

Edinburgh's first arcade café to open this summer

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'Konbo' is expected to open its doors in early summer, offering a vintage arcade experience within a cafe environment. Patrons can enjoy playing classic games on original hardware while having access to coffee, food & drinks, with a particular focus on locally sourced goods.

The arcade machines themselves have been specially imported from Japan, and fully restored by business owner Michael Cox. "I've been sourcing games and planning this project for a couple of years now", he said. "I want to bring back the social element of gaming. These arcade machines appeal to people of all ages, and I think it's important to have a space where they can be enjoyed together."

Konbo is particularly influenced by the Japanese arcade scene. "In Scotland, arcades have almost died out. In Japan they survive because they are treated like social hubs with their own communities. This shows that the classic arcade is a viable alternative to modern online gaming – provided the venue and the atmosphere is right."

With that end in mind, Konbo is designed to be a welcoming modern venue, open to gamers and non-gamers of all ages. "We'll have coffee and food available during the day, and the hope is to have beer and evening attractions as well. We have an excellent range of classic games of all genres, and the machines are very well maintained – there will be no swallowed coins or broken controls, unlike some arcades of the past!"

Gaming venues have been experiencing a boom in the last few years, with London's 'Four Quarters' and Glasgow's 'MEGAbytes'

being recent success stories. Michael is confident that this most recent endeavour will stand out as something unique. "Konbo features a collection of vintage Japanese arcade machines unlike anything else in Scotland", he said. "We can't wait to connect with the local gaming community, and introduce new people to arcade gaming. The response we've had so far has been amazing."

Ongoing updates can be found on the Konbo website, <http://www.konbo.co.uk>.

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