Get your Halloween pumpkin from Apeeling fruit bouquets

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So it's Halloween on Friday and you need the perfect pumpkin for your window at home or to display in your shop. We have the answer!

Allison Thornton at <u>Apeeling fruit bouquets</u> will carve your pumpkin for you. Sometimes she can even deliver it to your home or business!

When she gave up her job as a PA Allison set up her <u>business</u> customising fruit bouquets for weddings, events or gifts to give to your friends.

These mouth-watering bouquets can include anything from the normal chocolate strawberry to the bride to be bouquet with juicy pineapple hearts and strawberries dressed to look like a cute bride and groom.

But the enterprising Allison also runs carving classes from as little as £20 per person to teach you how to do the carving of fruit and vegetables for your next dinner party!

Contact Allison through <u>Facebook</u>, her <u>website</u> or telephone 07887 389 992

Here she shows you how easy it is to create a Tinkerbell pumpkin! (First buy the right kind of pumpkin. All supermarkets have carving pumpkins — and you need sharp knives.)

<u>Buy your pumpkin for Halloween here</u> from <u>Phyllis Stephen</u> on <u>Vimeo</u>.

Apeeling fruit bouquets is in the Top 100 as chosen by Small Business Saturday which takes place on 6 December 2014 across the UK.

The countdown to this year's <u>Small</u> <u>Business Saturday</u> event when small, independent businesses in communities across the country will be in the national spotlight -began in Scotland with a launch earlier this month in the City Chambers.

You can see Allison here on the left of the photograph:

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Councillor Frank Ross, Economy Convener for the City of Edinburgh Council, said he was delighted to see the return of Small Business Saturday following last year's successful launch. He said: "The pre-Christmas period is an important time for many retailers and events like this help stimulate interest and sales for independent traders.

"I would encourage everyone to support their local shops and other businesses every Saturday but especially on Small Business Saturday 6 December as vibrant town centres are crucial to the success of Edinburgh's economy. "The Capital is home to a diverse and prolific range of independent retailers and other small enterprises across our town centres and beyond. Around 200,000 people live within 1km catchment of our town centres and over 25,000 people are employed within their immediate area which is why we're committed to continuing with our Building Stronger Town Centres programme."

□Also speaking at the Edinburgh launch was Mark Roper, Head of Merchant Services UK at American Express, which originated the Small Business Saturday concept in the USA in 2010 and which remains a prominent supporter of Small Business Saturday in the UK. He said:

"American Express recognises the huge contribution small

businesses make to the UK economy. As the founder of Small Business Saturday in the USA four years ago, we are delighted to be actively supporting the campaign in the UK. We look forward to working alongside other supporters to champion independent businesses and encourage everyone to get involved and support small businesses up and down the country."

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