

# **Board room dinner for Social Bite guests**

**Royal Bank of Scotland is teaming up with homelessness charity Social Bite to lay on a Christmas dinner at the bank in St Andrew Square to welcome people who Social Bite and the bank have supported this year.**

This is part of the bank's long-term support for the work Social Bite is doing aiming to end homelessness. Since 2016, Royal Bank has supported the charity with donations, gifts-in-kind, and strategic help totalling more than £1million. Royal Bank employees have raised more than £100,000 through initiatives such as sponsored sleepouts, abseils and Christmas appeals.

On 19 December 2023, those invited to the lunch will include residents and staff from Social Bite's Village in North Edinburgh. This is run in partnership with Cyrenians and provides a supported community to help people affected by homelessness to lead an independent life. Social Bite plans to open two new Villages in South Lanarkshire and Dundee over the next two years.

This Christmas, the bank is also supporting Social Bite's Festival of Kindness which will provide meals, gifts and essentials for people who are homeless at Christmas and throughout the winter, alongside homes and jobs.

Judith Cruickshank, Chair of the Royal Bank of Scotland Board

said: “Building on our long-term support for Social Bite we are helping to make Christmas a little more enjoyable for some of the most vulnerable.”

Josh Littlejohn MBE, Co-Founder of Social Bite, said: “We are so grateful for Royal Bank’s support. They have played a key part in a number of transformational projects helping people break the cycle of homelessness, and it is really special that they have created this Christmas experience for the residents of the Village.”

