



University
of Glasgow

The Stevenson Hive Building Project





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A word from our Principal

“The student experience is central to what we offer at the University of Glasgow and this development will greatly enhance both our sporting and social facilities at the Stevenson building and the Glasgow University Union. It is an ambitious project and one that is part of our ongoing strategy to improve and invest in an innovative and efficient way.

We take pride in being responsive to the needs of our students and have listened to their views on what they wanted from the development. What will emerge will be a truly dynamic, high quality facility that will be used and appreciated by staff, students and the wider local community.”

**Prof Anton Muscatelli, Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
University of Glasgow**

Old meets new

Preparations are already underway for the exciting £13.4 million redevelopment of the Glasgow University Union (GUU) extension, located at the junction of Kelvin Way and Gibson Street. This will create a brand new sports and social venue currently referred to as the Stevenson Hive Building which will incorporate the re-birth of the Hive nightclub.

The Stevenson Hive Building will connect with the original GUU and the Stevenson Building. It will be a modern, purpose-built and sustainable new facility, creating a new Hive nightclub and a state-of-the-art sports and leisure hub. The building will be an inspiring design that will inject a new sense of energy and enthusiasm around the campus.



The Stevenson Hive Building will be a welcome addition to our main campus

A 21st century redevelopment

The current GUU extension has all the hallmarks of 1960's architecture and has reached the end of its effective life-span. Looking to the future, our redevelopment project will create an inspirational and practical building, designed for the 21st century.

The Stevenson Hive Building will enhance the reputation of the University of Glasgow. It will increase the capacity and make more efficient use of the site space available, in response to the increasing number of students wishing to study at the university.

It will be visually stunning and yet sympathetic to the surrounding architecture, featuring an attractive and modern front elevation. Extending to 4,191m² (45,111 ft²) over five floors, the building will increase the activity space available for university sports and leisure facilities.

We are funding this redevelopment project as part of a masterplan which also seeks to transform the Western Infirmary site. It will be a welcome addition to our main campus, linking our past with an exciting future.

Location benefits

The Stevenson Hive Building will be located on the existing site of the GUU extension and is set to become an eye-catching landmark on the campus. The main access to the sports and leisure facility will be from Oakfield Avenue, while access to the new Hive will be from Gibson Street and via the original GUU building. The building is conveniently located for public transport, with bus services and Underground stations a short walk away.

Redevelopment timeline

At the end of the 2012 summer term the redevelopment project was approved by the University of Glasgow's Capex Committee. Over the summer, a team led by ECD Architects and Page & Park created the imaginative design that will form the basis for the project.

Plans will be submitted to Glasgow City Council's Planning Department in November 2012. Pending planning approval, work on the proposed development will start in Spring 2013 and will be completed by late 2014. We have carefully planned the schedule with the aim of reducing disruption to students and local residents. Regular updates will be issued as the project progresses.



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A first class student experience

The University of Glasgow is committed to providing students with a first class university experience by creating a vibrant and fit-for-purpose campus. We have a reputation for providing an excellent experience for our students, ranking top in the UK for international student satisfaction and first in the UK for social activities and sports facilities, according to the independent International Student Barometer 2011. The Stevenson Hive Building will add to this reputation by creating an exciting new space for students, in keeping with the high expectations of student life at Glasgow.

Benefits for the community

Our plans include an element of community access, so that local residents may enjoy the benefits of our new and improved facilities. The Stevenson Hive Building will be a positive addition to the architecture of the local area, being rebuilt to sympathetically blend-in with the neighbouring Grade B listed GUU building, in stark contrast to the current building.

Sustainability

The building will be environmentally sustainable and will actively reduce our carbon footprint. The design is still being finalised, but our aim is to use natural materials wherever possible and make full use of natural light. Our target is to achieve an excellent BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environment Assessment Method) rating, showing our commitment to energy efficiency and carbon reduction. The building will also be DDA (Disability Discrimination Act 1995) compliant, making it more accessible for all.

The Hive nightclub

The redevelopment of the Hive is creating a buzz around the campus and will allow the GUU to launch a fresh and fashionable new purpose-built nightclub, which will be an improvement to the lively social scene of the campus.

The Hive has been enjoyed by Glasgow students for more than 40 years now, with the facilities more akin to the 1980s than today. The new Hive will be completely redesigned for the 21st century, including a dynamic and vibrant new nightclub, four cafés/bars, including Wifi access. We will create a busy must-visit venue to meet the social expectations of today's students.

The health and safety of our students is of paramount importance to the university and the GUU. The new Hive will offer an exciting, yet safe social environment for students and their friends. It is sure to become a popular addition to the vibrant Glasgow social scene.



The Stevenson Hive Building will meet the needs of our large and growing membership

Sports and leisure facilities

The University of Glasgow recognises the importance of sport and recreation activities for staff and students and has one of the highest participation rates in the UK with more than 11,000 student members, 48 sports clubs and around 50 exercise classes each week.

The investment in the Stevenson Hive Building is a vital part of our infrastructure development, with a significant proportion of the new building being devoted to leading-edge sports and leisure facilities on the upper four levels. The new facility will significantly expand on the current facilities and includes:

- An additional full four court multi-purpose activity hall with viewing gallery
- Increased cardio-vascular and stretching provision
- Increased muscle conditioning provision
- Increased exercise studio space including a martial arts/dojo studio

Those participating in sports and leisure activities will enjoy a stunning outlook over the city of Glasgow and the Stevenson Hive building will help meet the needs of our large and growing membership. It will offer sufficient space to allow us to offer memberships to associated groups and the wider community.

Our membership options will be flexible, geared towards the student year and offering excellent value for money.

Our activity programme caters for a broad range of tastes and includes a balance across exercise classes, student sports clubs, organised recreational sport and freely bookable space - there is something for everyone.

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