

24 Doors of Advent gets you behind closed doors

A free event 24 Doors of Advent returns until 24 December as part of the Edinburgh's Christmas celebrations, allowing you to get behind the doors of a variety of Edinburgh venues and organisations.

There are many new doors this year including John Sinclair House, the Filmhouse and Lauriston Castle. Some tours have to be booked in advance at Edinburgh's Christmas [website](#).



Following 3 years of development, the iconic **McEwan Hall** – named after the founder of Edinburgh brewing firm William McEwan – opens its door to audiences keen to admire its spiral stairs and doomed roof built in Early Renaissance style.



St Cecilia's Hall

Also newly refurbished, **St Cecilia's Hall** originally opened in 1763 and is now the oldest purpose-built concert hall in Scotland. It is the only place in the world where audiences can enjoy eighteenth century music in an eighteenth century concert hall played on eighteenth century instruments! It contains one of the world's most important collections of historic musical instruments.

Football fans can peek behind the scenes of one of Scotland's most historic and iconic football clubs, **Heart of Midlothian**, and visit The Hearts Museum holding a collection of items from its foundation to the present day. Visitors are also encouraged to register for a Stadium Tour of Tynecastle Park.

Historic Environment Scotland's **John Sinclair House** at Bernard Terrace is the first door to open as part of 24 Doors of

Advent. It offers a day of great entertainment, including an exhibition of historic Edinburgh photographs and a talk with Steven McConnachie of Double Take Projections giving an insight into the creation of Edinburgh's Giant Advent Calendar which is also part of Edinburgh's Christmas.

Charlie Wood and Ed Bartlam, Directors of Edinburgh's Christmas said: "24 Doors of Advent is a wonderful way to explore many of Edinburgh's great venues and organisations. It is also an exciting opportunity for the 24 organisations to join in Edinburgh's Christmas celebrations offering up a unique and free experience. Don't forget to tell us @EdXmas all about your favourite Door."

Here is the list of dates you need to make your plans:

- 1 December – [Historic Environment Scotland, John Sinclair House](#)
- 2 December – [Dovecot Studios](#)
- 3 December – [The Victorian Schoolroom](#)
- 4 December – [Lady Haig Poppy Factory](#)
- 5 December – [McEwan Hall](#)
- 6 December – [Dance For All Studio](#)
- 7 December – [Heart of Midlothian, Tynecastle Park](#)
- 8 December – [Trinity House](#)
- 9 December – [Robert Burns Monument](#)
- 10 December – [Mansfield Traquair Centre](#)
- 11 December – [BT Murrayfield Stadium](#)
- 12 December – [Stills](#)
- 13 December – [Scottish Storytelling Centre](#)
- 14 December – [Georgian Antiques](#)
- 15 December – [Holyrood Park Education Centre](#)
- 16 December – [The Scottish Parliament](#)
- 17 December – [Edinburgh Printmakers](#)
- 18 December – [Edinburgh Festival Theatre](#)
- 19 December – [Lauriston Castle](#)
- 20 December – [St Cecilia's Hall and Music Museum](#)
- 21 December – [National Records of Scotland, HM General](#)

Register House

22 December – **Drumsheugh Baths Club**

23 December – **Filmhouse**

24 December – **Church of St John the Evangelist**