

Five things you need to know today



Rubbish – Barnardo’s – Oxjam – Liz Lochhead at the Central Library – Swingers

Some readers are still reporting problems with uncollected rubbish. If that is you then please get in touch by email with your postcode or address and the council’s Environment Convenor, Lesley Hinds, has promised to get someone round to pick it up. Refuse collectors are now working 7 days per week to deal with any lingering problems. theedinburghreporter@gmail.com or use our Contact Us page

One of our readers who tweeted to us this morning, albeit as a last resort, has had the problem rubbish outside his house dealt with today. But, the Environment Convener is aware that there have been problems across the city with people simply depositing their rubbish next to bins which are already overflowing, only adding to the problems.

Barnardo’s Scotland is pleased to announce that tickets for the MGA Academy show ‘A Christmas Wish’ on Saturday, 15 December, are now on sale from the Usher Hall box office, with proceeds from the show going towards helping the most vulnerable children in Scotland.

This event, billed as, ‘an evening extravaganza of song, dance and festive cheer’ is a magical winter spectacle which involves over 200 young people taking to the stage and warming your hearts with a selection of Christmas themed performances from an immensely talented cast.

A Christmas Wish has been produced in aid of children's charity Barnardo's Scotland.

The MGA Academy and performers look forward to welcoming you to this sparkling night of entertainment in the knowledge that you are supporting the vulnerable children and young people who need it the most, especially at this time of year.

Make a ticket to this show one of your Christmas Wishes...

Tickets priced at £15 (Concessions £12.50) are on sale now from the Usher Hall Box Office 0131 228 1155 or via the Usher Hall website www.usherhall.co.uk/whats-on/family/2921/5622/a-christmas-wish.html

Oxjam takes place on 20 October in Edinburgh. Full line up is [on their Facebook page](#) but the venues are the Oxfam music shop in Stockbridge, Three Sisters and Cabaret Voltaire with an after party at HMV Picture House. Get your tickets now!

Scotland's Makar, Liz Lochhead will be appearing at the Central Library on 15 November 2012 in a free event . The Edinburgh libraries blog Tales of One City explains:-

"We're thrilled that she'll be joining us for a special 'Edinburgh Reads' event on Thursday 15th November where she'll be discussing her latest collection '[A choosing](#)' and

*discussing some of her favourite poems with Robyn Marsack,
Director of the Scottish Poetry Library.*

*[Book online](#) to reserve your place at what is sure to be a
memorable evening."*

And in today's [Daily Record](#) it is reported that the Carlton Highland Hotel has cancelled a party which they discovered would be for swingers. The hotel was fearful for its reputation.