

NORTH WEST LOCALITY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

For your info, the dates of the next NW Locality Committee are:

- Wed 30th January,

6.30-8.30pm in the Dean of Guilds Room, City Chambers. You can find out more here and download papers when available:

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/meetings/committee/1040/north_west_locality_committee

You can also watch the live webcam here: <https://edinburgh.public-i.tv/core/portal/home> Or register for automatic updates here: <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/meetings>

The public are welcome to attend meetings of the Council and its various Committees and Sub-Committees, except where confidential business is being discussed.

Members of the public who wish to attend meetings at the City Chambers do not need to arrange this in advance. You can go straight to Reception where staff will explain where to go. If you wish to [speak at a committee meeting](#), you need to request this in advance.

NORTH WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

The following dates have been agreed for open meetings of Neighbourhood Partnerships (NPs). You are very welcome to attend.

Agendas and papers will be available in advance of the meeting dates here:

<http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/meetings>

- Mon 3rd December, 7pm in Rosebery Hall, South Queensferry - Almond NP
- Thurs 6th December, 7pm in Drumbrae Hub - Western Edinburgh NP

NEWS AND EVENTS IN NORTH WEST

DIGITAL DROP-IN FOR RESIDENTS

Do you have a friend or family member who struggles with new technology and the internet? We can help! Colleagues in the libraries with Edinburgh University are running a digital drop-in service at the Central Library every Friday between 2pm – 4pm. The students volunteer as digital ambassadors, and they provide one to one support to anyone seeking help with a digital device or digital issue.

They can tailor the help to suit the specific needs and different levels of experience individuals bring and they can provide support across the full range of devices (smartphones, tablets, laptops) and operating systems (Microsoft, Apple or android).

Help is primarily aimed at those who are relatively new to using digital technology. It may be about helping people to navigate their way around their device or can be as simple as setting up an email address or gaining confidence in finding and doing things online.

They can also help those people with perhaps slightly more advanced problems or specific issues. This service complements the regular Get Online groups in which people sign up for five weekly sessions of one to one help with their digital device (or indeed they can help people who don't have a device) and

the regular surgeries held to support people using the library's e-resources such as Overdrive and Pressreader. You can read more information on [Get online and to take a look at all the library e-resources and materials.](#)

There's also a one-off workshop at the Central Library - Shopping Online: an introduction for beginners is on Monday, 3 December at 2pm in the Washington Browne Room. There are limited places, so please book through Kenny Sharkey on 07809 320432 or with Central Library colleagues.

16th November – BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION SCOTLAND

Help us make a meadow for butterflies!

Wildflower meadows can help butterflies and bees, so we are sowing a few small meadows at West Pilton Park.

We'd love to have as many volunteers as possible along to help us out, so you can spend an hour or two?

Even if you can only stay for a short time, you'd still be welcome to come along to help. Tasks will include raking seeds into soil, and planting wildflower plug plants. No experience needed!



When: Friday 16th November, 10.30am – 3pm

Where: West Pilton Park. Meet at the council building at West Pilton Gardens

Booking: please let us know if you can make it by emailing Anthony on amcluskey@butterfly-conservation.org or calling 01786 459811

This workshop is led by Butterfly Conservation Scotland staff in partnership with City of Edinburgh Council, and is part of the **Urban Butterfly Project**, working with the Edinburgh Living Landscape.



The Urban Butterfly Project is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Scottish Natural Heritage and Butterfly Conservation members

17th November – GRANTON PARISH CHURCH



Hi - I just wanted to drop you a note to say that you might be interested in entering a team in this Saturday's BIG QUIZ NIGHT at

Granton Parish Church.

Teams of up to 5 can enter, it's BYOB, cost is £5 each, and there will be mac'n'cheese or stovies at the interval. It should be a fun night as community groups vie for the title of Granton's Top Quiz Team!!

Chas <https://www.grantonchurch.org.uk/big-quiz-night-saturday-17th-november/>

20th November – FRIENDS OF WEST PILTON PARK



Warmly invites you to there

AGM

On Tuesday 20th November

5.30pm – 7.00pm

West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre

Who's using your
park...
And how?

Community
events and
activities

Hear about the
New Play Area

Email: westpiltonparklife@gmail.com

Like Us: <https://www.facebook.com/WestPiltonParklife/>

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21/22ND November 2018 - STOCKBRIDGE LIBRARY

We have 3 adult events running this year, all free but you need to book either through Eventbrite or contacting the library directly.

1. Sam Conniff Allende 'Be Pirate' , this one will also be of interest to budding young entrepreneurs too:

'Sam has been a mentor to thousands of young entrepreneurs and is now a sought after public speaker on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Leadership and Youth.'

Be More Pirate event. This is also being pitched through Business Gateway.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/be-more-pirate-with-author-and-serial-entrepreneur-sam-conniff-allende-tickets-52003300271>

2. Another author event, of more interest to older adults. Mary was at the Wigton Book Festival this year, with an audience of over 200. She sounds really engaging and the book is a memoir of her childhood experiences

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-the-author-mary-gladstone-and-the-moss-of-cree-a-scottish-childhood-tickets-51293318697>

3. Beginner's creative writing workshop around the theme of Rebels, facilitated by local author and creative writers group leader Carla Acheson.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/write-a-story-creative-writing-workshop-for-imaginative-adults-tickets-52062471253>

Please contact me for more information

Regards, Carol

22nd November – **ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN EDINBURGH**

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN EDINBURGH REVEALS PLANS FOR A VISIONARY PROJECT TO PROTECT ITS UNIQUE PLANT COLLECTION

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) has revealed its vision for Edinburgh Biomes, an ambitious new project to protect its unique and globally important plant collection.

Once completed Edinburgh Biomes will secure the Garden's work for future generations and provide a spectacular new visitor experience for the public. Under draft proposals, Edinburgh Biomes will bring together RBGE's research, horticulture, education and infrastructure facilities and significantly refurbish and rebuild its Glasshouses.

RBGE has taken this unique opportunity to explore visionary proposals that will not only cover restoration and repairs but deliver world-leading facilities that will protect the work of this national institution for the future.

The project has been revealed at a time when the Garden's existing Glasshouse facilities - including both the Grade A listed Victorian Palm Houses, and 1960's visitor and research Glasshouses - require extensive refurbishment. The project will ensure the Glasshouses continue to provide a safe environment for the Garden's plant collection.

Comprising of over 13,500 plant species, RBGE's collection includes many plants that are endangered or extinct in their native habitats.

Simon Milne MBE, Regius Keeper of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, said: "Edinburgh Biomes is potentially the most significant project in the Garden's history. We are one of the top four botanic gardens in the world and these proposals will enable us to continue our pioneering work for Scotland and the world. At a time when 20% of the world's plant species are at risk from extinction our work is more important than ever."

RBGE received initial funding from the Scottish Government to take the project to planning permission stage and continues to work with Ministers on the next stage which will also include a major fund-raising appeal. If approved, Edinburgh Biomes would be delivered across a staged build to allow for the decanting and relocation of seasonally sensitive plants over several years.

The first phase will involve the creation of a new, efficient, eco-friendly and sustainable energy centre, and state-of-the-art plant health suite to replace its existing facilities at the Nursery to the north of the main Garden. The new plant health suite will provide a safe propagation environment. The new energy centre will introduce ground source heat pumps which, coupled with new low heat loss pipework, will reduce the carbon footprint of the Glasshouses by 12 per cent.

Proposals for Edinburgh Biomes are in the initial stages and RBGE will be holding a series of Public Consultations at the Gardens on Thursday 22 November and Thursday 10 January. People can find out more information on Edinburgh Biomes by visiting www.rbge.org.uk/edinburghbiomes

24th November – **PRENTICE CENTRE**



**Prentice Centre
25th Anniversary
OPEN DAY**

1 Granton Meins Avenue, Edinburgh EH4 4GA
Saturday 24th November 2018
10am – 1pm

Includes Tombola, Home Baking, Nearly New Stall, Face Painting, and much more

Join us for a fun-filled activity packed time!!!



26 November 2018 - **PILTON EQUALITY PROJECT (PEP)**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Monday 26 November 2018, 11-12noon,
PEP Centre, 3 West Pilton Park, Edinburgh. *Refreshments will be served
after the meeting*

For catering purposes please R.S.V.P. email
pepequalities@btconnect.com

If you require transport please call Trisha on 0131 315 4466



26th November – **GRANTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Hello,

Thank you for attending to the GDCC AGM, took place on last Monday the 29 October 2018. The event went well. Welcome to our newly co-opted community councillor Laura Munro. We're delighted to have Laura in our team.

Our guest speaker Rosie Priest from the National Galleries of Scotland spoke about the new facility to be built in Granton with a view of engagement with local communities. Please find more about there prospective project [in this link](#). You can directly contact with her via email: rpriest@nationalgalleries.org . She will be happy to provide further information about this.

Please find the GDCC Community Newsletter October Issue here: <http://bit.ly/2qpDdBw>

Changes of meeting time: Please note GDCC meeting will start at 6.30pm. The new timetable will be in effect from January 2018

Our next meeting will take place on : 26 November 2018, 7pm at RWCC. Looking forward to see you there.

news article: [Waterfront regeneration consultation to open next month](#)

Kind regards, Mizan Rahman, Community Councillor, Secretary, Granton and District Community Council E-mail: secretary@grantoncc.scot | Tel: 07930 183352 | www.grantoncc.scot Like us: www.facebook.com/grantoncc | Follow us www.twitter.com/GrantonCC

27TH NOVEMBER -

We are looking for people to take part in a group exercise to help us understand how people think we should spend and invest in Council Services. The feedback will help us shape our plans for the next four years as well as balance our budgets for 2019/20.

[More info here](#) and try the Budget Simulator here: <https://edinburgh.budgetsimulator.com/>

If you would like to participate, you can register by clicking [here](#) or you can contact Pamela Dooner by email pamela.dooner@edinburgh.gov.uk or telephone 0131 469 5159.

28TH NOVEMBER – WESTERN GENERAL HOSPITAL

#MySayWGH

We want to hear your views and ideas on how the Western General Hospital should develop into the future.

Come to our event if you want to:

- understand why the site needs to change
- shape the plans & have your say on what your hospital should look and feel like

WESTERN GENERAL HOSPITAL

150 years 1868-2018

NHS Lothian 70 YEARS #nhsscot70

Wednesday 28th November
Drop in time: 3-7pm

St Ninian's Church, 40 Comely Bank
EH4 1AG, Edinburgh



***** Ama-zing Harmonies *****

**Community Christmas
Carol Event**

Friday 14 December 2018
1:30pm - 4pm

North Edinburgh Arts
15A Pennywell Court, EH4 4TZ

Contact 07900667094 or
info@ama-zingharmonies.org

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GIRLS ZONE – PRENTICE CENTRE

Come along to the new girl zone at The Prentice Centre. 1 Granton Mains Ave, Edinburgh EH4 4GA
SHE Scotland Girl Zone for girls P6-S2. Activities include crafts, cooking, fitness, friendship and fun.

- Prentice Centre - Mondays 3.45 - 5.15pm

[More information here](#). For more information contact: shescotland@outlook.com

MAPS

Please find attached information relating to a FREE local 12 week course to “help you develop strategies to maintain your mental well being”. This course is open to members of the public and there are still places available. [More information here](#).

EDINBURGH SHORELINE COMMUNITY EXHIBITION

After a successful run at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, see displays produced by Edinburgh coastal communities telling stories of their part of the shoreline; from plastic pollution to fishing heritage and everything inbetween. [More information here.](#)

Enable Scotland youth group

[Active Community of Empowered](#) is for young people with a learning disability and is part youth group part activism group. It's free of charge and open to people in Edinburgh aged 14-26. [Our youth groups](#) meet weekly during term time, providing a space for young people aged 14-26 to develop their friendship circles whilst getting involved in and directing our activism work, aimed at breaking down the barriers to an equal society for people with a learning disability, empowering them to make a change in their local community.

Some of our most recent youth led campaigns have included an anti-bullying campaign [#BeTheChange](#) and one focused on accessible to Gigs [#YouCan'tStopTheBeat](#) through YOYP funding.

It runs on Thursdays during the school term at 6VT Youth Café (6:45 – 8:15)

Edinburgh Youth!



Want to have fun and make a difference in Edinburgh?

Why not join our Active Community of Empowered people with a learning disability!



- Thursday nights 6:45- 8:15 pm
- Only 12 Spaces!
- 6VT Youth Café EH1 2HU
- Age 14-26

Meet new people
Learn and try new things
Build your confidence
Be heard
Help others express their views
Have fun!
FREE!

To sign up please contact ENABLE Direct

enabledirect@enable.org.uk



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Lorna Scott
Activism Facilitator

www.enable.org.uk  [@ENABLEScotland](https://twitter.com/ENABLEScotland)  [/ENABLEScotland](https://www.facebook.com/ENABLEScotland)

An equal society for every person who has a learning disability

EVOC (EDINBURGH VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS COUNCIL)

EVOC offers a wide range of training for individuals and organisations, focusing on developing skills within charities and voluntary organisations. Don't forget [members](#) receive 10% off the cost of training courses.

[OFFER FOR EVOC MEMBERS: £99 for a full day training course \(incl. all materials and lunch\).](#)

[Thu 20th November, Fundraising Nuts & Bolts: Applications](#)

[Thu 22nd Nov, 10am-4:30pm, Practical Project Management](#)

[Mon 26th Nov, 10am-5pm, Moving into Management](#)

[Thu 29th Nov, PIF: Talking Mats Foundation](#)

VOLCHAT

A promotional graphic for VolChat. The background is a dark, slightly blurred image of a desk with a laptop, a tablet, and a smartphone. In the center, there is a colorful logo consisting of five overlapping speech bubbles in yellow, pink, red, green, and blue, with three white dots in the center. Below the logo, the word "volchat" is written in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the text "Chat to us online using our new VolChat service and make the first tentative steps towards employment." is written in a white, sans-serif font. Below this text, the hashtag "#VolChat" is displayed in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are three white dots, followed by a quote: "“ The thought of being able to speak ”” to you online completely removed the worry about bus fares." in a white, sans-serif font.

volchat

Chat to us online using our new VolChat service and make the first tentative steps towards employment.

#VolChat

“ The thought of being able to speak ””
to you online completely removed
the worry about bus fares.

Thinking of volunteering to improve your health and employability? Difficulty getting out of the house to access the right help? Whether it is childcare, travel costs or something else, **VolChat Employability Coaching Sessions** is a new online chat platform like Skype™ to help you engage and make the first tentative steps towards employment.

All without having to leave your house, VolChat gives you the chance to:

- Meet us from the comfort of your own home.
- Tell us what you are needing help with.
- Find out how we can help.
- Get quick advice on where best to get the help you are needing.

If you want to find out more about the service then please contact us by email, text or phone and we can explain how to setup your first VolChat meeting.

voled.in/employability
employability@volunteeredinburgh.org.uk
Call **0131 225 0630** or Text **07505 446 024**

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George Street, First New Town Design Concept - Questionnaire

A consultation is underway on the initial concept design for George Street and the First New Town.

Plaza areas, people-friendly spaces and a dedicated cycleway are among potential new features included in the draft concept design which has been produced following extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders including community, business and specialist interest groups.

The George Street New Town (GNT) project aims to design a vibrant street environment that is safe for all users – one which significantly enhances its use for pedestrians while prioritising active travel and accessibility. The project is a key element within the wider [City Centre Transformation project](#)

Whatever your views about the proposals, we want to hear from you.

An [online survey](#) is available until **25 January 2019**. Further information about the project can be found on the GNT [project website](#)



Edinburgh 4 Community

Did you know that you can sign up to the Edinburgh City Libraries “Edinburgh 4 Community” funding update service? This very worthwhile service allows to you search/filter and be notified weekly of new International, European and domestic funding opportunities available to your sector. You can sign up/browse this free service from here: [Edinburgh 4 Community Funding](#).

FUNDING AND JOBS EXTRA FROM EQUALITY FORUM – REGULAR ITEM

Check out their more recent newsletters. Some is Glasgow focused but many articles may be of interest, in particular with new funding sources:

- Funding Extra <http://equalityupdates.org.uk/news/funding/>
- Jobs Extra <http://equalityupdates.org.uk/news/jobs/>
- News <http://equalityupdates.org.uk/news/equality-updates/>

Elaine Lennon, 15/11/18 Please email elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk if you have any community news to share.

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