

# Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



NSPCC get out their Christmas message

New competition for you

Annual newsletter from Marco Biagi MSP

Free rides at Edinburgh's Christmas today

Update from the Causey

[Post](#) by [NSPCC Scotland](#).

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We have just launched our newest competition for you to win a two night break at Scotland's premier glamping spot Harvest Moon Holidays.

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Marco Biagi is the SNP MSP for Edinburgh City Centre. He is also the newly appointed Minister for Local Government and Community Empowerment. This is his annual report.

[Annual Report e-mail version](#)

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Edinburgh's Christmas is allowing 450 people to get on their rides for free today provided that you pitch up at the ticket office with at least two non-perishable food items which will be donated to the Trussell Trust for one of their foodbanks.

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The Causey is the little triangle of concrete in the middle of a larger area between the buildings at East Crosscauseway. It is a place for which people have many dreams and hopes. Eventually things seem to be really taking shape after a few

years of hard work on the part of the Causey Development Trust (CDT). This is their update:

A design team from [Ironsides Farrar](#) has been appointed jointly by CDT and the City of Edinburgh Council. The role of the team is to develop a plan for The Causey based on the community's aspirations and ideas, with a final design expected in early 2015.

The design team, reporting back to CDT, has already done a large amount of background research on the various issues impinging on the design for The Causey, including understanding the needs of the churches and local businesses, the requirements for waste bins, recycling, bin lorry access, bus stops and parking. Foremost in the team's mind is how to accommodate all these with the needs of pedestrians and cyclists AND make The Causey a great place for people, which of course is the primary aim of the project.

### **Steering Group Meetings**

CDT's steering group meetings are open to all. The next one, at the Southside Community Centre, Nicolson Street, is at 7 pm on **Monday 26 January 2015**.



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