

MARYHILL
BURGH HALLS
TRUST

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BELOW ARE THE STAINED GLASS PANELS THAT USED TO BE IN THE HALLS



The Stained Glass Panels were designed by Stephen Adam and depict the Trades and industries of Maryhill in the late 19th century and are in store in the Burrell Gallery

Unlocking Maryhill

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Local Community puts together exciting proposals for reuse and restoration

Good progress has been made over the last few months to further develop exciting proposals for the Maryhill Burgh Halls project and to build a solid and locally controlled organisation to manage the project for the future.

In November 2004, the Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust came into being and was recognised as a Scottish Charity, building on the work of the Steering Group that had been working for the previous three years. Local people from the Burgh Halls Steering Group have formed the initial Board of the Trust, which comprises 10 Individual Directors and 3 Partner Directors – Maryhill Housing Association, Cube Housing Association and Glasgow City Council.

The Board Members appointed to date are: Stewart Bell, Willy Briody, Fred Campbell, Andrew Gillespie, Jocelyn Gray, Steve Keopplinger, Billy McAllister, Max McConville, Irene Morrison, Dougie Paton, Caroline Shields.



Maryhill Burgh Halls is at the corner of Maryhill Road and Gairbraid Avenue

Anyone aged 16 years of age or older, living or working within the Operating Area of the Trust, or wishing to support the aims and activities of the Trust, can apply to become a member for the annual subscription of £1. The subscription year runs from November each year. Donations to the Trust are welcomed and will be gratefully accepted.

The Operating Area is Maryhill, Ruchill, Acre, Maryhill Park, Summerston, Wyndford, Kelvindale, Cadder, North Kelvinside and Gairbraid.

Members are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting and put themselves forward for election to the Board, which will manage, control the finances and set the policy for the activities of the Trust.

What progress has been made so far ?

Following on from the completion of a Feasibility Study that consulted local people on what they would like to see included within the project, a team of technical consultants, led by JM Architects, has been appointed to develop outline design proposals. In addition, a Business Planning consultant has been commissioned to make sure that there is a demonstrated need for what is proposed and that the project will operate on financially

viable and secure principles. The site includes not just the Burgh Halls, but also the adjoining Police Station building and land in the central courtyard area beyond the end to Gairbraid Avenue. To date:

- A physical survey of the buildings and land has been completed
- Exciting outline design proposals have been submitted to the Board
- A strategy for develop-

ing a business plan has been agreed and a strategy for further consultation with the local community has been developed

In addition to proposals by the Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust, **Glasgow City Council** has been looking at the viability and technical feasibility of creating a Leisure Centre facility.

Both Glasgow City Council and Communities Scotland have given significant funding to develop the project to date.

The site includes not just the Burgh Halls building but also the old Police Station, Fire Station, Swimming Baths and the ground where the Mission Hall once stood



Maryhill Swimming Baths at the corner of Gairbraid Ave and Burnhouse St

The proposal includes swimming and dry sports facilities on the site of the old Swimming Baths in Garbraid Ave-

The well known and liked stone street facades of the buildings will be retained

nue and the adjoining land that stretches through to Maryhill Road.

A joint local consultation exercise is planned for the Spring/early Summer, to let the community see the proposals that are being worked up and to get feedback on how people view these. The designs that are currently being developed are exciting and are based on the retention

of the attractive stone street facades of the existing buildings, including the Halls building that was built in 1878. The buildings are "Listed" for their architectural and historic importance. In addition to careful conservation work, it is proposed that new dynamically designed buildings constructed of modern materials will add value and give a new dimension to the best from the past. The whole project will be designed to be environmentally friendly, long lasting and will incorporate a series of energy conservation measures.



The interior of the Baths as existing Glasgow City Council is developing proposals for a new Leisure Centre which will include swimming and indoor sports

What will the buildings be used for ?

The Board of the Trust is currently exploring options for various uses that came out of the feasibility study and the public consultation that was carried out at that time. It is very important that whatever mix of uses goes into the Halls, financial viability is established for the future and the project is not wholly dependent on grants.

Possible uses may include:
Community Spaces available primarily for local people for:
Meetings
Social gatherings including Wedding Receptions
Music and Arts activities
Education and Learning
Healthcare
Nursery Facilities
A Creche
Cafe

Lettable space available primarily for local organisations and businesses for:
Events Venue
Offices
Conference Facilities
Recording Studio

Designs for the project are currently being worked up and will be on display shortly for public view and feedback.

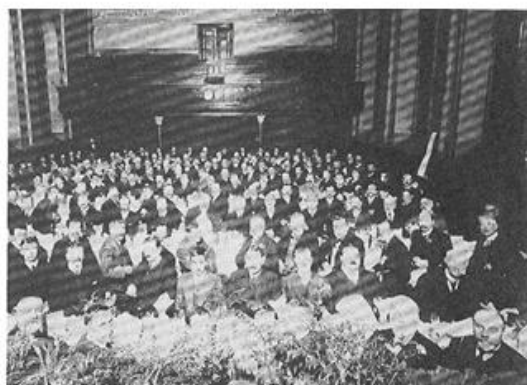


Artwork for Doors Open Day 2004 by local young people



How long will it all take?

Any project that involves a group of historic buildings is complicated and usually takes a long time. Special planning permission has to be applied for. It is hoped that a start on site will be made around the middle of 2006 with completion of the project in late 2007 or early 2008.



A packed audience at an event in the Halls many years ago

How to join the Trust

If you are interested in finding out more about the proposals, becoming involved in the project or becoming a member of the Trust, please contact:
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