

# Community in bid to buy Stead's Place

**COMMUNITY** campaigners in Leith have launched a bid to rescue a threatened building if it is put up for sale.

The Save Leith Walk campaign is forming a community body to try and get the rights to buy the sandstone building at Stead's Place owned by Drum Property Group.

The current owner wants to demolish it and turn into student flats. The community body plans to offer affordable, short and long-term rental space within the building for community groups, local businesses, creatives and pop-up facilities, through the purchase and re-use of Leith Walk Business Centre.

They believe the move would make a significant contribution to the local economy, support local entrepreneurs and respect the heritage and diverse cultural mix along Leith Walk.

Drum's plans, which were refused by The City of Edinburgh Council in January this year, are currently subject to an appeal being considered by The Scottish Government.

In the meantime, Save Leith Walk is calling on local residents in the EH6 5\*\* postcode area to give their support to the attempt to take the building into community ownership.