

QDCC Communications Report - Apr 2019

The [QDCC Facebook page](#) remains the most popular public interaction media supporting our website with almost 2,900 followers.

The [Visit Queensferry Facebook page](#) continues to grow in popularity with 780 followers..

Lots of events happening in and around Queensferry this year, listed in the events tab on the [What's on in South Queensferry Facebook page](#). Please encourage any organisers to add their events to this now 'go to' list. The Port Edgar Open Weekend and Street Food Festival on 11th-12th May is likely to be extremely popular after last year's success.

Social media

The Inchcolm Inn appears to be at a bit of an impasse at present. It was originally stated as a refurbishment and re-opening under new management but no further info or apparent action.

Fire reported on Dalmeny Estate and vandalism to the Maid of The Forth signs at Hawes Pier on evening of Sat 20th April.

Many differing views expressed on the Scotstoun Ave traffic calming consultation.

Train cancellations at Dalmeny still very much an issue and has sadly now become normalised.

Recent traffic problems around the QC, particularly the QC roundabout, have raised the same questions as previously, with many public opinions of solutions being brandished around.

Youth Engagement

Isla continues to engage with QCHS and has completed interviews for the CEC paid part time post for a **Sports Development Worker** to coordinate between schools, youths and local facility organisers to highlight, promote and engage all three. A decision between the final two candidates was being taken last week, yet to be announced.

CAP (Community Alcohol Partnership) meeting held on 4th April in Rosebery Hall, David has issued some notes separately. The police alcohol awareness public events held at the two Scotmid stores on the previous Saturday were well engaged.

QCHS are also driving an '**Including Everyone Community Event**'. Scheduled for June, it aims to highlight awareness of some challenges facing today's youth. Subjects covered in workshops include –

- Raising Awareness of Mental Health
- Relationships for Life and Learning
- Understanding Autism
- Supporting Our LGBTI+ Community
- Post School Pathways and Destination

It is intended to openly invite the community to an evening (from 5pm) at the High School which will involve a menu of simultaneously rolling workshops (approx 40 mins each) on the above headers.

Cruise Liners Update

The bollards and dropped kerbs for the liner coach space reduction as the day progresses have been installed. It is our understanding that the decision on which point of the day the additional car park space will be released to the public is to be decided between the CEC PFSO and the excursion operators on each morning of the liner arrival. This system is not what we requested and leaves many issues unaddressed but is the most that CEC were willing to concede for this year after our strong complaint of proposed inaction for this year.

The High St refurb proposals incorporate a redesign of the promenade area, more in line with our requests. We will monitor how the interim system works as the liner season progresses from 10th May and continue to push for the long term solution.

CruiseForth will be holding a volunteers' briefing on 24th April which local businesses have been invited to attend. This is an ideal opportunity to promote Queensferry to the volunteers who in turn will pass to the visitors.

QBA are producing a new local map and Lothian Buses are incorporating slides of Queensferry on the X99 buses.

Also happening on 24th April will be the launch of the long awaited (and postponed from last December) **Forth Bridges Area Tourism Strategy**, to be launched by cabinet secretary, Fiona Hyslop MSP. In theory this should provide a framework to base funding applications on.

Other business

Lesley Gould has started a pop up Play Cafe in Dalmeny Church Hall on Thursday afternoons 12-3pm from April. Once a month to begin, hopefully growing from there. Lesley is looking for volunteers to help out, preferably school pupils in the high years looking for work experience in that field. Great opportunity for anyone, as she has a wealth of relevant knowledge and experience as well as willingness and desire to coach. Please let me know if you have anyone in mind.

G.McKinley, 22nd Apr 2019