

Christmas across the communities of Edinburgh

Community Christmas is a free, family-friendly celebration which brings local communities across Edinburgh together to spread some festive cheer in their local neighbourhood.

Presented in collaboration with Double Take Projections, Community Christmas is staged at 12 buildings on 12 consecutive nights, in all four of Edinburgh's localities. The buildings will come alive for one night only each with the festive projections.

To accompany the special projections, each event features a different local choir performing some of the best-loved festive tunes and carols such as *Dear Santa*, *Silent Night*, *Jingle Bells* and *Rocking around the Christmas Tree*.

Each event starts at 7.00pm and lasts approximately 30 minutes.

The locations :

11 December: Hermitage Park Primary School – Hermitage Park Primary School Choir

12 December: Abbeyhill Primary School – Abbeyhill Primary School Choir

13 December: Broomhouse Hub – Broomhouse Community Choir

14 December: Drumbrae Library and Community Hub – Got Soul Choir

15 December: Wester Hailes Library, Wester Hailes – Pentland Singers

16 December: Pentland Community Centre, Oxbgangs – Edinburgh Military Wives Choir

17 December: Granton Primary School – Granton Primary School Choir

18 December: Corstorphine Community Hub, 191 St John's Road – Rannoch Singers

19 December: Gilmerton Community Centre – Gracemount Primary School Choir

20 December: Inch House Community Centre – Edinburgh Polish Scouts

21 December: Northfield and Willowbrae Community Centre – Edinburgh Youth Theatre Singers

22 December: The Craggs Centre by Holyrood Park – Preston Street Primary School Choir

Ruth Fisher, Edinburgh's Christmas Producer said: "Edinburgh's Christmas wouldn't be possible without the support and engagement of local communities and we are extremely excited to be able to give a very special gift to them this festive season, Community Christmas.

"So join us to cheer and singalong with local Edinburgh music talent, yule be sorry to miss it!"

Judi O'Rourke from Edinburgh Military Wives Choir said: "Due to the location of Redford and Dreghorn Barracks, military families have been welcomed into the area for many years. It is fabulous that the ladies of the Choir can give something joyous back to the community."

Sian McSorley from Corstorphine Community Centre said:

“Corstorphine Community Centre is delighted to be hosting Community Christmas as part of Edinburgh’s Christmas – we are especially pleased that the Edinburgh’s Christmas is reaching out to local communities. It is fantastic to be collaborating with the Rannoch Singers who will be providing the accompanying music to the projections. We look forward to welcoming local residents to come together and enjoy the spirit of the Festive Season.”

Sarah Borthwick & Vikki Fairgrieve from Rannoch Singers said: “We are really excited to be involved in this event – we are a community group and love being able to get out and be part of the community with our signing!”



The crowds on Light Night on the Royal Mile watching community groups performing on stage PHOTO ©2019 The Edinburgh Reporter