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Have your say in the City's Masterplan - Business Breakfast

Monday 24th February 2020 | Inkwell (Elgin Youth Café), Francis Place

Moray Council, Elgin BID and Elgin Community Council are working in partnership on a Masterplan for Elgin Town Centre, covering the core retail area, Lossie Green and Cooper Park. The Masterplan will set out a range of proposals to redevelop sites, improve connectivity and attract more people into the Town Centre. The business breakfast will offer the opportunity to hear more about some of the projects, an update on the Moray Growth Deal and how businesses can help shape and inform the Masterplan.

The morning will be as follows:

7.30am – 8.00am – light breakfast will be provided

8.00am – 9.00am – Introduction and table discussions

9.00am – Close

If you would like to attend please RSVP to Tina on tina.mainland@elginbid.co.uk by 20th January 2020.

Elgin Gift Card

The Elgin Gift Card sales have been rising steadily over the last few weeks and we hope that will bring you all lots of festive cheer and bringing some welcome purchases in January 2020. Between the 1st November 2019 and the 18th December 2019, £6375 of cards have been purchased and with more than a week still to go that amount will rise.

We now have more than 90 businesses accepting the Gift Card, if you are, please keep promoting that, if you need additional window stickers let us know and we will pop them round.

We have had a change in the Retail Outlets selling the Gift Card

Gordon and MacPhail – South Street

Elgin Shoe Repairs – Batchen Street (Starting Jan 2020)

This extends the opening days and times for people calling in to make purchases.

Free after 3

Don't forget that Free after 3 is back **in the St Giles multi storey car park until 4th January 2020.**

Please share to spread the word! It's the perfect chance for coming in to do your Christmas shopping, grab a coffee with friends or a meal out!

2020 Event Days

Having taken on board feedback during the Renewal Ballot consultation we are planning on switching things up a bit. Easter and Halloween events will be delivered in partnership with the St Giles Shopping Centre.

Speyside Stages Rally – Car Checks Friday 17th April 2020 (Partnership event) 3.00pm – 9.15pm – a new event to the programme

Scottish Theme Day – Saturday 2nd May 2020

Classic Car Show – Saturday 27th June 2020 - Commerce Street, South Street & Plainstones – will be delivered on a much larger scale than in 2018

Food & Drink Festival – Saturday 8th August 2020 – using the Town Hall and St Giles Church as location venues with entertainment in the city

Christmas Light Switch On – Saturday 28th November

Police Scotland

Here is an information sheet from the Metropolitan Police with advice on private sector and local events safety- type the below link into your browser.

<http://bit.ly/PoliceEventsafety>



Elgin Men's Shed looking for whiteboard – can you help?

The Elgin Men's Shed are looking for a White Board that they can use in their project, they are flexible on the size they need and would happily accept anything between 4ft and 6ft, square or rectangular. Does anyone have an old one in their workplace that they no longer need?

If you do, could you let us know and we will pass on the details.



Skills for Growth from Skills Development Scotland

Skills for Growth is an innovative service designed to help small businesses get the best out of the skills of their workforce. If your workforce is between 5-250, consider this FREE service which combines a FREE skills health check in conjunction with Re:markable(formely IIP Scotland) .

SDS helps employers achieve their business objectives by combining a fully funded skills analysis with

support and guidance throughout from Skills Development Scotland's Employer Engagement Team. Roddy Innes is the SDS Employer Engagement Adviser in Moray and North Aberdeenshire.

Participation in Skills for Growth can help employers:

- Increase performance by working to people strengths, resulting in a more motivated and engaged workforce.
- Build confidence to invest in training and development that is focussed where it matters most.
- Attract the right people by recruiting for the skills that they don't already have in the business
- Manage change and introduce innovative workplace practices.
- Support employees in understanding how they contribute to business success.

Check out what Skills for Growth means to your business on www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/growth

Should you be interested, please contact Roddy Innes on 07789988961 or e mail roderick.innes@sds.co.uk for further information.



**Many Thanks
Gill & Tina**