

Five things you need to know today

Plans on view for abandoned bingo hall

The plans for development at the former bingo hall in Leith will be on display on Wednesday as part of a public consultation. The developers plan to convert the building within the Leith Conservation Area into student flats saying that “this is in response to a local desire to preserve the building, located in the Leith Conservation Area, and address a chronic undersupply of student accommodation in the capital”.

The public consultation event will take place on **Wednesday 17th January 2024 between 4:00pm and 7:30pm in McDonald Road Library, 2-8 McDonald Road, Edinburgh EH7 4LU.**

Exhibition boards detailing the project will be available at the event, as well as from the project website (www.manderston-street.co.uk) from 9am on the day of the event.



LifeCare need entertainer

The Stockbridge based charity LifeCare is looking for an entertainer for their day clubs. at Cheyne Street. The person would come into their clubs on a regular basis to provide entertainment and fun for their clients – ideally on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Contact stevensmith@lifecare-edinburgh.org.uk for more information.



The Cycling Gardeners of Edinburgh need your pallets

The Cycling Gardeners need some pallets for a composting project and if you have some then you are asked to get in touch.

info@cyclinggardeners.co.uk

Tender Bodies



On 21 January 2024 from 1.30–3pm at Fruitmarket Gallery.
Free. [Book here](#)

Fruitmarket presents award-winning director Jeanie Finlay in conversation with award-winning artist Hayley Morris Cafiero and best-selling author Aubrey Gordon to discuss their respective careers and bodies of work, and how their most recent creative practises have entered a similar, vital discourse.

Jeanie Finlay is one of Britain's most distinctive artist and filmmakers. She creates award-winning work for cinema and television, telling intimate stories to international audiences. All of Jeanie's films are all made with the same steel and heart, sharing an empathetic approach to bringing overlooked and untold stories to the screen.

Her latest film *Your Fat Friend* had its world premiere at Tribeca. This event will take place the same day of the Edinburgh premiere, before the screening at Cameo Picturehouse.

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Heart and Soul



Gifted German artist
Michael Pendry
to once again
transform
St Giles' with
his newest
masterpiece



By PHYLIS STEPHEN

A NEW PUBLIC sculpture created by German artist Michael Pendry, will be sited in St Giles' Cathedral later this month. 'HEART' makes its UK premiere in the

capital in a collaboration between the Burns&Beyond Festival and the St Giles' 900th.

The anniversary marks the founding of the cathedral, to be celebrated with events throughout 2024. This year HEART will light up the

cathedral with the very symbol of life itself, a new three-dimensional work measuring five metres tall, will transform the space with a ticketed evening illumination and soundscape for visitors. The installation will take ten days to build and will be a central part of

the Burns&Beyond Festival which takes place in the city from 25 January to 11 February. What better symbol for the festival which takes its inspiration from Robbie Burns and promotes 'Luv, hope and Kindness', than a heart?

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