

Kelvin Hall opened by First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon.

The reinvention of Glasgow's Kelvin Hall as a cultural hub with a unique mix of sport, heritage and learning, was unveiled by Scotland's First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon at the official opening on 11 November.

With the help of a £4.6million grant from HLF, the much-loved exhibition arena is leading the way in partnership working, bringing diverse facilities under one roof to prosper together. The project has secured the future of the iconic building for many years to come.

The new complex includes:

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- One of Scotland's biggest health and fitness facilities: incorporating a multi-purpose sports hall, gymnastics hall, three fitness studios and one of the largest fitness gyms in Scotland
- A collections centre housing the internationally significant collections managed by the Hunterian and Glasgow museums
- National Library of Scotland at Kelvin Hall: an interactive space offering visitors the chance to explore films, maps, books and manuscripts from the Library's extensive digital resource
- University of Glasgow at Kelvin Hall: inspiring spaces and opportunities have been created for world-changing research, teaching and learning

- Glasgow Museums at Kelvin Hall: publicly accessible storage for approximately 400,000 objects including interiors from Miss Cranston's Ingram Street tearooms designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh
- Academy for Cultural and Heritage Skills: offering in-service training to the museum and cultural heritage sectors, nationally and internationally
- Community-curated spaces, displays and exhibitions
- Community and school learning facilities
- A café and shops

Chair of HLF Scotland Committee, Dame Seona Reid, said: “The Kelvin Hall is a hugely popular building and much loved by the people of Glasgow and further afield. We are delighted that, thanks to players of the National Lottery, new life has been breathed into part of its vast interior to create a vibrant, cultural hub for the city. It is an example to the rest of the UK of how sport, learning and heritage can thrive together.”

Councillor Frank McAveety, Leader of Glasgow City Council, said: “Everyone has their own memory of the Kelvin Hall and I’m delighted that we have been able to breathe new life into this much-loved building. Working with our partners, we have transformed this building into an inspirational cultural and sporting complex of international scale and quality."