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The Lord Provost is the President of Edinburgh's charitable OneCity Trust.

The Trust has tackled poverty projects in Edinburgh for the last 10 years with the aim of promoting social inclusion and a sense of community throughout the capital. As part of the OneCity Trust, Donald Wilson started the Lord Provost's Rapid Action Fund which supports smaller community group projects that require urgent help through grants. Find out more and give what you can at uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/OneCityTrust

About Lauriston Castle

Step inside Lauriston Castle and you see it as it was in 1926 when it was handed over to the City of Edinburgh Council to be used for the benefit of the people of Scotland. The castles and the collections inside are one of Scotland's greatest gifts. The beautiful grounds were laid out by William Henry Playfair in the 1840s. The award-winning Japanese Friendship garden, gifted by the prefecture of Kyoto, is a tranquil place to contemplate. Lauriston Castle is one of the Council's fabulous museums and galleries, where we run a lively programme of adult and children's events throughout the year. Find out more on our website www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/Venues/Lauriston-Castle.



The Lord Provost of Edinburgh Community Garden Party

31 July 2015



Welcome

Thank you for joining me for the Lord Provost's Community Garden Party 2015.



Today is an opportunity to recognise the many unsung heroes who do so much for our great Scottish capital and provides me with an opportunity to thank them personally on behalf of the city.

Following the success of the first Garden Party in 2013, I am delighted to be back in the picturesque grounds of Lauriston Castle. A beautiful 20th century venue, the Castle has been carefully preserved and opened to the public as a museum and green space since coming into the Council's safekeeping almost a century ago. I hope you enjoy your visit and return again soon.

As Edinburgh's Volunteering Champion, I feel passionately that those who make a special contribution to civic life through volunteering, charity, and community work deserve local recognition for their efforts.

I look forward to presenting a number of special awards throughout the day to acknowledge the commitment of some of these special citizens and I hope everybody here today has a fantastic time celebrating Edinburgh's communities and residents.

Donald Wilson

Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh

Programme

- 3.00 pm Scottish Chamber Orchestra String Trio
- 3.30 pm Davidson's Mains and District Pipe Band
- 3.40pm Welcome from The Lord Provost
- 3.45 pm Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service
- LifeCare (Edinburgh) Ltd who support the independence and wellbeing of older people in the community
- Duddingston Kirk Lunch Club who provide a vital 'lunch club' service for elderly and frail people in East Edinburgh
- 4.00 pm Big Project Choir
- 4.25 pm SCO VIBE
- 4.50 pm Aw Blacks – Sing in the City Choir
- Closing High Constables Pipe Band
- Throughout the day, staff from Lauriston Castle will offer mini guided tours and the Edinburgh Croquet Club will provide lessons on the lawn.