

Festive fun fringe fair brings busiest ever day at The EDGE Café



On the fringes of the Mill Road Winter Fair, social enterprise The EDGE Café, welcomed families, passers-by, and festive revellers on Saturday 2nd of December for a day of festive fun on what became the café's busiest day since opening.

The Festive Fringe Fair, sponsored by Devonshire Gardens investor's Railpen and development manager Socius, featured arts and crafts activities, live music, accessible tai chi and a craft and makers market, along with delicious Winter themed treats served by The EDGE Café.

The EDGE Café promotes community-led recovery and support services for people overcoming addiction and provides regular workshops and activities for its visitors. All of the funds raised at the Festive Fringe Fair will be used in the recovery café.

Gail Sawyer, Recovery Hub Manager at The Edge Café, said: "Thank you so much to everyone who joined us at our Festive Fringe Fair. We were overjoyed to welcome so many visitors to The EDGE Café for the first time and to see our regulars uplifted by the buzzing atmosphere that the Fair helped to generate. At our heart we are a community space and the fair helped us to raise funds so we can continue to support our community. We extend our sincere thanks to all of the market sellers, musicians, workshop leaders, café staff and Railpen and Socius, for helping us to deliver such a fantastic event!"



The Festive Fringe Fair was sponsored on behalf of Devonshire Gardens, the new mixed-use development on Devonshire Road, located on the former Travis Perkins site. The project will incorporate new public green spaces, homes, and apartments, as well as a workspace and community amenities. Work is set to begin on the site in early 2024.

Richard van Lente, Senior Asset and Development Manager at Railpen, said: “Myself and my colleagues at Railpen and Socius are absolutely delighted to have been able to support this fantastic and festive event. The EDGE Café is such an important community space, and we are so pleased to have helped to raise funds for the important work it is doing.”

For more information on The EDGE Café, please visit theedgecafecambridge.org. To find out more about Devonshire Gardens, visit devonshiregardenscambridge.com.

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Photo caption:

Image 1: Cambridge Recovery Service at The EDGE Café's Festive Fringe Fair

Image 2: Attendees enjoying arts and crafts activities at The EDGE Café's Festive Fringe Fair

Image 3: Oblique Arts playing at The EDGE Café's Festive Fringe Fair

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Current projects include the mixed-use redevelopment of Devonshire Gardens, Devonshire Road, Cambridge; the mixed-use redevelopment of the former AMEX House in Brighton; the £215m regeneration of Soapworks in central Bristol, a work/live campus in Cambridge city centre and MK Gateway, a future-focused development of workspace and homes in the centre of Milton Keynes. Socius is also partnering with senior living operator Amicala to bring forward an integrated extra care community in Bristol.