Waverley to have a new market

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Remember when Waverley Market housed the Ideal Home Exhibition? How many things did your Mum take home and put in a cupboard never to be used again?

Now Edinburgh's Waverley station is set to host a market under its famous glass canopy for the first time in over 40 years, with local social enterprises and passengers set to become the primary beneficiaries.

The new venture, run by LocalMotive Markets, will operate every Friday from 2 May. The market, which will operate from 11am to 7pm, will include a range of arts and crafts and food stalls.

Juliet Donnachie, Network Rail Station Manager for Waverley said:-"We're thrilled to be able to announce this innovative new venture in partnership with LocalMotive Markets. Recent improvements within the station have left us with a fantastic vacant space to the east side of the station which we're pleased to be able to use for this purpose.

"The market will feature unique crafts from local designers, ethically-sourced gifts, Scottish produce and hot food, as well as a rotating programme of fairs including a monthly social enterprise day, art fair and vintage clothing events".

LocalMotive Markets is run by Vicky MacDonald of Edinburgh Markets and Tania Pramschufer of Hand Up Media and aims to provide a hub for social enterprises and other local and ethical businesses to sell their products to both visitors to the city and local people who live and work in the area.

Ms MacDonald said:-"We want the market to showcase the amazing products and services that local businesses with a conscience

have to offer. Over 22 million people use Waverley train station every year and we want to give them an alternative shopping experience that brings all the variety, passion and creativity of the local entrepreneurial spirit under one roof".

LocalMotive is continuing to recruit new traders and exhibitors for the market.

Ms Pramschufer said:- "We are still looking for interested stall holders to come forward. We're particularly interested in hearing from traders offering quality food or arts and crafts. There's even room for a massage therapist and we're open to interesting ideas.

"Preference will be given to social enterprises but we are open to all businesses with an ethical or local product. Our rates make it accessible for everyone as we have different prices ranging from £30 to £60 a day depending on size of pitch so a stall could be a small table, a medium gazebo or a large gazebo."

To contact LocalMotive Markets, visit <u>www.localmotivemarkets.co.uk</u>