

Newsletter

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Community Centre Update

In line with the Scottish Government Covid19 Guidelines, Knightswood Community Centre is still closed to community groups and organisations. The NHS Glasgow & Clyde Anticoagulant Service are continuing to use the Centre providing a community clinic on Wednesdays and Fridays for warfarin patients with over 60 people a week using this service. The Scottish Blood Transfusion Service has visited and a film production company also used the Centre in recent months.



It is planned to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Knightswood Community SCIO on Wednesday 8th of September 2021 should the COVID restrictions allow. It is anticipated that most adult groups and organisations that previously used the Centre will be able to return on Monday 6th of September 2021, slotting back into their previous lets before Covid19 outbreak. Knightswood Community SCIO Trustees have been meeting monthly on Zoom to assess the situation and they have managed not to furlough any employees during the lockdowns, with two members of staff working from home. The facilities team have been keeping the Centre 'spick and span' and doing essential maintenance throughout the pandemic.

I can't wait to see you all back and hear the Knightswood Community Centre bustling again'

Gary (Centre Manager)



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Indicative Reopening Dates.

Knightswood Community SCIO is hoping to reopen the Centre on Monday 3rd of May depending on the Scottish Government restrictions being eased and when we have further information on which indoor activities are allowed. This we anticipate will again be for children and young people groups, as well as adult groups that offer one to one advice and information.

The dates announced are only 'indicative' and depend on factors such as the suppression of the virus and the rollout of the vaccine. The earliest 'indicative' date for adult group exercise classes is Monday 17th May.

'Indicative' dates for other adult group indoor activities have yet to be announced by the Scottish Government.

Major Renovation Planned for Alderman Hall

Knightswood Community SCIO has taken the opportunity during lockdown to modernise and upgrade facilities on the building. In October 2020 the Centre went through a major refurbishment of its electrical and plumbing infrastructure and has now running hot water throughout the venue.



(The Alderman Hall will be warmer in the winter)

Another major renovation is planned for May and June 2021. In the main Alderman Hall, the windows and the outside curtain wall are being replaced. The heating system being upgraded; this will resolve the hall being cold in the winter months. The bottom row of the new triple glazed windows will be made from obscured glass and this will provide a greater degree of privacy for the activities taking place in the hall. This renovation work was originally intended to be carried out during July last year however it was postponed because of the pandemic.



(Drawing outlining the proposed new curtain wall of the Alderman Hall).

Café Update

At present, the Knightswood Community Centre café is closed. The café operator Stuart has now moved on and we wish him all the best in these trying economic times. We hope to engage a new café operator for September, in time for the groups and organisations returning to the Centre.



Media release statement: for Knightswood Pool - Intergenerational Shared Space Initiative

General release:

Design proposals have commenced to transform the site of the former Knightswood swimming pool in Alderman Road, Glasgow into an Intergenerational Shared Space for the local Knightswood community. Knightswood Swimming Pool closed on Thursday 25th March 2010

A community consultation exercise undertaken in 2018-19 which, included over 250 people concluded that an Intergenerational Shared Space was the preferred use of the currently disused and derelict pool building.

Gordon Giles, Development Officer of Knightswood Community Centre stated, *“The Intergenerational Shared Space would be a fantastic resource for the people of Knightswood. It would encourage older adults and young people to interact, work and learn together”*

With funding secured for the feasibility study from the Scottish Government’s Investing in Communities Fund, Knightswood Community SCIO appointed INCH Architecture + Design (a social enterprise architecture practice) and their multi-disciplinary design team to develop concept design proposals.

The team will work closely with the local community and local stakeholders to deliver on the vision for an intergenerational shared space.



(The former Knightswood Swimming Pool as it is today).

Alisdair Clements, Director of INCH said, *“There is increasing demand for and a growing body of evidence which supports the promotion of intergenerational living and age integration. As a practice we have a strong reputation for our work in designing for healthy ageing, across the ages. It is an honour therefore to be able to work with the Knightswood Community on this exciting, novel initiative.”*

The project is supported by Glasgow Life and Glasgow City Council, the building owners. Representatives from Generations Working Together and CEIS will offer specialist input and will help steer the project team and vision.

Social media release:

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