

Lynn's off to the Royal Wedding!

Well done Lynn!

Lynn Cleal has been the inspiration behind the St John and the City defibrillator project which aims to put the life-saving devices in as many locations around Edinburgh as possible. Now her hard work as the fundraiser for St John is being rewarded with an invitation to the Royal Wedding next month at Windsor Castle.



Fundraiser Lynn Cleal with the Rt Hon Lord Provost Frank Ross who is the Queen's representative in Edinburgh as Lord Lieutenant

Nominated by the Lord Lieutenant Frank Ross she will be one of 2,500 people from across the UK who get to attend the royal nuptials. She will also see the start of the carriage procession when it heads off from the castle.

Lynn has been an active supporter of St John Scotland since 2011, and has been Fundraising Chair of the St John Scotland Edinburgh and South East Committee since 2015.

Lynn was the recipient of Volunteer Edinburgh's Special Recognition 'Fundraising Volunteer' Award at 2017's Inspiring Volunteerering Achievement Awards. Originally from Aberdeen Lynn supports St John Scotland but is also owner of Edinburgh-based Newtyne Consultancy and Training, a business intelligence consultancy.

Already St John and the City have installed defibrillators on all 27 [trams](#) and most recently at the [Boardwalk Beach Club](#) down at Cramond. The charitable cause has been responsible for the defibrillator at Edinburgh Castle which saved a life the day after installation.

Frank Ross, said: "Along with other Lord Lieutenants from across the UK, I was asked to nominate inspirational local people to attend the Royal Wedding and I am delighted Lynn has been chosen to receive an invite.

"Lynn is very deserving of the nomination and I hope she has a fantastic day to remember. As an inspiring volunteer, she works tirelessly to help St John Scotland's life-saving work with the St John and the City project. Lynn will be a great ambassador for Edinburgh at the Royal Wedding and I hope she enjoys a happy day of celebrations – she certainly deserves it."

Lynn said: “I am absolutely delighted to be invited to the Royal Wedding, I’m still in shock at hearing the news! I’m honoured that Frank Ross as Lord Lieutenant nominated me, and I’m very proud to be there as a representative for the City of Edinburgh and the team at St John Scotland.”

Guests at the wedding will include people from charities which Prince Harry and Ms Meghan Markle have close ties, some people from around Windsor, members of the Royal Households and pupils from schools close to the castle.



The Lord Provost greeted the royal couple when they arrived in Edinburgh in February 2018.

Businesses, voluntary organisations, civic institutions and individuals – known as Donors – can provide funding for public access defibrillators. The easy-to-use units can prove vital in the event of someone suffering a cardiac arrest. Donors to St John and the City have included: Royal Bank of Scotland, City of Edinburgh Council, Corstorphine Trust and the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Guardians check installed defibrillators regularly to make sure they are in working order. Co-ordinators ensure the Scottish Ambulance Service defibrillator database is updated regularly with details of all ‘St John and the City’ devices,

so members of the public can be guided to their nearest defibrillator in a 999 emergency.

Find out how to get involved at <http://stjohnandthecity.org.uk/>