

Media release statement:

Embargo until: 9th April

Knightswood Pool - Intergenerational Shared Space Initiative

General release:

Design proposals have commenced to transform the site of the former Knightswood swimming pool in Alderman Road, Glasgow into an Intergenerational Shared Space for the local Knightswood community. Knightswood Swimming Pool closed on Thursday 25th March 2010

A community consultation exercise undertaken in 2018-19 which, included over 250 people concluded that an Intergenerational Shared Space was the preferred use of the currently disused and derelict pool building.

Gordon Giles, Development Officer of Knightswood Community Centre stated, *"The Intergenerational Shared Space would be a fantastic resource for the people of Knightswood. It would encourage older adults and young people to interact, work and learn together"*

With funding secured for the feasibility study from the Scottish Government's Investing in Communities Fund, Knightswood Community SCIO appointed INCH Architecture + Design (a social enterprise architecture practice) and their multi-disciplinary design team to develop concept design proposals.

The team will work closely with the local community and local stakeholders to deliver on the vision for an intergenerational shared space.

Alisdair Clements, Director of INCH said, *"There is increasing demand for and a growing body of evidence which supports the promotion of intergenerational living and age integration. As a practice we have a strong reputation for our work in designing for healthy ageing, across the ages. It is an honour therefore to be able to work with the Knightswood Community on this exciting, novel initiative."*

The project is supported by Glasgow Life and Glasgow City Council, the building owners. Representatives from Generations Working Together and CEIS will offer specialist input and will help steer the project team and vision.

Social media release:

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Background to organisations:

CEIS is the UK's largest and most experienced social enterprise support agency. Established in 1984, CEIS's mission is to tackle inequality, strengthen communities and improve the performance and impact of businesses and systems that support social enterprise development.

Generations Working Together is a Scottish Charity providing information, delivers support and encourages involvement to benefit all of Scotland's generations, by working, learning, volunteering and living together. Generations Working Together are the nationally recognised centre of excellence supporting the development and integration of intergenerational work across Scotland.

Glasgow Life is a charity working for the benefit of the people of Glasgow. We believe everyone deserves a great Glasgow life and we find innovative ways to make this happen across the city's diverse communities.

Our programmes, experiences and events range from grassroots community activities to large-scale cultural, artistic and sporting events which present Glasgow on an international stage.

Our work is designed to promote inclusion, happiness and health, as well as support the city's visitor economy, in order to enhance Glasgow's mental, physical and economic wellbeing.

For more information on our work, see www.glasgowlife.org.uk

INCH Architecture + Design are a social enterprise architecture practice based in Scotland whose vision is to delivery high quality architecture and design for everyone. Through reinvestment of surplus INCH seek to improve awareness of and increase access to high-quality architecture through education, outreach, research and development. INCH are specialists in designing for ageing and dementia.

Knightswood Community SCIO (KCSCIO) is a Scottish Charity whose purposes are: To advance citizenship and community development among the Knightswood community; and to provide social, cultural, recreational and educational facilities that will improve the conditions of life for people in the Knightswood community, particularly through the operation of Knightswood Community Centre.