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Show your love for Scotland this week

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A giant egg-like pod will appear at Newhailles in Edinburgh this week (23rd – 27th May) as the National Trust for Scotland invites locals to tell the nation what they love about Scotland.

The futuristic-looking pod is taking to the road as part of the charity's *For the Love of Scotland* campaign, which launched in April with a film featuring some of Scotland's best loved celebrities - from Gerard Butler and Brian Cox to Judy Murray and Evelyn Glennie - describing what they love about Scotland.

Visitors throughout the week will be invited to enter the specially-made pod to view the film and then record their own thoughts about what makes Scotland such a special place.

Almost two and half meters tall, the pod can seat five people at a time and contains a tablet computer which shows the film and records responses - the best contributions might make it on to the Trust's website. It also gives people the opportunity to take a unique National Trust for Scotland selfie.

Mark Bishop, Director of Customer and Cause at the National Trust for Scotland said: "We're excited to get the people of Edinburgh involved in our *For the Love of Scotland* campaign and hear what they love about Scotland.

"The Trust protects some of Edinburgh's most beautiful built and natural treasures so we hope to hear a few familiar names cropping up, like the House of the Binns, the Georgian House, Malleny Gardens and, of course, Newhailles.

"Our members, donors, volunteers, visitors and staff help protect these special places for everyone to enjoy and our new campaign will help us shout louder about the important role we play in caring for Scotland now and forever. We're about coastlines and castles, art and architecture, wildlife and wilderness. We're here to protect our natural and national treasures for everyone to enjoy."

No booking is needed to enter the pod during its stay at Newhailles and everyone taking part will be given an extra-special National Trust for Scotland memento. After visiting Edinburgh, the pod will continue on its travels around Scotland appearing at venues and events throughout the summer.

To find out more about the pod and the campaign, please visit: www.nts.org.uk/love

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