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Pecha Kucha in Dundee

To welcome the start of longer days of the year, Pecha Kucha Night Dundee Vol 14 is here! Coming back to the Bonar Hall on Thursday 25th February 2016.

PKNs run in over 800 cities all over the world, a quick-fire way of hearing from people across the city and beyond.

At Pecha Kucha Night Dundee they have 12 diverse individuals who speak about whatever they like, and it's a speedy format – presenters have 20 images and 20 secs per image – so just under 7 mins, which means you hear a lot of interesting, thought-provoking and often inspiring stuff.

To book tickets please visit:
<http://createdundee.com/pecha-kucha-night-vol-14/>



DD One extends a warm welcome to new City Centre Ambassador Jim Moonie (centre) who has joined the team in City Centre Management. Jim is pictured below with colleagues Andy McKay and Dave Barrie.



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IGNITE DUNDEE

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Ignite, Dundee's festival of creativity, will take place in venues across the City between the 3rd and 30th of May.

Started in 2011, the festival is supported by partners, Leisure & Culture Dundee, Dundee City Council, University of Dundee, Abertay University, D&A College, V&A Dundee, DCA and Dundee Rep.

Ignite Dundee celebrates the outstanding range of culture and creativity our city has to offer. It includes the degree shows, exhibitions, talks, workshops and open studios events. It highlights the depth and variety of the creativity in our city and looks to fire the imagination of visitors while sparking the creativity of local people.

This year as part of The Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design Ignite Dundee will be bigger and better than ever with a much expanded programme of partner events and a new element of specially curated activity just for the festival – Ignite Sparks thanks to funding from EventScotland.

Ignite Sparks events will this year have a focus on promoting and celebrating the use of innovative techniques and use of technologies across art forms. Following an open application process, eight events have been selected as part of Ignite Dundee and they include a variety of community based activity, large scale performance events and participatory workshops.

The programme launch will take place during the first week of March and is sure to make May the month to experience the best of the city's culture.

Oor Wullie Sculptures

This summer, 50 giant Oor Wullie statues will descend on Dundee and the surrounding area for a public art event which celebrate our heritage and showcases Dundee's status as a vibrant and culturally exciting city.



The ARCHIE Foundation is calling on artists and designers to get involved and submit designs for their own Oor Wullie sculpture.

A range of designs in any art form are welcome including; traditional to new media, fine art to illustrations, graffiti to mosaic, embroidery to metalwork. Whatever the medium, ARCHIE Foundation welcome participation from professional artists and enthusiastic amateurs, artist groups, young people, designers, architects and photographers.

If you are commissioned, you will receive an honorarium of £800 on completion of your artwork. The Closing Date for Submissions is Friday 14th February, 2016. Download an artist pack from <http://www.oorwulliebuckettrail.com/artists/>

Modern Apprenticeship Breakfast

Dundee & Angus College is inviting local businesses with an interest in taking on Modern Apprentices to a business breakfast on 1 March.

The breakfast seminar will allow businesses to find out more information on what is involved in taking on a modern apprentice, from funding to training requirements.

Modern Apprentice training is aimed at those aged between 18 and 24, with training lasting between one and three years.

Prospective employers benefit from taking on modern apprentices as the apprentices are trained to a national vocational standard.

Any employers interested in attending the breakfast should contact Tom Black on (01241) 432745.



Employment Law Seminar

Blackadders are holding a free employment law seminar on Thursday 10th March at Discovery Point between 8am and 10am.



Andrew Wallace will discuss his most memorable real-life examples of staff mishaps at office leaving parties, explain the law behind it and leave the subsequent employment tribunal questions. He will also provide an insight as to how to avoid these possible pitfalls in your own workplace.

Jack Boyle will look at the 'catch-all' reason for dismissal – "some other substantial reason". SOSR can be a useful option for employers where a tricky employee's situation does not fit squarely into the other potentially fair reasons for dismissal. Jack will aim to answer the question; What amounts to some other substantial reason for dismissal? This will involve an examination of the recent case law to give some practical examples of when to use SOSR as a reason for dismissal.

Should employers and HR professionals conduct such interviews? Simon Allison will discuss the dreaded exit interview and the associated pros and cons. If employers do choose to hold such meetings, Simon will give his guidelines as to how to conduct the perfect exit interview.

Sandy Meiklejohn will chair the question and answer session at the end.

To register a place at the free seminar, please e-mail scott.grant@blackadders.co.uk



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Tay Road Bridge
50th Anniversary

Tay Bridge Birthday Celebrations Planned

The Tay Road Bridge celebrates its 50th birthday in August with a number of special events planned to mark the occasion.

A day of celebration on 21 August is planned including vintage bus trips across the bridge and a festival in Slessor Gardens. An exhibition of bridge memorabilia will be held in the Central Library.

Plans will be finalised by the Tay Bridge Board in the coming weeks.



Witness for the Prosecution

Dundee Rep Ensemble presents **Witness for the Prosecution** by the Queen of Crime, **Agatha Christie** at Dundee Rep Theatre from **24 February until 19 March. Witness for the Prosecution** opens Dundee Rep's Spring season 2016.

This elegant production will be directed and designed by award-winning Kenny Miller who last directed Dundee Rep Ensemble in 2014 with his stunning and stylish version of Agatha Christie's ultimate "whodunit" *And Then There Were None*.

Set in the 1950s, this thrilling courtroom drama resolves the guilt or innocence of Mr Leonard Vole, the prime suspect who stands accused of murder. Mr Vole's story unravels and re-ravels during his trial when under oath his German bride denies his alibi. Suspense and intrigue will keep audience members on the edge of their seats as the drama unfolds in the Central Criminal Court at the Old Bailey.

Tickets are on sale from Dundee Rep Theatre box office on 01382 223530 or visit www.dundeerep.co.uk

Fund-Raisers

Clarks on Lindsay Street held a 70's charity evening over the festive period to raise money for Tayside Cancer Support. A cheque for £665 was presented by Scott Clark and Time Bandit band members to Craig McGeochie of Tayside Cancer Support.



The DD One team from Blackadders presented a cheque for £4250 to the breast screening unit at Ninewells. The trio – Simon Allison, Jack Boyle and Andrew Wallace raised the money by taking part in the Three Peaks Challenge.



In Brief

- A new toy store is set to open in Wellgate on 12 March. The Entertainer has signed a lease for a 3,300 square foot unit on the ground floor. The store will create nine new jobs in the City Centre.
- Dundee is to receive a share of funding to develop initiatives to promote use of low emission vehicles. The city will share £5 million with Oxford and York to improve and encourage the use of electric cars.
- Dundee is to be the home of a £10 million research centre for forensic science. The new centre will be established within Dundee University and led by Professor Sue Black.
- A new Korean restaurant called Haxton and Beattie is set to open in Dundee's Reform Street. Serving barbecued meats cooked sous vide, the 80 cover restaurant is expected to open at the end of February.
- Verdant Works will host Dundee and Angus Tourism conference on 15 March. Delegates will discuss ways in which businesses can make the most of what the region has to offer.
- Scottish Dance Theatre's 30th birthday year begins with a double-bill on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th Feb at Dundee Rep. The show will feature the World premiere of Process Day from renowned dance collaborators Sharon Eyal and Gai Behar.
- Orchar Fine Art gallery has opened in Commercial Street. The gallery, run by Laura McLean, features quality contemporary art
- KitschnTake fresh food take-away has opened in Union Street. The business is an extension of Mary-Jane Duncan's successful KitschnBake brand.
- Xplore Dundee became a living wage employer in January with around 20 of the firm's employees benefiting from the wage increase.
- South Tay Superstore in South Tay Street is set to change its name to Beer Kitchen and carry branding from Edinburgh craft beer manufacturer Innes & Gunn.
- Drama therapists from Dundee Rep will visit Castle Huntly prison in a bid to prevent some of the prisoners from re-offending. The theatre has secured funding for a three-year project to ready prisoners for life in the community. Drama therapy has been used in prisons before and has proven to be very effective. This is the first time Dundee Rep has been involved in a project of this kind.
- Insurance Broker PIB is set to open in Dundee. James Geekie, former regional director for Willis GB Ltd, will head up the Dundee branch.



What's On

A snap-shot of some of the events on in Dundee over the coming months. For the full list please visit: www.dundee.com

February

- 10th Friends of the Caird Hall Organ Primary Schools Concert, Caird Hall
- 11th Mum's the Word Show, Caird Hall
- 11th Paul Pirie: Live Music at Clarks on Lindsay Street
- 12th Runrig Concert, Caird Hall
- 14th Sunday Song Club with Wire & Wool and SSC with Roberto Cassani & the Tickety Two, Clarks on Lindsay Street.
- 18th Martin Stephenson: Live Music at Clarks on Lindsay Street
- 20th World Music Concert – Max Pashm, Caird Hall
- 20th Farmers' Market, City Square
- 21st Dance Competition, Caird Hall
- 23rd DD One Monthly Meeting – Malmaison – 6pm
- 24th Dundee Sports Awards Presentation Dinner, Caird Hall
- 25th Royal Scottish National Orchestra Concert, Caird Hall
- 25th Mo Evans and Stephanie Fraser; Live music at Clarks on Lindsay Street
- 27th Rumours of Fleetwood Mac Concert, Caird Hall

March

- 3rd Dundee Schools Dance Show, Caird Hall
- 3rd Hard Rain: Live Music at Clarks on Lindsay Street
- 3rd Business Export Roadshow, City Square
- 4th Anton & Erin – Just Gotta Dance Show, Caird Hall
- 5th Simply the Best Concert, Caird Hall
- 6th The Jazz Lunch, Clarks on Lindsay Street, 3pm – 5pm.
- 8th Dundee Chamber Music Piano Recital, Caird Hall
- 11th Scottish Ensemble Concert, Caird Hall
- 12th Blazin' Fiddles Concert, Caird Hall
- 13th Carmen – Opera, Caird Hall
- 15/16th Rock Challenge Heats, Caird Hall
- 19th Farmers' Market, City Square
- 19th Dundee University Orchestra & Choirs Concert, Caird Hall
- 20th Dundee Choral Union Spring Concert, Caird Hall
- 22nd High School of Dundee Concert, Caird Hall
- 23rd/24th Dundee Schools Concert, Caird Hall
- 24th James Grant, Live Music at Clarks on Lindsay Street
- 26th Dundee Symphony Orchestra Concert, Caird Hall
- 29th DD One Monthly Meeting

About DD One

DD One is a private sector-led partnership group whose agreed objective is to encourage representatives of both the private and public sectors to act together to develop the economic potential of Dundee City Centre. City Centre businesses wishing to get involved please contact:

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