



News release – May 2017

SYHA opens new summer youth hostel in Edinburgh

SYHA Hostelling Scotland widens its quality budget accommodation offering in Edinburgh over the summer months with the addition of 143 en-suite rooms at the new Edinburgh Haddington Place Youth Hostel in the heart of the capital

SYHA Hostelling Scotland (SYHA) is delighted to announce the opening of **Edinburgh Haddington Place Youth Hostel**, from 17 July to 2 September 2017, at a brand-new temporary accommodation complex on Haddington Place.

The 143 premium en-suite rooms are ideal for individual travellers and small groups looking for a central location. It is centrally located 15 minutes walk from Edinburgh's city centre and main transport links. It is close to SYHA's flagship five-star Edinburgh Central Youth Hostel, open all year and a popular choice with families and large groups.

The seasonal addition of Edinburgh Haddington Place broadens SYHA's Edinburgh accommodation offering over the busy summer months, appealing to an even wider range of budget travellers visiting the capital.

SYHA chief executive, Keith Legge, said: "With the increase in customer demand we are delighted to be in the position to offer our guests a broader range of high-quality, affordable accommodation in the capital city. Securing additional youth hostel accommodation in Edinburgh for the busy summer months has long been part of our strategy and Haddington Place, close to our Edinburgh Central Youth Hostel, is the ideal accommodation in the best possible location.

"From dorm beds to private en-suite rooms, SYHA can now offer an even wider range of affordable accommodation to families, groups, young people and individual travellers looking to make the most of the capital's vibrant summer festivals."

The contemporary and spacious Edinburgh Haddington Place Youth Hostel has 143 en-suite single rooms, featuring large, comfortable beds with plenty of storage space.

Rooms on the higher levels enjoy fantastic views over the city. It has everything you need and more on-site including high speed Wi-Fi, laundry, bicycle storage and a knowledgeable and helpful team who are available 24 hours-a-day to assist guests with their enquiries.

Visit the SYHA Hostelling Scotland website, www.syha.org.uk, for prices and availability.

Edinburgh Central Youth Hostel, situated close by, offers Edinburgh Haddington Place Youth Hostel residents a continental or full Scottish breakfast together with the fully licensed Haddington Place Café, open from 10.00 until 21.00.

Edinburgh Haddington Place Youth Hostel joins Edinburgh Metro Youth Hostel, located at Edinburgh University's halls of residence on Robertson's Close in the Cowgate, in offering summer visitor accommodation. Edinburgh Metro is conveniently located off the Royal Mile, at the heart of the Edinburgh Festival and Fringe, and is popular with travellers who want to experience the buzz of the 'Festival City'.

SYHA now operates four summer city Youth Hostels, all open from late June/early July through to August / September: Edinburgh Haddington Place Youth Hostel, Edinburgh Metro Youth Hostel, Perth Youth Hostel in the Perth College halls of residence and Glasgow Metro at Margaret Macdonald House, The Glasgow School of Art's halls of residence.

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Useful links:

SYHA Hostelling Scotland – <https://www.syha.org.uk>

Edinburgh Haddington Place – <https://www.syha.org.uk/where-to-stay/lowlands/edinburgh-haddington-place/>

Edinburgh Central Youth Hostel – <https://www.syha.org.uk/where-to-stay/lowlands/edinburgh-central.aspx>

Edinburgh Metro Youth Hostel – <https://www.syha.org.uk/where-to-stay/lowlands/edinburgh-metro.aspx>

Perth Youth Hostel – <https://www.syha.org.uk/where-to-stay/lowlands/perth.aspx>

Glasgow Metro Youth Hostel – <https://www.syha.org.uk/where-to-stay/lowlands/glasgow-metro.aspx>

SYHA on Twitter – <https://twitter.com/syhahostelling> #syhadventure

SYHA on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/syhahostellingscotland>

For downloadable images of Haddington Place Metro Youth Hostel go to: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ukb9wzmmvgcaxff/AADpdIN1niMPP640dznzkrCka?dl=0>

Notes to editors:

Edinburgh Haddington Place Youth Hostel

Haddington Place, Edinburgh EH7 4AG

Open: 17 July to 2 September 2017

Booking details: www.syha.org.uk or haddingtonplace@syha.org.uk; Tel: 0345 293 7373

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- Contemporary and spacious accommodation
- City centre location
- Total beds 143 – small double beds and plenty storage space
- Free Wi-Fi
- Laundry room
- Family friendly
- Suitable for individuals, couples and groups
- Suitable for wheelchair users
- Good transport links
 - Distance to airport nine miles. Tram link to airport – approximately six-minute walk
 - Excellent bus services on the doorstep
 - Distance to main train and bus stations 0.7 miles – approximately 12-minute walk

SYHA Hostelling Scotland is a self-funding charity operating a network of nearly 60 exceptional youth and affiliate hostels for the benefit of all those wishing to learn and experience what Scotland has to offer. Our unique sites provide affordable, comfortable, safe and quality-assured accommodation with a warm, friendly welcome, local knowledge, activities and services for guests travelling around Scotland.

Members enjoy a range of exclusive benefits including dual membership of Hostelling International, providing access to more than 4,000 youth hostels in over 90 countries worldwide. Membership and guest overnight income supports our charitable youth programmes and the maintenance of the hostelling network, particularly in rural Scotland.