

Edinburgh's Christmas – Light Night this afternoon!



Edinburgh's Christmas Light Night today in George Street, Edinburgh between 2.30 – 5.00pm

Official opening ceremony of Edinburgh Christmas

It will be all-singing, all-dancing extravaganza not to be missed, hosted by one of Edinburgh's most familiar voices, Arlene Stuart from Forth Radio. This year we are delighted to announce that we have a VERY special guest turning on the Christmas lights: none other than six-time Olympic champion cyclist, **Sir Chris Hoy**, who will be joined on stage by local girl, Amy McBeath from the Edinburgh charity **Cash for Kids**, whose fantastic work Light Night is very proud to support. And at the same time there are lots of other attractions now open in the city centre including the Star Flyer the premier attraction in St Andrew Square – watch our video below.....

Sir Chris Hoy, " I'm really looking forward to being involved in Edinburgh's Christmas ceremony – to be asked to switch on the lights in your home town is a massive honour and I cant wait".

With 12 stages set along the length of George Street, this event is for the community and by the community. There are 63 school, community and other local groups expected to perform with an estimated total of 1,300 performers, each performing an act, a dance, a song or a piece of music to celebrate one

of the 12 Days of Christmas. This will be one of the largest and most ambitious events ever staged on George Street. With groups showcasing a range of skills from hula hooping to swing dancing, bag-piping to African drumming, Gaelic singing to acting, Edinburgh's community can expect a fantastic array of performances which encapsulate the true spirit of Christmas and celebration.

Sir Chris Hoy will take to the Gold Stage outside the Assembly Rooms at approx 16.45 and there will be fireworks at 16.50.

And of course you can enjoy all the fun of the fair in St Andrew Square all afternoon.... the Star Flyer has already started flying today!

