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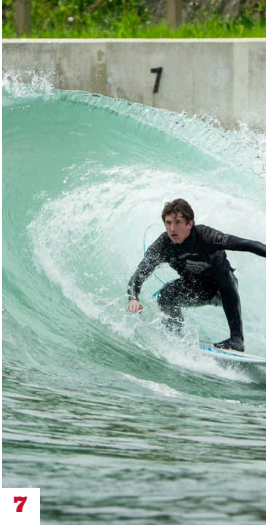

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Scotland's Handmade Heritage Celebrated in 3D2D's 2026 Summer Fair Programme

As conversations around sustainability, craftsmanship and conscious spending continue to grow globally, 3D2D Events has unveiled its 2026 summer programme.

The season will feature the flagship West End Fair in Edinburgh alongside the expanding Newbattle Abbey Summer Fair in Midlothian, marking 45 years of supporting traditional craftsmanship while contributing to Scotland's creative economy.

In an era of mass-produced goods and AI-generated art, 3D2D remains a bastion of the human touch.

Co-organiser and 3D2D Events Finance Director, Philippa Wilson-Buys, says:

"Since our inception at the Assembly Rooms in 1981, our organisation has grown a database of over 5,000 approved exhibitors; we make sure that every item sold is ethically handmade."

The 2026 Summer Programme includes:

Newbattle Abbey Summer Fair (July 18): This one-day event is hosted at Newbattle Abbey College, Midlothian. Now in its third year, this date has become a cornerstone for the local community.

The West End Fair (August 3–30): Located in St

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John's kirkyard, Edinburgh. A sanctuary of calm amidst the Fringe Festival, this village under the trees is built to capacity for 2026 following record-breaking years in 2024 and 2025.

3D2D's impact extends far beyond the transactions that take place at each event. More than 60 makers will attend the day at Newbattle Abbey Summer Fair, while over 120 exhibitors will take part in each week of the West End Fair in August, with participants changing weekly and many travelling from across the UK. Together, these fairs serve as a significant driver of economic activity, supporting independent makers, local tourism, and the wider creative economy.

Co-organiser and 3D2D Events Director, Jennie Loudon, comments:

"We do anything we can to keep traditional skills alive. We also know that, with limited disposable income, people are taking more time over their decisions, and the choice often falls on fewer, more meaningful pieces."

Despite high inflation, 3D2D reports a shift in consumer behaviour toward fewer, better things.

"Today's shoppers are more discerning, opting for larger, high-quality investment pieces over disposable items. Jennie continues, "This 'buy once, buy well' mentality aligns with 3D2D's core ethos of reducing carbon footprints and supporting the circular economy through upcycled and recycled materials."

Co-organiser and 3D2D Business Director, Tiana Wilson-Buys, adds:

"We are committed to supporting ethical consumption. Decades before 'buy local' became a movement, we were already promoting handmade, sustainable craft."

Uniquely, the team behind 3D2D Events are practising makers themselves. This hands-on experience informs every aspect of the events, from logistical support like porters and storage, to exhibitor-friendly systems designed to reduce stress and maximise success.

For more information about Newbattle Abbey Summer Fair and West End Fair, please visit: https://www.3d2d.co.uk/

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Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Appoints Chris Edmonds as New Chair



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Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo has announced the appointment of Chris Edmonds as Chair of the Board, following eight years serving as a Board Member, as the organisation continues to build on a milestone year of growth and charitable success.

The appointment follows the success of the 2025 show and the Tattoo's 75th anniversary celebrations, which helped generate a record £1.5 million charitable donation in support of armed forces and arts communities.

Chris succeeds Bill Morris LVO, who will step down after 12 years on the Board following this year's Show, during which time he oversaw a period of sustained growth, strategic development and resilience, including the organisation's recovery after the Covid-19 pandemic.

Bringing extensive senior leadership and governance experience from across the live events and entertainment sector, including serving as Chair of the Ticketmaster Board, Chris will support the organisation in delivering the Tattoo's long-term strategy to create the world's greatest immersive events.

Chris Edmonds, new Chair of The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, said:

"After more than 35 years in the UK live events sector, and having supported The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo for the past eight years, I am delighted and honoured to take on the role of Chair of this unique organisation. It delivers one of the world's highest-profile events and makes a huge difference to people's lives through its charitable donations."

Bill Morris LVO, outgoing Chair, said:

By Barbara Parker Online 13 May 2026

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Scottish Surfer Craig Mclachlan Triumphs at Hi-Land Fling 2026



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Photo: Alex Jeynes

Some of the world's leading surfing talent brought a weekend of elite competition, progression and atmosphere to Lost Shore Surf Resort as the Hi-Land Fling made its spectacular return to Scotland.

Held on 15 and 16 May 2026 at Europe's largest inland surf resort, the international event welcomed top surfers from across Europe to Edinburgh for two days of high-performance action, community celebration and cutting-edge surfing progression.

With crowds gathering around Europe's largest wave pool throughout the weekend, the event reinforced Scotland's growing reputation as an emerging destination on the global surf scene.

The competition featured a strong international field of surfers including Olympians, Challenger Series athletes, national champions and some of Europe's most exciting rising talent, reinforcing Hi-Land Fling's growing reputation on the international surf calendar.

In the men's competition, Lost Shore surf instructor and Scotland's own Craig Mclachlan claimed victory following a standout final performance against French surfer Nicolas Paulet. Competing in front of a home crowd at his home resort, Mclachlan impressed judges with a series of progressive and technical rides to secure the top podium spot.

Craig Mclachlan said:

"I'm absolutely stoked to win. I've spent a huge amount of time training and working here at Lost Shore and it was really exciting to compete against such a strong international field. The level was super high, so to win it here at home makes it even more special."

By Albert Nelson Online 18 May 2026

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Edinburgh Illustrator Shirley Hottier Shortlisted for Prestigious Children's Poetry Award



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John Agard's collection The Poetry World of John Agard is one of five books on the shortlist for this year's CLiPPA, CLPE Children's Poetry Award. The book is illustrated by Edinburgh based illustrator Shirley Hottier and the judges describe their collaboration as "the perfect partnership."

The CLiPPA is the UK's leading prize for poetry for children and each year highlights outstanding new collections for the young. Past winners include Carol Ann Duffy, Michael Rosen, Valerie Bloom and Joseph Coelho.

By Zoe Online 23 May 2026
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Edinburgh Restaurant and Designer Pop-Up Unite to Support Maggie's Cancer Care



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Photo supplied by Contini George Street and Maggie's Edinburgh

Contini George Street has announced a new partnership with Maggie's Edinburgh, a charity providing expert cancer support and information across Edinburgh.

The collaboration will support Maggie's vital cancer care services throughout May through a series of fundraising activities, including a pre-loved designer pop-up shop and a specially created menu inspired by the colours and spirit of the charity.

From May 14th to 17th, the former Jo Malone shop at 93 George Street will be transformed into Maggie's Boutique, featuring over 1,200 donated lines of high-end designer fashion.

By Zoe Online 12 May 2026
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Reviving the Trinity Stones Exhibition Opens in Edinburgh



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A free exhibition exploring the history of Trinity Collegiate Church has officially opened at the Museum of Edinburgh.

Reviving the Trinity Stones marks the culmination of a two-year project led by Jill Harrison, founder of the Trinity Network. The initiative has focused on tracing, identifying and cataloguing medieval stones scattered following the demolition of the 15th-century Trinity Collegiate Church in 1848 to make way for the construction of Waverley Station.

Founded more than 560 years ago by Queen Mary of Guelders, the Trinity Collegiate Church was among the finest examples of Gothic architecture in Scotland. Despite its former grandeur and royal significance, much of its physical legacy was scattered and largely forgotten until now.

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South Queensferry Charity Revives Popular Music Programme for Older People



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Music-led sessions for older residents in South Queensferry are set to return thanks to a charitable donation from major housebuilder Cala Homes.

A £2,500 contribution from Cala Homes (East) has been awarded to Manor Estates Housing Association and its community fund following the final handover of 25 social rent homes at the Queensferry Heights development.

The full amount has been awarded to Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC) to restart popular music sessions that had been scaled back due to financial pressures.

Derek Lawson, Strategic Land Director at Cala Homes (East), said:

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Heartwarming Theatre Trip Brings Joy to Edinburgh Care Home Resident

A care home worker treated a resident to a special theatre trip to see a play by one of his favourite authors.

An Edinburgh resident was left “buzzing” after meeting actor Ralph Little.

By Zoe Online 1 May 2026
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Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Welcomes Aberdeen Investments as New Sponsor

Aberdeen Investments has announced a new sponsorship of The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, aligning the firm with one of Scotland’s most iconic and internationally recognised cultural institutions while reinforcing its commitment to supporting Scottish culture and communities.

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Edinburgh Council Backs Year-Round Rough Sleeping Support at Welcome Centre

A service offering emergency accommodation for people sleeping rough during the winter months will now continue year-round, following a new funding commitment from City of Edinburgh Council.

By Zoe Online 10 May 2026
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Edinburgh Homeowners Encouraged to Create Hedgehog-Friendly Gardens

Homeowners across Edinburgh and the Lothians are being encouraged to make their gardens safer for one of the UK’s best-loved native species as part of a new campaign launched for Hedgehog Awareness Week.

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