

Share your festive spirit with your community in the brand-new Community Christmas

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With Christmas just around the corner, the Edinburgh's Christmas magic is heading out and shining a special light on the capital's community spirit with Community Christmas, opening on 11 December!

Community Christmas is a free, family-friendly celebration which brings local communities across Edinburgh together to spread festive cheer in their local neighbourhood! Presented in collaboration with Double Take Projections, Community Christmas sees 12 buildings over 12 consecutive nights, across all four of Edinburgh's localities, come alive for one night only each with 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 7pm and lasts approximately 30 minutes.

The locations are:

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, Oxgangs – 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 are 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!"

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About Underbelly

Underbelly is a UK based live entertainment company. Their events and festivals division operates one of the largest operations at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, selling over 460,000 tickets for over 200 shows, in 22 venues over 25 days in 2018.

2018 was the sixth year Underbelly produced Edinburgh's Christmas for City of Edinburgh Council which saw 771,074 tickets sold to visitors from more than 40 countries, and the second year of producing Edinburgh's Hogmanay also on behalf of City of Edinburgh Council, which welcomed 160,000 over 3 days.

2019 marks the eleventh year of Underbelly Festival on the Southbank - one of the biggest multi-arts offerings in London and London's original pop-up festival, with over 140 shows programmed over 6 months on the South Bank.

Underbelly also produces Christmas in Leicester Square, Underbelly Festival in Hong Kong, West End Live in Trafalgar Square for Westminster City Council and the Society of London Theatre. In 2018 Underbelly sold over 1.5 million tickets to their various events.