

# Five things you need to know today



**Solar Coop urges investors to get in before tax breaks removed**

**Cash for Kids Mission Christmas**

**Born to be Wide**

**Daniel Sloss appearing at The Brunton**

**Chris Hadfield**

When Edinburgh Community Solar Cooperative launched recently it did not realise how timely it was.

Since the launch the UK Government has announced it will withdraw the tax breaks from such schemes and so the Coop wants to ensure that anyone who wants to invest does so before the deadline of 30 November.

The innovative co-operative was launched in September and has already raised more than £100,000. The scheme aims to raise £1.4 million to install solar panels on 25 public buildings across the capital.

If fully subscribed, the scheme will offer a five per cent return to investors, plus RPI, and in common with many other community share offers the scheme qualifies for the UK Government's Enterprise Investment Scheme – delivering a potential return of around seven per cent, depending on an individual investor's circumstances.

[Read more here.](#)





The Roxburghe Hotel on Edinburgh's Charlotte Square will this year play its part in Cash for Kids Mission Christmas – as a local toy drop-off point.

And today (Monday, 26 October) Radio Forth presenter, Mark Martin, paid a visit to the hotel to deliver its Mission Christmas donation box and meet the team.

As part of Cash for Kids Mission Christmas, locals are being asked to buy one extra gift to be given to a disadvantaged child or young person on Christmas morning.

Marcello Ventisei, general manager of The Roxburghe Hotel, said: "We're delighted to play our part for such a great cause. It's such a simple but effective way of making sure that children and young people living in more difficult circumstances still wake up to a gift on Christmas day. We would encourage anyone passing the hotel, staying with us or attending our Christmas party nights to donate a gift no matter how small."

New, unwrapped gifts suitable for those aged 0 to 18 can be dropped off at The Roxburghe Hotel's reception from anytime between now and 14 December.

Any other local businesses who wish to sign up as Cash for Kids Mission Christmas drop-off points have until 23 November to do so. Contact [emma.kemp@radioforth.com](mailto:emma.kemp@radioforth.com) for further information.



**HONEYBLOOD FRONT WOMAN AND EDINBURGH UNESCO CITY OF LITERATURE TRUST TO JOIN 'CREATING THE PERFECT MUSIC CITY' PANEL**



Honeyblood's Stina Tweeddale and Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature Trust director, Ali Bowden, are set to join next week's Born To Be Wide discussion 'creating the perfect music city.' They will join Newcastle University's Adam Behr and Unique Events founder Pete Irvine for the evening at the Electric Circus on Thursday 5 November.

With a focus on the capital, it will explore ideas about how to build and nurture artistic and business talent and will draw on Behr's recent study of Edinburgh's live scene, which found that the sector contributed £40m to the



city's economy.

"Stina and Ali will bring valuable perspectives and make a great contribution to the discussion," says Born To Be Wide founder Olaf Furniss, adding that through playing in hundreds of locations around the world, Tweeddale is well-placed to give examples of successful models.

In addition, Bowden brings a unique insight into what factors have enabled another creative genre to thrive and how challenges faced by the literary community, were overcome. The panel will be preceded by an interview with Pete Irvine, who prior to establishing Unique Events, co-founded Regular Music

in the mid-seventies, bringing some of the world's largest acts to Scotland.

Following the discussion, speakers will be invited to DJ and socialise with the audience.

### **Born To Be Wide – Creating the Perfect Music City**

Thursday 5 November 2015

The Electric Circus

36-39 Market Street

Edinburgh, EH1 1DF

Admission £5.50 / £4 [Musicians' Union members]

Tickets available from [www.borntobewide.co.uk](http://www.borntobewide.co.uk)



✖ 24 year old Scottish comedian Daniel Sloss started writing and performing stand-up aged 16 and has sold out each of his 8 Edinburgh Fringe seasons to date and now he is coming to the Brunton Theatre in Musselburgh in November.

Daniel's TV appearances include 2015's *John Bishop Show*, *Sunday Night at the Palladium*, *Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow*, *Russell Howard's Good News*, *Conan* (4 guests appearances in one year- the first stand-up ever to achieve this), *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson*, *Paul O'Grady Show* (Daniel's TV debut aged 18), as well as many more. In addition he has had his own BBC3 show *The Adventures Of Daniel*, has given a *Tedx Talk* and released his debut stand-up DVD *Daniel Sloss: Live!* on 2Entertain.


[Tickets here.](#)



The 21<sup>st</sup> Century's most famous astronaut, Colonel Chris Hadfield, returns to the UK in January for a short tour. 'An Evening with Colonel Chris Hadfield' is a unique 90 minute presentation by the Canadian pioneer reflecting on his 35 year history as a military pilot and astronaut.

An evening with Chris Hadfield will open your eyes to dream the impossible. Together with rarely seen videos from Chris Hadfield's personal collection audiences in Oxford, Birmingham, Edinburgh and Dublin will be mesmerised by the beauty of our planet from a perspective usually only given to the very privileged few.

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