

# Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



**Planning application for student housing**

**24 Doors of Advent**

**Art on sale to raise funds for Sick Kids**

**Talking about The Smith Commission**

**#GivingTuesday**

An application has been made for planning permission for a student housing development at Meadow Lane which will involve the demolition of a garage.

The Cockburn Association highlighted this on Facebook, but some of the commenters are very dismissive of the proposal, saying that the council will not listen anyway.

[Post](#) by [Cockburn Association](#).

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[Edinburgh's Christmas 24 Doors of Advent](#) begins today.

This real-life advent calendar lets you open a door a day throughout December.

Each day from 1 – 24 December, a building around Edinburgh that's usually closed to the public will open its doors.

This project is run in collaboration with the Cockburn Association. Schedule of doors is listed below:

*1 December: The Writers' Museum*  
*2 December: Lady Haig's Poppy Factory*  
*3 December: Edinburghs Christmas – Stained Glasss Window Project*  
*4 December: St John's Scottish Episcopal Church,*  
*5 December: 31 Heriot Row,*  
*6 December: Talbot Rice Gallery,*  
*7 December: Victorian School Room*  
*8 December: Tour by Scottish Tour Guide Association*  
*9 December: Old City Observatory Grounds*  
*10 December: Assembly Hall*  
*11 December: Riddle's Court*  
*12 December: Gilmerton Cove*  
*13 December: Mansfield Traquair*  
*14 December: Edinburgh Gin*  
*15 December: Assembly Rooms*  
*16 December: Gogar Cabinet Works*  
*17 December: Traverse Theatre*  
*18 December: Barney's Brewery*  
*19 December: New Register House Dome Room*  
*20 December: Gladstone Land*  
*21 December: Dovecot Studios*  
*22 December: City Chambers*  
*23 December: St Giles' Cathedral*  
*24 December: Dalmeny Kirk*

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A collection of original, professional art works are to be sold online for a limited time to help raise funds to support the work of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children (RHSC) in Edinburgh.

Commissioned exclusively for the Sick Kids Friends Foundation (SKFF), 122 unique pieces of art were displayed at the

charity's prestigious Postcards 2014: Small Pictures for Big Projects art exhibition last month

From today a limited number of remaining pieces will be available to purchase online for just £300. The art has been generously donated by more than 70 distinguished artists and painters from across Scotland and beyond.

Each postcard sized masterpiece is displayed anonymously, with the identity of the artist only revealed upon purchase.

Truly unique pieces from prominent contributors including John Busby, Helga Chart and Donald Provan have been donated. The sale will open online at [www.edinburghsickkids.org/events](http://www.edinburghsickkids.org/events) from today until Tuesday, 16 December.

To date, this year's exhibition has raised more than £42,000, which will be used to help the SKFF provide art, music and drama therapy programmes at the RHSC in Edinburgh.

Harnessing the inspiration and strength that art can bring to children and their families, the SKFF's Artists in Residence programme is now a comfort to thousands of patients and will be transferred to the new children's hospital due to open in 2017.

Maureen Harrison, chief executive of SKFF, said: "Our online art exhibition presents art lovers and Sick Kids supporters with a final opportunity to own one of the beautiful pieces commissioned especially for our biennial art event.

"We are truly grateful to the distinguished artists who have donated their work so generously, as well as to all of our supporters who attended this year's exhibition, helping us to raise more than £42,000 to date.

"Whether you know your Peter Bourne from Alfons Jasinski or just appreciate a beautiful piece of art, we still have a number of exciting pieces up for sale which are sure to

brighten up your home and help us provide a wide range of extra comforts for sick children and their families.”

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[Holyrood Magazine](#) is holding a new Briefing series which will be hosted at the National Library of Scotland.

Lord Smith delivered his report outlining new borrowing, welfare and tax powers for Scotland last week. The first briefing, [The Future of Tax](#), will bring together a panel of experts to dissect what the Smith Commission’s report means, and what will happen next.

### Briefing information

When?

Tuesday 9 December, 09:00 – 10.30 am

Where?

National Library of Scotland  
George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EW

Who?

- Chair: Ian Fraser, *Financial Journalist and author of ‘Shredded: Inside RBS, The Bank That Broke Britain’*
  - Michael Fry, *Founder of Wealthy Nation*
  - Elspeth Orcharton, *ICAS Director of Taxation*
  - Professor David Bell, *University of Stirling*
- Ben Thomson, *Chairman, Reform Scotland and Chairman, Campaign for Scottish Home Rule*

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We know it’s tomorrow but you have to get ready for #GivingTuesday. And Gorgie City Farm are throwing down a challenge to you that you might have to think about!

