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You'll need to save up for a send-off

THE average **funeral** will cost £3,794 within five years, Age Concern Enterprises Scotland has predicted.

The average cost of a funeral has soared by 90 per cent over the past decade, primarily because local councils have stopped subsidising the cost of cremation fees. The cost of a standard funeral in Edinburgh, including director fees, a coffin, transfer, a hearse and burial

expenses, is already at the £3,200 mark, nearly double the cost in some other cities.

Age Concern Enterprises Scotland is hosting advice sessions in Edinburgh from 23 to 27 November giving people the chance to discuss funeral plans on a one-to-one basis with a trained adviser.

For more details call 0845 833 0758 or visit www.ageconcern.org.uk/funeralplans.

