

# Transformed home for one of the UK's finest art collections

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Aberdeen Art Gallery has reopened as the cultural jewel of north-east Scotland after National Lottery funding of £10million.

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Works by Monet, Tracey Emin, Francis Baker and Barbara Hepworth have taken pride of place in the beautiful new rooms of Aberdeen Art Gallery after a landmark transformation of the building. It is also home to important Scottish artists, designers and makers such as Henry Raeburn, Joan Eardley and Samuel Peploe.

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The display space has dramatically increased to 17 galleries from 11, so there are hundreds more works of art and artefacts to be enjoyed. A further three galleries will house a changing programme of special exhibitions.

Councillor Marie Boulton, Aberdeen Council's culture spokesperson, said: "The reopening is the culmination of an incredibly important project, preserving the heritage of Aberdeen Art Gallery whilst creating a wonderful contemporary venue."

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## **Fresh new approach**





Visitor research played a key role in developing a fresh new approach to displaying the collection. The displays explore artists' ideas and inspiration, their creative processes and the materials they use to create a range of experiences, moods and stories for visitors.

With level access, lifts, induction hearing loops, large print labels, special quiet times and dementia-friendly trained staff, physical access has also been dramatically improved.



Councillor Jenny Laing, Co-Leader of Aberdeen City Council, said: “The redeveloped Aberdeen Art Gallery will serve generations of residents and attract hundreds of thousands of visitors from at home and abroad each year, providing a fitting home for the world-renowned collections we hold.”

Watch this City Council video to learn more about the redevelopment:

The gallery opens its doors to the public on Saturday 2 November 2019. Find out more on the [Aberdeen Art Gallery website](#).

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