

# A SPACE FOR ALL IN THE HEART OF EDINBURGH

# Edinburgh Association of Community Councils

The Quaich Project

Thursday 21st November 2019

# **Our Vision**

The project at West Princes Street Gardens represents the next evolutionary chapter in the story of one of Edinburgh's most famous landmark locations.

Our vision aims to bring people together in new ways to celebrate Edinburgh's status as one of the world's most beautiful, welcoming and vibrant capitals. We are dedicated to creating a 'space for all' – where people can come together, memories can be made, and friendships can be forged.



# Our Timeline

Concept design development.

Consultation on the

SEPTEMBER

management of

Street Gardens.

West Princes

The original brief was to create an open-air venue that could also host internal covered events for small audiences.

JULY 2015 Feasibility studies for improvements to the Gardens were undertaken with The City of Edinburgh Council.

JANUARY

The Ross Development Trust is founded to manage the delivery of

significant improvements within

West Princes Street Gardens.

OCTOBER 2016



New York-based architect firm wHY in partnership with local architect GRAS selected as winning design.

AUGUST



The Quaich Project launches £25 million fundraising campaign.

MARCH 2019 Follow-up public consultation.
FEBRUARY

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## APRIL 2015

Initial discussions to replace the Ross Theatre took place with The City of Edinburgh Council, Cockburn Association, Edinburgh World Heritage, Historic Environment Scotland, neighbouring venues, event organisers and local politicians.

#### OCTOBER 2015

Feedback was received from The City of Edinburgh Council that the brief for improvements should include all of West Princes Street Gardens and not just the Ross Theatre.

#### JUNI 2016

Amended plans for a new holistic vision for West Princes Street Gardens were taken to full Council and unanimously approved by Councillors.

#### FEBRUARY 2017

International design competition launched & over 125 submissions received.

### JULY 2018

Ross Fountain restoration completed. £2.1 million raised from private individuals and public bodies.



## NOVEMBER 2019

Statutory public consultation.

MARCH 2020 Planning application

submitted.

Fundraising campaign

## **Outreach**

# Stakeholders & Awareness

Edinburgh Old Town Community Council
New Town Community Council
Cockburn Association
Edinburgh World Heritage
Historic Environment Scotland
Robin Wickes (Co-Chair Edinburgh Access Panel
Edinburgh Access Panel
Gardens Scottish Country Dancers
Royal Scottish Country Dancers Society
StreetWorks
Edinburgh & Lothian Greenspace Trust
Cyrenians
St Cuthberts Parish Church
Social Bite
Dribble
Edinburgh Lothians Greenspace Trust
Dad's Rock

Edinburgh City Youth Café
The Yard
Gardeners at West Princes Street Gardens
Early Days Nursery
Edinburgh Bus Tours
World Bee Project
Visit Scotland
This is Edinburgh
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
Edinburgh Urban Sketchers
Young Scot
Girl Guides
Lothian Autistic
Sistema Scotland
Thistle Foundation
Scottish Autism

Edinburgh & Lothian Beekeepers Association
University of Edinburgh
Sing in the City Community Choir
Rock Choir
Edinburgh Royal Military Tattoo
Edinburgh Festival Fringe
ArtWalk Porty (Bandstand Project)
Wojtek Memorial Trust
St John's Church
DF Concerts
Unique Events
Essential Edinburgh
Marketing Edinburgh
Edinburgh Airport
National Galleries of Scotland
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## **Our Successes**

## The Ross Fountain

West Princes Street Gardens has been home to the Ross Fountain for over 145 years – with the fountain painted varying colours throughout the years and entering different phases of ultimate disrepair.

Neglected for years with no water running, the Ross Development Trust was able to raise £2.1m for the project. Re-installed in July of 2018, following 40,000 working hours to restore it and 650 litres of paint – the fountain has finally be brought back to its former glory.

## **Future Development:**

- The Pavilion The Ross Bandstand
- Welcome Centre
- Shelters and Toilet Facilities
- Family Blaise Area & Children's Play Park



# **CURRENT**













## Into the Future

# **Public Consultation**

The public consultation is an opportunity for Edinburgh residents to have their say on the future of West Princes Street Gardens.

Taking place at the following locations and times, the public consultation provides information on each area of development in West Princes Street Gardens and takes your opinions into consideration – feeding directly back into our designs and the future of this space.

- Long-term space
- Satellite Spaces

Survey available at <a href="www.thequaichproject.org/consultation">www.thequaichproject.org/consultation</a>, printed copy can be requested at <a href="hello@thequaichproject.org">hello@thequaichproject.org</a>



## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

The Quaich Project represents the next evolutionary chapter in the story of one of Edinburgh's most famous landmark locations: West Princes Street Gardens.

We are hosting a consultation for participants to have their say on the future of the Gardens. Running om 4th November - 1st December, you can participate in our consultation on our website, in-person our satellite locations, or request a printed copy at hello@thequaichproject.org.

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