

Newsletter

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Knightswood Swimming Pool Update

Knightswood Swimming Pool closed on Thursday 25th March 2010 and is now in a bad state of repair. The building is rotting fast and needs urgent attention and renovation. When Knightswood Community SCIO (KCSCIO) took over the management of the Community Centre, it did not take over the responsibility for the swimming pool. Glasgow Life is still responsible for the pool building on behalf of Glasgow City. However, Knightswood Community SCIO in its role as a Community Anchor Organisation has been successful in obtaining funding to explore options and stimulate interest in developing the disused swimming pool building.



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Intergenerational Shared Space - Good News

Last week an IGSS Evaluation Panel interviewed two architectural companies to appoint an architect to appraise, review, as well as make recommendations and produce design proposals for the future redevelopment of the former Knightswood swimming pool building. We are delighted that the successful bidder was INCH Architecture and Design who have a wealth of experience working in partnership with community groups and a track record of designing innovative and unique buildings. INCH is also a social enterprise architecture, design and research practice. If you wish to have a look at INCH's range of design work the website address is: www.inch-architecture.co.uk

Intergenerational Shared Space

After extensive consultation with the community the concept of creating an Intergenerational Shared Space (IGSS) was the preferred option. The IGSS would be a resource for all age groups as well as encouraging young people and older adults to work together. This can be a wonderful benefit to the communities where they live. Examples of Intergenerational work can include projects such as: arts, music, health, community gardens, creative cooking, digital mentoring and history. There is a plethora of ways that different generations can interact and learn together to the benefit of everyone.

In order to drive forward the project an IGSS Steering Group has been established and has met on three occasions through Zoom. The group incorporates representatives from Glasgow Life, Jobs and Business Glasgow, Glasgow Housing Association, CEIS, Knightswood Connect, Generations Working Together and Knightswood Community SCIO.

The purpose of this Steering Group is to help develop the Knightswood former swimming pool into an Intergenerational Shared Space (IGSS). The Steering Group provides support, guidance and an oversight of progress, assisting the Development Officer and KCSCIO in the projects development.

Partners from different organisations give additional value to the project by sharing ideas and good practice, as well as providing a useful distance and perspective.

The area surrounding the old swimming pool is already a hub for local services. Supporting the development of the swimming pool building as an IGSS would create a community campus of linked buildings comprising of the Community Centre, an Intergenerational Shared Space, a community library, and a housing association office. This development into an IGSS will enhance and revitalise this part of the Knightswood community. This development would create the first purpose-built intergenerational building in the UK.

This IGSS development is a five-year project and the KCSCIO has been very clear from the beginning that it is happy to lead the project up to the point of identifying a service operator, however it does not want to be the organisation to run the Intergenerational Centre/Shared Space.

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