

# **Gift a Tree at Ocean Terminal**

**Ocean Terminal in collaboration with The Leith Collective has an inspiring new community initiative to make sure that no one misses out on having a Christmas tree this year.**

*Gift a Tree* invites anyone who has an artificial Christmas tree which they no longer use to donate it to the waterfront shopping centre's 'tree bank' so that it can be given to a new home and a new family.

They are also looking for tree decorations and baubles so that the trees can start their new life with a bit of guaranteed sparkle.



Donations are being collected at The Leith Collective store on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the centre (opening hours – 10am-6pm Monday to Saturday and 11am-5pm Sunday) until 6 December 2020. Anyone who can re-home a tree is welcome to visit the store from 1 December to select a tree and a box of decorations if they are still available to take away.

Michelle McLeod, Ocean Terminal Centre Manager, said: “We want to make Christmas happy for as many people as possible and a Christmas tree is very much a part of a happy Christmas. It is a great way of recycling artificial trees that would otherwise gather dust in an attic somewhere or end up being thrown out to make way for a new one, when they could so easily be appreciated and decorated by a new family.

“We are part of a very generous and caring community in Leith and exchange initiatives like this in the past have always been extremely well supported. It’s a great way to get into the Christmas spirit.”

Sara Thomson of The Leith Collective, added: “Giving a helping hand to another family and helping to recycle surplus trees and unneeded decorations is a great way to support the local community. I would like to thank everyone who makes a donation – and I’m looking forward to seeing what wonderful Christmas treats arrives at our ‘tree bank’.

## **For anyone wishing to donate:**

- Any artificial tree is most welcome – big, small, dusted with pretend snow... we can’t accept fibre optic trees however and please ensure it has its stand!
- All decorations in good condition welcome except for tree lights.
- Please donate to The Leith Collective store, 1<sup>st</sup> floor next to Zizzi (opening hours are 10-6 Mon to Sat 11-5 Sun)
- Trees will be accepted until 6<sup>th</sup> December. Collections can be made from 1 December.