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Edinburgh New Year Celebrations

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USPA NEWS - A spectacular sea of light illuminates the winter night, to mark the opening of Edinburgh's New Year celebrations, this year culminating in #ScotWord.

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The opening event of Edinburgh's Hogmanay 2017 is the spectacular Torchlight Procession. A total sellout each year, last year's event welcomed over 35,000 people to this world-renowned family event. Edinburgh, Scotland's capital, is one of the best places in the world to celebrate the New Year. Thousands of people take to the city's streets, parks and pubs to celebrate Hogmanay every December.

Thousands of torch carriers illuminated Edinburgh in a procession that passed through the city centre, culminating in a spectacular fireworks display on Calton Hill, led by Shetland's Up Helly Aa Vikings and the massed pipes and drums. The three day Edinburgh's Hogmanay Festival, Under this year's new organisers Underbelly, the festival kicked off with the hugely popular Torchlight Procession. The 35,000 something participants and 8,000 torchbearers in the procession wind their way through the from three points in Edinburgh's Old Town - North Bridge, South Bridge, as well as outside St Giles Cathedral to the finale at the The Royal Palace of Holyrood passing through Scottish Parliament where they are all led to additional entertainment. This year access to the Queens Park was exclusively available for torchbearers and their accompanying friends and family.

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