

Connect Here Guide to Edinburgh Community Cafes



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The Grassmarket Community Project Café

86 Candlemaker Row
Edinburgh EH1 2QA

T: 0131 225 3626

E: info@grassmarket.org

W: <http://grassmarket.org/cafe/>

Summary: Enjoy excellent service, value for money and good food in a bright and friendly space, and support this charity with every purchase. Eat in or take away, an excellent choice of light bites, heartier options, hot and cold drinks. Every daily menu, made by the chef with the help of members, includes delicious, freshly made soups, a selection of sandwiches, all day breakfast options and a range of delicious cakes, scones and other snacks.

Community Café

St Andrew's and St George's West - Undercroft Café

13 George Street
Edinburgh EH2 2PA

T: 0131 225 3847

Opening Hours: Monday–Friday 10.30am–2.00pm

E: info@stagw.org.uk

W: <https://www.stagw.org.uk/cafe/>

Summary: Friendly Community Café in the heart of Edinburgh offering fresh, home-made food at reasonable prices.

LifeCare - CafeLife

2 Cheyne Street
Stockbridge
Edinburgh EH4 1JB

T: 0131 343 0940

Opening Hours: Monday–Friday 9.00am–3.00pm

E: enquiries@lifecare-edinburgh.org.uk

W: <https://www.lifecare-edinburgh.org.uk/lifecare-space/cafe/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/LifeCare.Edinburgh>

Tw: https://twitter.com/LifeCare_

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/lifecareextrayearsofzest/>

Summary: CaféLife is an accessible community café in Stockbridge. They use fresh, healthy ingredients to produce affordable, nutritious meals for the entire community.

Community Café

Sycamore Tree Café

Davidson's Mains Parish Church
1 Quality Street, Davidson's Mains
Edinburgh EH4 5BB

T: 0131 312 6282

Opening Hours: Tuesday–Thursday 9.30am–2.00pm

E: life@dmpc.org.uk

W: <http://dmpc.org.uk>

Summary: Friendly community café serves teas, coffees, cakes, ice cream, soup, sandwiches, and toasties.

Rannoch Community Café

The Rannoch Community Education Centre
6 Rannoch Terrace
Edinburgh EH4 7ES

T: 0131 339 5351

Opening Hours: Tuesday 3.30pm-5.00pm

E: CLD-Rannoch@ea.edin.sch.uk

FB: https://www.facebook.com/RannochCommunityCentre/?locale=en_GB

Summary: Free drop-in for local families, come along to enjoy a meal, meet others, relax and chat.

Community Café

Café - Newhaven Church

7 Craighall Road
Edinburgh EH6 4ND

T: 0131 467 6272 (Sandra Lindsay, the Café Manager)

Opening Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

E: newhavensessionclerk@btinternet.com

W: <https://n-c.org.uk/newhaven-connections-cafe/>

Summary: Newhaven Connections is a community café run by Newhaven Church. Our aim is to serve good food at reasonable prices in a warm and caring environment in the heart of Newhaven.

Upmo Eat Cafe at Leith Victoria Swim World

Junction Place
Edinburgh EH6 5JA

T: 0131 458 2100

E: hello@upmo.org

W: <https://www.edinburghleisure.co.uk/venues/leith-victoria-swim-centre/>

Summary: Once you've finished your swim class or gym session, refuel and catch up with friends over a coffee or lunch at our Upmo Eat Café which is now open for business. Based across Edinburgh, East Lothian and Mid Lothian, Upmo provides both support and opportunities for adults with learning disabilities and autism. Both the trainee placements and a work experience program include a chance to work in the café here at Leith Victoria.

Community Café

Community Café - South Leith Parish Church

South Leith Parish Church Halls
6 Henderson Street
Edinburgh EH6 6BJ

T: 0131 554 2578

Opening Hours: Monday–Friday 10.00am–2.00pm

E: SLPCOFFICE@GMAIL.COM

W: <https://slpc.co.uk/community-cafe/>

Summary: This café sells homemade soup, home baking, Fairtrade coffees, teas, and herbal teas. Outside catering is also available.

Out of the Blue Drill Hall

36 Dalmeny Street
Leith
Edinburgh EH6 8RG

T: 0131 555 7100

Opening Hours: Monday–Friday 10.00am–5.00pm

W: <https://www.outoftheblue.org.uk/cafe/>

Summary: The Café strives to use fresh, organic, free-range, fair trade and local ingredients, wherever possible and to support neighbouring businesses with a similar ethos. It is the belief in-season food should be enjoyed as an uncompromised journey to the plate simply tastes better. All hot main dishes are prepared on the premises using fresh ingredients. Cakes and bakes are oven fresh and kneaded into life while being whisked together by the inspired team. A great range of vegetarian and meat options are also on offer.

Community Café

The Ripple

Restalrig Lochend
Edinburgh EH7 6DZ

T: 0131 554 0422

Opening Hours: Monday–Friday 10.00am–1.30pm

E: admin@theripple.org.uk

W: <https://www.rippleproject.co.uk/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/ripplerestalrig>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RippleRestalrig>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ripplerestalrig/>

Summary: The Community Cafe works side by side with local people and is improving the quality of life for all ages in the community by helping people to help themselves.

Festival Theatre

13 / 29 Nicolson Street
Edinburgh EH8 9FT

T: 0131 622 8097

Opening Hours: Monday–Saturday 11.00am

E: cafe@capitaltheatres.com

W: <https://www.capitaltheatres.com/your-visit/festival-theatre/food-drink/festival-theatre-cafe>

Summary: The Festival Theatre is open coffee, tea, cakes, soup, snacks, and soft and alcoholic drinks. Reservations are not required. Please wear a mask when moving around, unless exempt. Several measures in place to help keep everybody safe: Please log into the venue for Test and Protect. Please respect social distancing for your own health, and that of others. Extra cleaning and hygiene measures in place.

Community Café

Butterflies Café - Giles Parish Church Centre

Marchmont Street
Edinburgh EH9 2DW

T: 0131 447 4359

Opening Hours: Monday–Friday 10.00am–4.00pm

E: Butterflies@marchmontstgiles.org.uk

W: <http://marchmontstgiles.org.uk/butterflies-cafe/>

Summary: Butterflies Café offers a variety of home-made food and drinks, served in a friendly environment.

Café Connect - Eric Liddell Centre

Eric Liddell Centre
15 Morningside Road
Edinburgh EH10 4DP

T: 0131 447 4520 (Eric Liddell Centre)
Opening Hours: Monday–Friday 10.00am–4.00pm
E: frontdesk@ericliddell.org

W: <https://www.ericliddell.org/cafe/>

Summary: Café Connect offers fresh alternatives to high-street chains. Every weekday, the chef uses locally sourced ingredients to create delicious homemade soups, sandwich fillings and baked goods. A wide range of coffee and teas is also available.

Community Café

Peggy's Café

420 Morningside Road
Edinburgh EH10 5HY

T: 0131 447 9757
Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 9.00am-5.00pm
E: peggys@theopendoor.org.uk

W: <https://www.theopendoor.org.uk/>
FB: <https://www.facebook.com/theopendoormorningside/>

Summary: Welcome to Peggy's public café. A warm welcome from everyone. A place to eat, meet friends and relax. Your support of the café helps the work of the Open Door.

Café 48

North Merchiston Community Centre
48 Watson Crescent
Edinburgh EH11 1EP

T: 0131 622 1757

Opening Hours: Tuesday–Friday: 12.00–7.00pm; Saturday–Sunday: 9.00am–3.00pm

E: info@northmerchiston.co.uk

W: <https://www.northmerchiston.co.uk/cafe-48-1>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthMerchistonClub/>

Summary: ‘Life begins after coffee, visit us for your coffee fix’.

Community Café

Saltyards

158 Dalry Road
Edinburgh EH11 2HB

T: 0131 313 4757

E: saltyard@gorgiedalrychurch.org.uk

W: <https://www.facebook.com/Saltyard>

Summary: Saltyard is a fair-trade coffee shop organised and run by Gorgie Dalry Stenhouse Church of Scotland.

The Rosebean

Roseburn Park
13d Riversdale Crescent
Edinburgh EH12 5XN

T: 07713 114230

Opening Hours: Thursday-Sunday

E: dhcoffeehouse@gmail.com

FB: https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Rosebean/61550738500601/?notif_id=1693831206620238¬if_t=follow_profile&ref=notif

Summary: Dog friendly, Sit in / Take away, Card Payments only, Oat milk available, Vegan/Veggie options, Walk-ins only (no bookings).

Community Café

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The Dower House Café

Dower House
1A Orchardfield Avenue
Corstorphine
Edinburgh EH12 7SX

Opening Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8.30am–4.00pm

E: dhcoffeehouse@gmail.com

W: <https://the-dower-house-cafe.business.site/>

Summary: Friendly, historical, and community-oriented café in the heart of Corstorphine Park.

Community Café

Café @ ONC

Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre
71 Firrhill Drive
Edinburgh EH13 9EU

T: 0131 466 0678

Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00am–1.00pm, Wednesday 10.00am–12.30pm

E: oxgangsneighbourhoodcentre@gmail.com

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/Oxgangsneighbourhoodcentreorg/>

Summary: Run by friendly volunteers. On a visit, enjoy a tasty menu including soup of the day and daily specials.

Waters of Leith Visitors Centre - Community Café

24 Lanark Road
Edinburgh EH14 1TQ

T: 0131 455 7367

Opening Hours: Monday–Sunday 10.00am–4.00pm

E: <https://www.waterofleith.org.uk/contact/>

E: admin@waterofleith.org.uk

W: <https://www.waterofleith.org.uk/visitor-centre/>

Summary: Their volunteer run café serves delicious snacks, coffees, and teas – enjoy sit-in or takeaway.

Community Café

Canalside Café

Meggetland Wynd
Edinburgh EH14 1XN

T: 0131 443 7571

Opening Hours: Monday–Wednesday 9.00am–7.00pm, Thursday 9.00am–10pm, Friday 9.00am–7.00pm, Saturday 9.00am–10.00pm, Sunday 9.00am–7.00pm.

E: hello@boroughmuirsports.co.uk

W: <https://canalsidevenue.wordpress.com/>

Summary: Canalside is wonderfully located within the grounds of Meggetland opened in March 2014 and forms part of the Boroughmuir Community Sports Club.

Bridge Cafe - Holy Trinity Wester Hailes

1-2 Hailesland Place
Edinburgh EH14 2SL

T: 0131 442 3304

E: churchoffice@holytrinitywesterhailes.org.uk

W: <https://holytrinitywesterhailes.org.uk/bridge-cafe/>

Summary: The Bridge Café is a warm and welcoming place where visitors can enjoy good food and good company. The menu varies from day to day but there is always delicious homemade soup and fresh baking.

Community Café

The Mill at St Joseph's (Cafe)

Balerno Parish Church
2 Main Street
Balerno EH14 7EH

T: 0131 449 7245

E: bpc-admin@balernochurch.org.uk

W: <https://www.balernochurch.org.uk/the-mill/>

Summary: This is a welcoming place for people to gather and enjoy good quality coffee or tea and a bite to eat and as far as possible, using local and Fair-Trade produce. At lunch time there is a choice of two soups along with toasties and/or baked potatoes. The Mill is a 'not for profit' café which means any funds raised go to support the work that takes place in the St Joseph's Centre which is run by Balerno Parish Church.

Bellfield Community Cafe - The Friday Café

16B Bellfield Street
Edinburgh EH15 2BP

T: 0131 281 2942

Opening Hours: Friday 10.00am-12.30pm

E: friendsofbellfield@gmail.com

W: <https://www.bellfield.scot/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/ActionPorty/>

Summary: Come along to Bellfield Foyer Friday's at 10.00am–12:30pm for our weekly volunteer-run Café. Meet new people, connect with friendly faces, learn new skills and of course have some tasty nibbles. The café is open to all. The Cafe runs a series of optional skills sharing sessions which run from 11.00am–12.00pm every week.

Community Café

The White House Kitchen

70 Niddrie Mains Road
Craigmillar
Edinburgh EH16 4BG

Opening Hours: Monday–Friday 8.00am–6.00pm, Saturday–Sunday 8.00am–3.00pm

E: <https://thewhitehousekitchen.co.uk/contact-us>

E: info@thewhitehousekitchen.co.uk

W: <https://www.thewhitehousekitchen.co.uk>

Summary: This kitchen serves up a delicious range of reasonably priced breakfast, mains and dessert menus. Well worth visiting!

Richmond Church Café

227 Niddrie Mains Road
Edinburgh EH16 4PA

T: 0131 661 6561 (Church office and cafe)
Opening Hours: Tuesday–Friday 8.30am–1.30pm
E: l.henderson@richmondshope.org.uk

W: <https://www.richmondcraigmillarchurch.org/richmond-church-cafe/>
FB: <https://www.facebook.com/RichmCafeChurch/>

Summary: The café has one paid worker and some wonderful volunteers. They aim to be a friendly space for everyone – all ages, all sorts. Sometimes they are able to offer free soup and free children’s lunches at various times during the year (e.g. in the school holidays) to help the community.

Community Café

The Mission Café - Niddrie Community Church

12 Hay Drive
Edinburgh EH16 4RY

Opening Hours: Monday–Thursday 10:30am–2.00pm
E: info@niddrie.org

W: <https://niddrie.org/the-mission-cafe/>

Summary: The Café is a great place to meet people and we get lots of opportunities to share the gospel. Out of all the people who have been saved in the past few years, almost all of them have been through initial contact in the Café. We also have various volunteers from the community, which again gives us gospel opportunities and allows us to get to know them better.

Bridgend Farm House Cafe

41 Old Dalkeith Road
Edinburgh EH16 4TE

T: 0131 564 0068

Opening Hours: Thursday–Sunday 10.00am–4.00pm

E: info@bridgendfarmhouse.org.uk

W: <https://www.bridgendfarmhouse.org.uk/our-cafe.html>

Summary: Menu with ingredients from local suppliers and surplus food. The cafe also has a child friendly garden. See webpage for details.

Community Café

Prestonfield Neighbourhood Project - Catch Up Café

63 Prestonfield Avenue
Edinburgh EH16 5EX

T: 0131 620 7222

Opening Hours: Monday 11.00am-3.00pm

E: prestonfieldnp@southedinburgh.co.uk

W: <https://prestonfieldneighbourhoodproject.co.uk/>

Summary: Drop in for a chat and a cuppa. All welcome.

Kirkgate Café - Liberton Kirk

Liberton Kirk
Edinburgh EH16 6RY

T: 0131 664 8264

Opening Hours: Monday–Thursday 10.00am–2.00pm

E: kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net

W: <https://libertonkirk.net/kirkgatecafe/>

Summary: This lively café is staffed mostly by volunteers and is a great for meeting with family and friends; with a good range of food, snacks and drinks, including daily specials catering for people with food allergies. Click on the links above for more information.

Community Café

Dalmeny Kirk Café

Dalmeny Parish Church
Main Street
Dalmeny EH30 9TT

T: 0131 331 1100

Opening Hours: Friday 10.00am–12.00am

E: office@qpcweb.org

W: <http://www.dalmeny.org>

Summary: All drinks and food currently being served. Enjoy the opportunity to get together and catch up over coffee and goodies.