

# West End Christmas Fortnight starts tomorrow! #dundeewestend



**West End Christmas Fortnight starts tomorrow – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November.**

This year's Dundee West End Christmas Fortnight will be the largest ever in its 22 years, with around 50 events taking place, including a Christmas Concert, Christmas Market and Lights Switch on in Perth Road, competitions including a West End Primary School Art Competition and a Primary 6 schools football competition, a Christmas Cards initiative to all West End care home residents – as well as talks, a walking tour of the West End and an event to celebrate the centenary of the Logie scheme.

During the Fortnight that runs from Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November until Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, we will hold around 50 events – easily the most we have ever run. Big thanks go to all the Christmas Committee members, community groups, churches and everyone else who has made this happen – community spirit is alive and well in the wonderful West End!

A list of events is given below (apologies – a rather long list!) Please go to [www.facebook.com/WestEndChristmas](https://www.facebook.com/WestEndChristmas) for full information and any booking details or please call Dundee 459378 if no Facebook access.

**Until end November** – Transition Dundee at The Wardrobe – Christmas Jumper Amnesty – Donate your old unwanted Christmas Jumpers and you'll get a token in exchange – if you hand them in before the 1st December – for another Christmas jumper.

## **Saturday 26th November**

10am to 11am – Spex Pistols Christmas Family Workshops at Gallery 48, West

Port – Handmade festive printed papers and gift tags with Sooz Gordon and Cara Findlay. All welcome but booking essential.

10am to 12 noon – Dundee West Church Christmas Coffee Morning – 130/132 Perth Road – with various stalls – all welcome!

10am to 12 noon – Blackness Primary School Christmas Fair – from Friends of Blackness. Stalls include Christmas jumper swap, toy tombola, Christmas crafts, Gingerbread decorating and Luck dip candy canes – All welcome!

11am to 5.30pm – CRAFTED Festive Market at DCA – Dundee Contemporary Arts' festive craft and design market.

11.30am to 1.30pm – Just Bee's Charity Soup and Pudding Lunch – with various stalls including Friends of Magdalen Green craft stall – Meadowside St Paul's Church Halls, 114-116 Nethergate (side entrance).

2pm to 4pm – Transition Dundee – Make your own earrings workshop – Come along for this upcycling workshop to turn old and broken jewellery into new pieces – perfect for a Christmas gift! Booking essential.

5pm – Botanic Garden – Walk in the Dark – For accompanied children aged 4-9 years, a special walk and seasonal activities in the garden in the dark. Booking essential.

### **Saturday 26th November and Sunday 27th November**

10am to 4pm – Exclusively Highlands Christmas Market at Discovery Point. A fabulous Christmas Fair will be held at the newly transformed Discovery Point at Discovery Quay, Riverside Drive – runs both days.

11am to 4pm – Christmas Fayre at Verdant Works. A magical Christmas Fayre set within the iconic High Mill – runs both days.

### **Monday 28th November**

Children's Crafts – from Blackness Library! This week, Blackness Library is producing "craft in a bag" for local children to collect from the library. From today, week one's craft bag is available – a tiny elf house!

10.30am to 12.30pm – West End Carers' Christmas Arts and Crafts – at Blackness Library. To find out more about West End Carers, call Dundee Carers Centre on 200422.

6.30pm – Christmas in Print – the Victorian era – an online event with Erin Farley of Dundee Libraries. For access information go to the West End Christmas Fortnight Facebook page.

### **Tuesday 29th November**

6pm to 8pm – Transition Dundee – Pet Bed Workshop – This workshop involves some basic sewing to turn old duvets/pillows and fabric scraps into a beautiful pet bed. Booking essential.

7pm – ‘Christmas With The Stars’ – an on-line astronomy talk with thanks to Lifelong Learning Dundee.

### **Wednesday 30th November**

6.30pm – Christmas in Print – the twentieth century – an online event with Erin Farley of Dundee Libraries. For access information go to the West End Christmas Fortnight Facebook page.

### **Thursday 1st December**

12 noon to 2pm – West End Blethers from Dundee Pensioners’ Forum – at The Friary in Tullideph Road. Aimed at older people in the West End, enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, cake, scones, and a bowl of soup.

1pm to 3pm – Carols at the Corso Street sheltered lounge – for the sheltered tenants at Abbotsford/Corso area.

2pm to 3.30pm – Dundee Carers Centre – Dementia Café Christmas Party – Logie & St John’s (Cross) Church. To find out more, call Dundee Carers Centre on 200422. Also the Sinderins Community Hub – a cuppa and warm welcome for all in the community meets at the church 1pm to 3pm.

4pm to 8pm – CHRISTMAS FORTNIGHT HIGHLIGHT! – West End Christmas Market at the Miller’s Wynd car park and community fridge in Perth Road. Full details to follow tomorrow!

6.15pm to 7.05pm – CHRISTMAS FORTNIGHT HIGHLIGHT! – The West End Christmas Concert at Dundee West Church. Further details to follow tomorrow!

Shoppers’ night in the West End – many West End shops will have late opening and special offers on Thursday 1st December.

### **Friday 2nd December**

7pm to 9pm – Harris Education and Recreation Association Christmas Night – At the Vine, all welcome!

### **Saturday 3rd December**

10am to 11am – Spex Pistols Christmas Family Workshops at Gallery 48, West Port – Handmade embossed foil decorations with Cara Findlay and Sooz Gordon. All welcome but booking essential.

10am to 12 noon – Harris Academy Christmas Fayre – including stalls – Free entry all welcome!

10.30am – 11.30am – Blackness Library -“From Garden to Eden” -a free talk at Blackness Library by Iain Flett on the history of the Eden Project site.

11am to 4pm – Christmas Vintage market at Roseangle Kitchen Café. Free entry – all welcome!

12 noon to 1.30pm – “A space to connect” – at Victoria Gardens, with Eden Project Communities.

12.30pm – The West End Christmas Fortnight Primary 6 football competition at Harris Academy. With thanks to the schools for all their help with this. P6 teams participating from our local primary schools.

### **Sunday 4th December**

3pm to 5pm – Christmas at The Gate Church. A community Christmas celebration with carols, sweet treats and Santa Claus!

1pm to 2pm – Magdalen Green – community planting event. All welcome!

### **Monday 5th December**

Children’s Crafts – from Blackness Library! This week, Blackness Library is again producing “craft in a bag” for local children to collect from the library. From today, week two’s craft bag is available – a tiny snowman!

10.30am to 12.30pm – West End Carers’ Christmas Party – at Blackness Library. To find out more about West End Carers, call Dundee Carers Centre on 200422.

12 noon to 4pm – Christmas Party at the Queen’s Hotel – for sheltered tenants in Corso/Abbotsford area.

6pm to 8pm – Family Scalextric/Hotwheels Night – Dundee West Church (Upper Hall) – The biggest digital slot car layout you’ve seen – open to all ages (teams of 4). To book your place, please call 07711 177655.

### **Tuesday 6th December**

6pm to 8pm – Transition Dundee – Sustainable Gifting Workshop – This will be a fun and sociable evening covering how to gift more sustainably this Christmas, with some crafts to take home with you.

6.30pm – Hogmanay in Print – the Victorian era – an online event with Erin Farley of Dundee Libraries. For access information go to the West End Christmas Fortnight Facebook page.

### **Wednesday 7th December**

12 noon to 2pm – ‘Easy Willow Christmas Decorations’ Workshop at Ninewells Community Garden

2pm – Public Art West End walking tour – Join Matthew Jarron from the University of Dundee.

### **Thursday 8th December**

12 noon to 2pm – West End Blethers from Dundee Pensioners’ Forum – at The Friary in Tullideph Road.

1pm to 3pm – Sinderins Community Hub – a cuppa and warm welcome for all in the community. Takes place at Logie & St John's (Cross) Church.

7pm to 9pm – West End Community & Business Awards night – The Vine. All welcome!

### **Friday 9th December**

12 noon to 2.30pm – Logie Centenary event. Lime Street Sheltered Lounge – for Logie residents – includes sandwich lunch and a talk on the history of the scheme from Sarah Aitken of City Archives.

2pm to 4pm – St Joseph's RC Primary School Christmas Fayre – All pupils, parents and carers welcome!

6.30pm to 7.30pm – Louisiana Fairytale Riverboat Jazz Band Concert – at The Gate, 158 Perth Road. Free concert with this hugely talented jazz band – all welcome – no booking required.

### **Saturday 10th December**

10am and 11am – Children's Craft events. For young school age children, these 2 one hour free workshops are led by Lisa Earl of 'Create ... Kids Create Crafts'. Logie & St John's (Cross) Church Hall. Booking essential at [www.tiny.cc/Crafts-booking](http://www.tiny.cc/Crafts-booking)

12 noon to 2pm and also 2pm to 4pm – Transition Dundee – Make your own lamp workshop – Join tutor Davie to turn an old bottle into a lamp, a perfect Christmas Gift for a loved one. You will learn some basic wiring skills and take your lamp home with you – bring your own bottle if they/you have a favourite tippie, or take one of ours donated by a local bar!

11am to 5pm – Charity Cushion Sale – Logie & St John's (Cross) Church Hall – proceeds to Dundee Foodbank.