

Five things you need to know today



- **New school dining halls and gyms planned**
- **Creative Circles**
- **PhD in an hour**
- **Another Christmas advert**
- **Bellany at Holyrood**

Images have been revealed for the new accommodation being built by the City of Edinburgh Council to cater for increased free primary school meal provision.

Planning applications have now been submitted for the accommodation at four schools across the capital – Cramond, East Craigs, Towerbank and Sciennes.

The new buildings and extensions are needed so the Council can meet Scottish Government requirements to provide free school meals for all P1 to P3s.

[Read more here](#)



Creative Circles is a casual monthly meetup for creatives, techies & maker folk, pop along for a cuppa, share ideas and advice, make new connections and find your next collaborator. Drop-in anytime between 8.30 – 10.30am. Sponsored by the wonderful FreeAgent, so coffees and treats now free!

Takes place on the first Tuesday of the month / 8.30-10.30am at Codebase, Argyle House, 3 Lady Lawson Street, EH3 9DS

You may register interest [here](#) but this is a drop-in event.



PhD in an Hour is back at 6:00pm on 2 December 2015 at the Royal Dick Bar at Summerhall!

One PhD student, one fascinating topic, one venue, one hour. Enjoy a cup tea while a PhD student shares his/her interesting findings and ground-breaking ideas. With students from a wide range of subjects, there will be something to tempt everyone's intellectual appetite. Make a PhD a piece of cake.

[Tickets here](#)



This Christmas advert is from Waitrose, the John Lewis spin-off which has stores in Stockbridge and Morningside but appears to have ditched plans for any new store in Corstorphine.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AIjj02uxkCM>



Some of the final works by renowned Scottish artist John Bellany will go on public display, in January 2016, for the first time as the Scottish Parliament holds an exhibition exploring the role of the Scottish Women's Hospitals.


John Bellany and the Scottish Women's Hospitals will feature several previously unseen pieces of Bellany's work in an exhibition that looks at the impact of the hospitals and their role across Europe in the First World War.

The artworks were inspired by the work of Dr Elsie Inglis and more than 1,500 women who served in the Scottish Women's Hospitals which were active in countries including France,

Serbia and Russia. The paintings and drawings explore the subject of war, field hospitals, nursing and the experiences of the injured soldiers.

The exhibition will also feature a specially commissioned poem by Scotland's Makar, Liz Lochhead, who was inspired by Bellany's works. Archive photographs, film and objects on loan from public and private collections tell the wider story of the hospitals.



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