



A GAMES LEGACY FOR GLASGOW

A Games Legacy for Glasgow





After 2014 we will
have a more:

- Prosperous Glasgow
- Active Glasgow
- Inclusive Glasgow
- Accessible Glasgow
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- International Glasgow

Foreword by Steven Purcell



Councillor Steven Purcell,
The Leader of Glasgow
City Council

In the summer of 2014, Glasgow will play host to over 6,000 of the world's top athletes from 71 countries. Hundreds of thousands of people will visit our city to experience the Games.

It is my vision that every Glasgow citizen will be involved in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in some way.

The Games will be two weeks of magic and you can be part of it, whether as a spectator, volunteer, worker or for a special few, competitor.

I'm also determined that every Glaswegian will take something from the event that will remain with them. Everyone will take home memories, but I also want them to take home aspirations for the future.

This brochure sets out the vision for the Legacy the Commonwealth Games will leave the people of Glasgow. If we can achieve this together our Games will be a true success.

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Sam Myler - City Building Apprentice.



A Prosperous Glasgow

The Commonwealth Games will help us build on the investment and social renewal we have achieved over the past decade to create real and permanent economic progress.

Young people will gain the education and skills they need to fulfil their potential through schemes like the Commonwealth Apprenticeship Initiative.

Businesses will benefit from the enhanced economic opportunities the Games will bring.

Workers will benefit from new jobs and practical measures such as the Glasgow Living Wage, which gives a fair pay to low earners.

And communities will benefit from rules that will ensure that businesses who gain from the Games put something back.

Sam Myler, apprentice joiner, is in his second year of an apprenticeship with City Building.

He said: "I decided before I left school that I wanted to do an apprenticeship because I knew it would provide me with the skills to get a good job and set me up in a career for life.

"I've learned a lot since starting my apprenticeship, including information about safety, operating machinery and even improving my own health and fitness. I really like working on different projects and meeting lots of new people.

"The Commonwealth Games is bringing a lot of work to Glasgow and this means more places for apprentices all across the city and more opportunities for us."



An Active Glasgow

The Commonwealth Games will help us tackle the health challenges we face in Glasgow. We want to see Glaswegians on the winners' podium in 2014 cheered on by a home crowd living more healthy and active lives.

World-class venues will be available to local people, elite and non-elite athletes beyond 2014.

These will include Tollcross Pool, Kelvingrove Lawn Bowls and Scotstoun Stadium along with brand new facilities such as the National Indoor Sporting Arena, the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome, the National Entertainments Arena and the Hockey Centre.

These facilities and dozens of others across the city will be open to all, free of charge or at a reduced rate.

And we will invest in school sports, clubs, coaches and equipment to make sure as many people as possible can be active.

Betty Swinbourne, 64 from Sandyhills, takes part in the Easy Exercise class run for over 60s in Glasgow.

She said: "I go to my class every week and I love it. The classes have helped me lose weight and as well as keeping me fit, it's a good chance to meet new friends and have a good blether.

"I already use the gym at Parkhead and swim for free at Tollcross Pool so I know first hand how good some of Glasgow's facilities are. The Commonwealth Games will do a lot for Glasgow, and the new venues being built will encourage more people to exercise.

"The Commonwealth Games will give young people role models and inspire those who don't consider themselves to be sporty to get involved. I'm proof that it's never too late to get started!"

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Betty Swinbourne - 'Easy Exercise' class, Sandyhills.



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Tam Brown - Judo Club volunteer, Milton.



The Games will need 15,000 volunteers in a variety of roles over the two weeks including for example, stewards, first aiders, and visitor guides.

This will be an opportunity for people who don't have a formal role in the Games to participate in this once in a lifetime event.

Volunteers will also gain skills, confidence and experience which they can then use to benefit their work, family and community life.

For these people the Games will be about much more than sport, they will be a chance to change their lives and the city around them.

Tam Brown, 50 from Milton has been volunteering at the Milton Judo Club for 35 years.

Tam said: "I get so much out of the time I put into the club and I would recommend volunteering to anyone. I know I'm more confident and have a better outlook on life.

"Volunteering at the club is very rewarding and seeing smiling faces as the young people gain in confidence makes you feel as if you have really achieved something.

"Glasgow needs volunteers to support the Commonwealth Games and, although I can't compete, I can contribute by officiating at the Games. Everyone has something to offer - even after the Games finish - it's just about discovering what that is."

An Inclusive Glasgow

An Accessible Glasgow

Good transport connections are vital in a modern, vibrant city. Businesses, citizens and visitors all need fast, reliable access in and out of Glasgow from the rest of Scotland and the wider world.

As part of the preparations for the Games we are committed to spending £1 billion on the city's transport infrastructure, providing real benefits to the local economy.

These projects include the M74 completion and the East End Regeneration Route, as well as Glasgow Airport Rail Link.

The development of better cycling and walking routes will improve local access in communities across the city.

Taken together, these measures will make travel easier and encourage people to move around in healthier, greener ways.

Sean Tidser, 15, attends Whitehill Secondary in Dennistoun and has benefited from a Glasgow City Council scheme which sees young people receive free bikes and training.

Sean said: "Before I got my bike I wasn't really active, but now I cycle everywhere – I'm never off my bike! Cycling has made me fitter and really helped me with my football and running.

"I used to have to catch the bus everywhere but now I save money and time because I can just ride my bike. I've told all my friends this and they have now started cycling as well.

"The new paths will encourage more people to walk and cycle and they will be a lot safer and quicker than using the road. I think the Commonwealth Games will be good for Glasgow and I'm really looking forward to using the new Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome at Dalmarnock."

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Sean Tidser - Whitehill Secondary, Dennistoun.



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Alisha Livingstone - Mount Vernon Primary School.



Staging the 2014 Games gives Glasgow the opportunity to become one of the most sustainable cities in Europe.

The event will be low carbon and low waste and will set the environmental standard that the city will follow. We will improve air quality, expand our green spaces, improve our waste management and invest in green technologies.

At community level the Commonwealth Games Village and the wider regeneration of the East End will be the biggest physical improvement to our city for decades.

Citizens, young and old, will lead greener lives in a more sustainable environment.

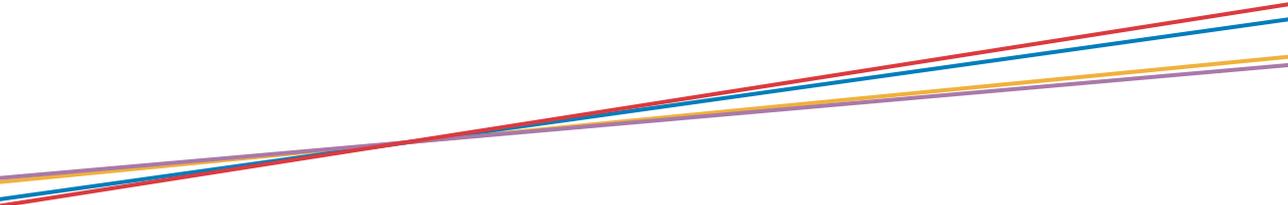
Connor Quigley, 14, is a pupil at Eastbank Academy in Shettleston and is taking part in a project which twins Glasgow's parks with Commonwealth countries. As part of this, young people will help maintain some of Glasgow's parks and learn about other cultures.

Connor said: "Taking part in this project has really helped me learn about the importance of taking care of the environment. I really like growing my own food in Tollcross Park and learning about healthy eating.

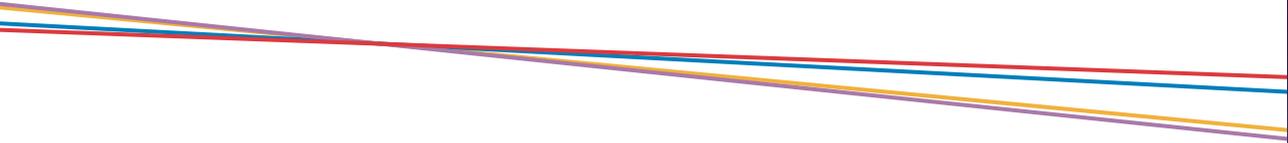
"I've learned a lot about Malawi and the Commonwealth Games and I think the Games will be great for Glasgow. I'll be 19 in 2014 and would love to win a medal in my home city."

Alisha Livingstone, 9, attends Mount Vernon Primary School and knows all about the importance of recycling.

She said: "I like learning about the environment. I help at home by telling my mum what paper and plastic she can recycle. We are taught in school that you should recycle whatever you can and we can all do our bit."



A Greener Glasgow



An International Glasgow

Glasgow's image, worldwide reputation and civic pride will be strengthened as a result of hosting the Games.

The city will be showcased at its very best to hundreds of thousands of visitors and hundreds of millions of TV viewers worldwide.

We already have an enviable reputation for staging major events and a successful Games will cement our position as a top destination.

But above all, Glasgow is renowned for its welcoming, friendly people. They are one of the main reasons we were awarded the Games and they will be our greatest asset when the time comes.

Zsuzsa Varga, 26, is from Budapest, Hungary. Zsuzsa came to Glasgow as a tourist, now lives here and promotes the city through her job at the Convention Bureau.

Zsuzsa said: "When I came to Glasgow, what I noticed straight away was how welcoming the people are – everyone is so friendly and open. The best thing about Glasgow really is its people.

"The shopping in Glasgow is excellent! But there is so much more to enjoy – the fantastic parks, architecture, museums and the range of arts.

"People who come to Glasgow for the Commonwealth Games will realise what a great city it is and will want to come back again and again. The Games give Glasgow a chance to show the world all it has to offer and will make Glaswegians proud of their city."

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A Legacy for all of Glasgow

There is a lot of work to be done between now and 2014 to ensure that the Glasgow Games are the best ever staged.

But hosting the event is only part of our work.

We must also strive for a meaningful Legacy which benefits everyone.

The Games are for athletes, the Games Legacy is for all of Glasgow.

Natasha Milliken, 17, is a member of the Drumchapel Table Tennis Club and currently the Scottish Number 1 Junior.

She said: 'I am hoping to compete in the Commonwealth Games and think it is fantastic they are coming to Glasgow. For me, it is a once in a lifetime chance to participate in such a great event in my own country and I am really excited by it'.



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A Games Legacy for Glasgow is about encouraging people to get involved in sport, recreation, healthy living, cultural activity, training and volunteering in the run up to 2014 and beyond.

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