

# Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



## Closure of Duncan Place Resource Centre

## Today at Edinburgh's Christmas

## North Edinburgh Grows

## Day of Action against NHS in TTIP in Edinburgh

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It will simply take too much money to fix the roof and the wet and dry rot discovered earlier this year at Duncan Place Resource Centre in Leith and it is to be closed and demolished immediately. This was discussed last week at the council's Education committee meeting when councillors were told that the building would cost more than any other owned by the council to put in order. A decision was made as to its fate and that will now be ratified by the Governance, Risk and Best Value [committee](#) which meets this morning.

The cost of demolition will not mean any increase in the council's capital spending as they will use money set aside for providing a lift in the building for that.

This decision was made despite concerns and depositions from the management committee of the centre and the Parent Council of Leith Primary School. The implications on the Primary School are that a temporary Portakabin will have to be installed there to allow nursery places to be provided, but further work will have to be done on finding long term solutions on providing nursery, gym and community

accommodation. One option suggested was to stop up St Andrew Place and allow that street to be used by the school as a PE area and for outdoor play.

The building was erected in the 1920s as a technical block and was used in the past by Leith Academy. The building was converted to use as a community centre about 30 years ago.

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Briefs is the new show at the Spiegel tent in St Andrew Square which begins tonight.

This is not for the coy among you. Edinburgh's Christmas describe it as : "An all male, sharp shooting cabaret of burlesque with balls, high flying circus bandits and savage gender offenders! Described as an Aussie Cirque du Soleil meets Ru Paul's Drag Race, get ready for a madcap safari through extravagant birdbath boylesque, too-close-for-comfort yo-yo tricks, valiant aerial acrobatics, irreverent interludes, ferocious fanfares and show-stopping drag artistes."

Booking details [here](#).

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The area that used to be West Pilton Farm is now used for North Edinburgh Grows, an award winning project.

There are four separate allotments there where people grow vegetables in raised beds.

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There is to be a demo today at the UK office of the European Parliament. Why?

The group who are organising the protest there say: "The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership will mean the irreversible privatisation of public services including the NHS. Demand that our NHS is protected from this deal. Tory MEP Ian Duncan should stand up for the NHS against this corporate power grab. We need to make sure he does."

If you feel like supporting them then they aim to be outside the office about 12.30/12.45.

If you don't think you know enough about TTIP then there is some information [here](#)..[here](#) and [here](#)...

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