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Hello and welcome to your weekly Westside World news digest. Each Friday, Westside BID brings you the top stories from in and around Broad Street, Brindleyplace, Five Ways, Centenary Square, Broadway Plaza and surrounding areas...



Details of the protests taking place next to Westside over next few days

A number of protests are taking place in Birmingham city centre over the next few days, so we've collated the details to keep Westside BID members aware.

Although none of the protests are actually planned to be in the Westside BID area, they are in Victoria Square and nearby areas which are all regular routes for people walking and trams travelling up to Centenary Square. The first protest is scheduled for today, and has been promoted as a Birmingham Day of Action for the Extinction Rebellion and Just Stop Oil groups.

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## Kings of Leon set to rock Westside

Award-winning American rock band Kings of Leon have chosen Westside to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of their stellar music career.

The band is embarking on a 2024 world tour which includes several dates across the UK and Ireland in June and July, among them a gig at the Utilita Arena Birmingham on 22 June.





Raise a glass to pubs reopening

Two Westside pubs have reopened this week after benefiting from a near £1 million cash injection from Britain's biggest pub company.

The Slug & Lettuce on Brindleyplace reopened today after Stonegate invested £650,000 in refitting its modern premises facing the nearby Waters Edge bandstand, and The Brasshouse on Broad Street reopened yesterday after the company paid £304,000 to refurbish the Grade II-listed venue, which dates back to 1781.



International Women's Day on Westside 300 T.J.V

## **Class for International Women's Day**

Westside BID has organised a special 'female empowerment class' to celebrate International Women's Day next Friday (8 March).

The online class will be delivered by wellbeing specialist Harriette Luscombe, of Coaches For Change.





## Tram extension works announced

Thousands of extra visitors are set to come to Westside on the region's Metro tram network – but only after substantial new works are completed.

This means the trams are to stop running along Broad Street for three weeks across the Easter holidays thanks to work to build a junction for a major extension in the Black Country.



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