews. **View From the Chair**

Christmas is only a few days away and New Year of course follows closely after.

May we wish you and yours a happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Remember to bring it in by playing Auld Lang Syne!

VINTAGE VIBES

WE'RE BLOWN AWAY BY YOUR KINDNESS!

Today marks two weeks since the launch of our #VVKindnessClub campaign; tackling loneliness in the UK's loneliest city for older people.



We've been blown away by the number of requests to support us and volunteer with us... and, of course, by all of your generous donations. We couldn't be more delighted to have reached 65% of our #VVKindnessClub fundraising target already.

We can't THANK YOU enough for all of your support, and we're so excited about the friendships that we'll be able to build with lonely over 60s in 2021 as a result.

With only £706 left to go, we're more hopeful than ever that our superstar supporters can help us reach £2,021 for 2021.

[Read more about the impact of Vintage Vibes and their news and events here](#)

OUR IMPACT



OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS WE HAVE...

- Created an amazing 13,000 extra hours of fun friendships and connection.
- Supported more than 550 VIPs to stay socially connected in their communities.

AND IMPORTANTLY, THIS YEAR...

During lockdown we continued to create new friendships and support existing friendships to flourish via phone calls and physically-distanced outdoor visits.



91%

OF OUR VIPs

FELT THEY MADE
**A REAL
FRIENDSHIP**

100%

OF OUR VIPs

FELT THEY MADE
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"Fiona makes me feel like a human being again, she's a true friend. I didn't know people were so kind."

Dorothy

"It makes me feel more connected with the outside world."

Jo



"I don't know what we would have done without the support of Vintage Vibes. It's about having someone else that you trust and our volunteer has been a good friend to my mother and I."

Joanne

"My volunteer is a blessing. Thank you!"

Fiona

"I don't know what I would have done without Enrique. He's very funny, very kind, very friendly, and he never forgets me."

Doris

"I feel having a volunteer has kept my sanity and prevented me becoming slower and slower."

John



VINTAGE VIBES

GOOD COMPANY NEVER GETS OLD



Services Update

Young People's Sexual Health and Wellbeing Services in Lothian



NHS SERVICE INFORMATION

IN THIS UPDATE:

Healthy Respect,
Healthy Respect + and
c:card service update -
December 2020

Healthy Respect
Postal Testing Kits
update

Updates from partners

Healthy Respect, Healthy Respect + and c:card

As we find ourselves still very much in the thick of COVID restrictions, we are keen to continue to offer regular updates about service recovery, and to discuss new ways we might work with you, our partners, to help make sexual health services available to the young people you work with.

Regardless of our different and evolving levels of 'lockdown' we know that young people will continue to meet up, will continue to have sex, and will continue to need access to services.

Continuing changes to service provision makes it harder for our young people to know what services are available to them, and there may still be fear or stigma around asking for help while the Government ask us to adhere to physical distancing measures. Please help us by sharing information about young people's sexual health services to the young people you work with. This update covers what NHS sexual health services are currently offering as well as some information from some of our partner agencies.

[The full update can be viewed here](#)

The [Health Promotion Service Annual Report 2019-20](#) is now available on our [website](#)

FUNDING AND OPPORTUNITIES

GRANTON CASTLE WALLED GARDEN

Development Officer (one year)

N.B. REVISED CLOSING DATE 8/1/2021

Are you interested in working with local volunteers and community groups to help protect and develop a late medieval walled garden in North West Edinburgh?

The Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden are looking for a Development Officer to coordinate plans for work in the garden and in the community over the coming year, a time when we will all hope to see a different world emerging.

£15 ph for an average of 24hpw on a self-employed basis.

Under the oversight of the Trustees, duties would include:

- Developing our website, communications and social media with regular updates and monthly newsletters;
- Reorganising our database to update our contacts, volunteers, members/friends and associates while ensuring GDPR compliance;
- Fundraising for our strategic plan including future funding for administrator, gardener, green gym, Victorian greenhouse re-build, workshops and events, utilities etc.;
- Coordinating volunteers, special interest groups and working parties, especially for gardening, workshops and events;
- Strengthening links with educational and community groups and increase participation of local residents;
- Updating policies: eg H & S, Safeguarding, Volunteer Induction;
- Exploring feasibility of installation of electricity and water.

Hours of work will vary due to garden seasonality, events, workshops, meetings and when volunteers are available and will include some weekend working.

Formal qualifications are not essential, but experience of communicating and networking with Council and community groups, good MS Office and fund-raising skills and expertise in social media and database development, preferably within an historic, horticultural environment, required.

Interviews will be held in January 2021 to start in March 2021. For more information please look at <https://www.facebook.com/GrantonCastleGarden/>

If interested, apply with CV and names and email addresses of 2 referees to:

grantongarden@gmail.com, OR

Chair, Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden, 23 West Shore Road, Edinburgh, EH5 1QB,

REVISED CLOSING DATE Friday, 8th January 2021

SCOTLANDS TOWNS PARTNERSHIP

[Please find here the December issue of the STP Funding Finder](#). Please note some newly added funds may have deadlines approaching. And you will see that we have retained the COVID-19 category, we hope you will find this useful.

Deadline Approaching

- COVID 19 - [Business Loans Scotland COVID Working Capital Loan | £25,000 - £100,000 | 31 December](#)

- **Environment - Tesco Bags of Help | £1,000 | 31 December**
- Culture and Arts - Henry Moore Foundation | up to £30,000 | 9 December
- Culture and Arts - Turtleton Trust | N/A | 31 December
- Community - Foundation Scotland – Denny and District Community Fund| £250-£10,000 | 17 December
- Community - Cruden Foundation Ltd | max £20,000| 31 December

Newly Added Funding

- COVID 19 - Energy Saving Trust | N/A | open now
- COVID-19 - Foundation Scotland: Community Response, Recovery and Resilience Fund |£1,000-£5,000 | open now
- Arts and Culture - Creative Scotland Open Fund- Sustaining Creative Development| £1,000 – £100,000| any time
- Employment and Training - The Swire Charitable Trust | max £25,000 | any time
- Employment and Training - Chance to Succeed | max £25,000 | opens 5 January 2021
- Employment and Training - Chance to Study | £5,000 - £25,000 | opens 5 January 2021
- Community - The Robertson Trust – Community Vehicles Grants | £1,000-£10,000 | any time
- Community - Trusthouse Charitable Foundation Small Grants |£2,000-£10,000| any time
- Community - Hugh Fraser Foundation | avge £4021 | 31 January
- Community - Bank of Scotland – REACH | £5,000-£30,000| 28 January 2021
- Community - Chance to Flourish | max £25,000 | opens 5 January 2021
- Community - Wester Hailes Community Trust Fund | max £7,500 | any time

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www.scotlandstowns.org

OPPORTUNITIES

CreativeMornings

CreativeMornings was started in 2008 by Tina Roth

Eisenberg out of a desire for an ongoing, accessible event for New York's creative community. The concept was simple: breakfast and a short talk one Friday morning a month. Every event would be free of charge and open to anyone.

Today, attendees gather in cities around the world to enjoy fresh coffee, friendly people, and an international array of breakfast foods. Volunteer hosts and their team members organize local chapters that not only celebrate a city's creative talent, but also promote an open space to connect with like-minded individuals. The growing archive of past breakfast talks is humbling. From design legends to hometown heroes, speakers are selected by each chapter based on a global theme. CreativeMornings remains free thanks to the support of local partners, generous venues, and long term global partners. Everyone is welcome. Everyone is creative. Browse the [upcoming virtual events](#) for Edinburgh or [any other city](#) of your choosing and [register](#) beforehand to reserve your spot. You can also sign up

For more information, visit [CreativeMornings](#) website press page or [contact](#) them directly online.

Imagine - New Opportunity for an Early Career Artist of Colour

Imagine is the national organisation in Scotland, which promotes, develops and celebrates theatre and dance for children and young people. They want more children in Scotland to experience work



that is deeply engaging, innovative and inspiring. They believe that all children deserve the opportunity to develop their creativity, emotional intelligence and reach their true potential. Imagine currently has a new opportunity for an early career artist of colour based in Scotland, who is interested in making theatre and/or dance performance for young audiences. The Launchpad project is offering professional development, producing support and performance opportunities to develop new theatre and/or dance ideas for young audiences. Full details of the offer, selection process and who they are looking for can be found in the Guidelines:

<https://www.imagine.org.uk/f/5fd79d28c905f>. This project is in association with Project X and Bijli Productions.

The deadline is 29 January 2021 but the project timeline is flexible so they can work around the selected artists' availability and other work/life commitments.

If you have any questions, or would just like to talk about this project, please contact Fiona Ferguson, Creative Development Director at fiona@imagine.org.uk.

FUNDING

Daiwa Foundation Awards

These awards are aimed at innovative, collaborative projects between institutions/organisations based in the UK and Japan that produce tangible long-term outcomes. Awards can cover projects in most academic, professional, arts, cultural and educational fields.

Maximum value:	£15,000
Application deadline:	31/03/2021

Who Can Apply and Further Information

Daiwa Foundation Awards are to enable British and Japanese partners to work together, preferably in the context of an institutional relationship. Projects in all academic, professional, cultural and educational fields are eligible. Applicants must be resident in either the UK or Japan. Further information on this award can be found via the [Foundation's website](#).

How to Apply - The online application form can be found on the [Foundation's website](#). The deadlines for applications each year are 31 March and 30 September with notification of decisions two months later. The Foundation encourages applicants to submit their application as early as possible.

Theatre Reopening Fund

Grants are available to help UK not-for-profit theatres to make coronavirus/COVID-19-related adaptations and prepare for reopening.

Maximum value:	£5,000
Application deadline:	30/12/2020

Who Can Apply and Further Information

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Own or manage a theatre building in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland. Freeholds or leases of at least five years are preferred but applicants are encouraged to get in touch if they have a different tenancy arrangement.
- Demonstrate that they run a regular theatre programme of professional, community and/or amateur work presenting no less than 30 performances a year.

- Have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years.

Further information on restrictions and eligible expenditure can be viewed via the [Theatres Trust website](#).

How to Apply - The Trust aims to make decisions on applications within four weeks. Applicants are encouraged to get in touch with the Trust to discuss the project/work before applying (Tel: 020 7836 8591 or email advice@theatrestrust.org.uk). Following this initial discussion, applicants should complete the application form available to download from the [Theatres Trust website](#). This must be submitted by email.

Arts Award Access Fund

Small grants are given to Arts Award centres in the United Kingdom working with young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to enable them to achieve an Arts Award.

Maximum value:	£1,500
Application deadline:	08/10/2021

Who Can Apply and Further Information

Applications from all registered Arts Award centres based in the United Kingdom are accepted but priority will be given to the following centres which:

- are working with disadvantaged young people;
- are taking part in Arts Award for the first time;
- are not receiving regular public funding; or
- are using the grant to access an Arts Award Supporter.

Further details can be viewed via the [Arts Award website](#).

How to Apply - The programme operates a periodic application schedule. The next round opens on 6 September 2021. The deadline for applications will be 8 October 2021, Applicants can apply online and encouraged to read the Fund's Information and Guidance section which can be accessed via the Arts Award website, [How to Apply section](#).

Amazon Literary Partnership

One-off annual grants are available for non-profit literary organisations in the UK that empower writers, helping them create, publish, learn, teach, experiment and thrive.

Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	29/01/2021

Who Can Apply and Further Information

Applicants must be a registered non-profit organisation in the UK, whose core mission is to develop emerging writers, support diversity, celebrate storytelling, and/or build authors' careers. Organisations should be structurally and financially sound; display energy, passion, and reach; have an online presence and an enthusiastic membership or readership. Previous grant recipients represented institutions large and small, national and local, and included nonprofit writing centers, residencies, fellowships, after-school classes, literary magazines, national organizations supporting storytelling and free speech, and internationally acclaimed publishers of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry.

Further details on the Fund can be viewed via the [Amazon website](#).

How to Apply - Applications for 2021 grants are being accepted between 9 November 2020 and 29 January 2021. Grant recipients will be notified by 14 May 2021. The online application form is available on the [Amazon Literary Partnership website](#).

Bòrd na Gàidhlig - Colmcille Funding Scheme

Grants are available for constituted organisations in Scotland and Ireland for community projects that promote cultural exchanges between Scotland and Ireland, and in particular the Gàidhlig and Gaeilge languages.

Maximum value:	£10,000
Application deadline:	11/02/2021

Who Can Apply and Further Information

Applications are accepted from constituted organisations based in Scotland or Ireland that want to deliver a project linking together Gaelic and Irish communities, as well as individuals who are looking to undertake Irish classes or courses. Priority will be given to registered charities or schools with Gaelic/Irish-medium provision, but applications are also welcome from voluntary community groups, public bodies, local authorities or other groups.

Further details on the fund's restrictions, eligible expenditure and guidelines can be found on the [Bòrd na Gàidhlig website](#).

How to Apply - Application forms can be downloaded via the [Bòrd na Gàidhlig website](#).

Henry Moore Foundation

Grants are available to support the growth and development of sculpture across historical, modern and contemporary registers and to fund research that expands the appreciation of sculpture.

Maximum value:	£20,000
Application deadline:	25/02/2021

Who Can Apply and Further Information

Art galleries, museums and institutions concerned with art and art history, including UK universities can apply. Further information on the Fund can be viewed via the [Henry Moore Foundation website](#).

How to Apply

The next deadlines for applications are:

- 25 February 2021.
- 20 May 2021.

Application forms and guidelines are available online at the [Foundation's website](#).

Scotmid Co-op Community Grants

Grants are available to local voluntary and community groups and charities for projects that support local communities served by Scotmid stores.

Maximum value:	£500
Application deadline:	None specified

Who Can Apply and Further Information

Local community groups, self-help or voluntary groups and charities (including local branches of national charities) acting for the benefit of the local community may apply. To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a group acting for the wider benefit of the local community.
- Operate within the geographic boundaries of one of Scotmid's Regional Committees.

Grants can be used for one-off investments, purchases or events that address one or more of the following categories:

- Children/education (eg school groups).
- Health (eg promotion of healthy eating).
- Fairtrade.
- Homelessness/poverty.
- Arts and culture (eg community music festivals).
- Environment (eg promotion of clean/healthy environment).
- Elderly
- Active lifestyles (eg encouraging exercise/fitness/sport).

Further information on this fund, including guidelines and fund restrictions, can be downloaded via [Scotmid's website](#).

How to Apply - Applications can be made at any time but should be submitted at least eight weeks prior to when the grant is required. Application forms are available to complete online or to download from the [Scotmid website](#). Funding requests for more than £250 require an independent reference

COMMUNITY GRANTS FUNDING

Our NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK Community Grants Funding 2020-21 is available for eligible groups to carry out small projects. Applications should normally be for new, one-off local projects that directly benefit people in your community.

If you would like an application form, guidance document or more information about deadlines etc, please contact elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk (for those taking place in Almond, Forth and Inverleith wards) or pauline.fordyce@ea.edin.sch.uk (for any in Western NN – i.e. Drumbrae / Gyle or Corstorphene / Murrayfield wards).

In order to process and consider any new applications in the New Year, please get them to us as soon as possible, and any received after 1st February may not be possible this financial year.

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 document 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.

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