

Going for Gold Fundraiser for Eric Liddell Centre

The Eric Liddell Centre are organising a Going for Gold Fundraising Gala on Tuesday 5 December 2017 at The Sheraton Grand.



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This will be the inaugural fundraising gala for the Eric Liddell Centre, a registered Edinburgh care charity that specialises in care for the elderly and dementia services with the aim of support people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible.

Scottish Rugby's points-record holder Chris Paterson MBE and award-winning author Alexander McCall Smith CBE are special guest speakers. Comedian and columnist Susan Morrison will be compère, St Mary's Music School will provide evening entertainment and a silent and online auction will help raise funds for the centre to increase its wide range of services for Edinburgh's community groups.

The full list of auction items can be found [here](#) and details of how to purchase tickets to the gala [here](#).



Alexander McCall Smith and Chris Paterson Launch Eric Liddell Medals Charity Dinner, Edinburgh, 30/10/2017:

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