Truro City Hall to shine spotlight on over 1,200

Impression of the new Truro City Hall

An historic hall is centre stage of plans to create a cultural centre for Cornwall, thanks to support from National Lottery players.

Truro’s City Hall will be restored and transformed into a theatre auditorium and business hub.

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At the heart of the community for 350 years, the hall has been many things to many people - from a courtroom and seat of political power to a skating rink and food market. It has weathered fire, economic downturn and civil unrest and has plenty of stories to tell.

Now 1,265 of those stories will be captured, one for every seat in the planned new auditorium, putting the hall’s incredible history at the heart of its bright future.

Permanent exhibitions and digital installations will create a ‘voice-scape’ to reveal for the very first time the history of the hall and the community that has used it for centuries.

Julien Boast, Director of Hall for Cornwall, welcomed the good news for the project, which he said would: “Drive economic and cultural growth in Truro and give access to the very best performing arts, to rival any city in the country.”

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Nerys Watts, Head of HLF South West, said: “Thanks to National Lottery players, our support will address urgent conservation needs whilst also helping to reveal more of its fascinating history to visitors. It will be yet another exciting new chapter for the building and we look forward to seeing how the plans develop.”

The scheme has gained initial support for a £2.6million grant and can now start planning this new exciting chapter for Cornwall.

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