

Five things you need to know today

Anarchy, art and Advent all feature in our news round up today.

The People's Story reopens

Last month the council closed the museum on the Royal Mile which tells the tale of the ordinary people of Edinburgh citing staff shortages. The museums service has faced increased budget pressures this year, and the council said it was also this which led to a proposal to close the People's Story Museum during the autumn and winter.

However, based on public protest and outcry, officers identified funding which allowed it to reopen.

[Read more here.](#)



New Coop

One of the exhibits in the People's Story relates membership of the Coop or "The Store". And now there is a new Coop about to open.

The brand new 5600 sq ft Co-op store at Shawfair, has created 15 new jobs and will serve fresh, healthy and chilled produce as well as an extensive range of meal ideas and everyday essentials, food-to-go and meal deals, Fairtrade products, award winning beers and wines, ready meals, pizzas, vegan and, plant-based products. All Co-op's own branded meat is 100% British including in its pies, sandwiches and ready meals.

The new Shawfair Park store will have online home delivery of groceries available through Deliveroo, Just Eat and, Co-op's own online shop – shop.coop.co.uk – with orders picked fresh in the local store and delivered quickly and conveniently in the local community.



Exterior view

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By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

ALL ABOARD THE TRAM to get to the city centre for Christmas fun. Santa's in town ready to meet children just next to the tram stop in the Piccolo Spiegeltent in St Andrew Square, where there will be stories, a letter writing

station and a post box to send any missives direct to Santa's workshop.

The newest attraction in Edinburgh is the Christmas Tree Maze which is one of the UK's largest illuminated Christmas tree trails. Step free access but anyone who wants to explore the maze is advised to buy a ticket in advance

- and remember the EH postcode discount.

A spokesperson for producers, UniqueAssembly, said: "Edinburgh's Christmas is finally here, and with a seven-week programme packed full of family favourites, this year promises to be one of the biggest and best ever. Whether sipping on cool

cocktails in our brand new Ice Bar, enjoying a festive treat at the Coorie Inn or showing off your skating skills on the Ice Rink, there's something for everyone at Edinburgh's Christmas."

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Church and Parliament

The Church of Scotland presented a special Advent wreath to The Scottish Parliament for the first time to encourage members and staff to reflect on the true meaning of the

season.

The idea was conceived by Principal Clerk Rev Fiona Smith and Rt Rev Dr Shaw Paterson, Moderator of the General Assembly, who personally gifted it to Presiding Officer Rt Hon Alison Johnstone MSP.

Fashioned from pine twigs and pine cones, the wreath has four LED candles which symbolise hope, peace, joy and love.



Rt Rev Dr Shaw J Paterson Moderator of the General Assembly presents Presiding Officer Alison Johnstone MSP with an advent wreath on behalf of the Church of Scotland. 28 November 2024. Pic- Andrew Cowan/Scottish Parliament

Painting by forgotten artist on sale on Thursday at Edinburgh auction

Exactly 150 years after he was born in Leith, Scottish

Colourist John Duncan Fergusson is a celebrated artist, with his work fetching increasingly high-figure sums. Earlier, this year, auction house Lyon & Turnbull sold his painting [Rose in the Hair](#) for almost a quarter of a million pounds.

In sharp contrast, his American-born partner and muse, Anne Estelle Rice, is remembered as a mere footnote in art history.

Now, 65 years after her death in 1959, a rare, major painting by Rice created in Paris in 1911, has come to light. It is to be sold live in Edinburgh and online by Lyon & Turnbull, as part of its [Scottish Paintings & Sculpture sale](#) on Thursday 5 December.



Alice Strang and Chantal de Prez view art in the forthcoming auction at Lyon & Turnbull

Painting by forgotten female artist, Anne Estelle Rice, takes centre stage at auction alongside works by her former partner John Duncan Fergusson.

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