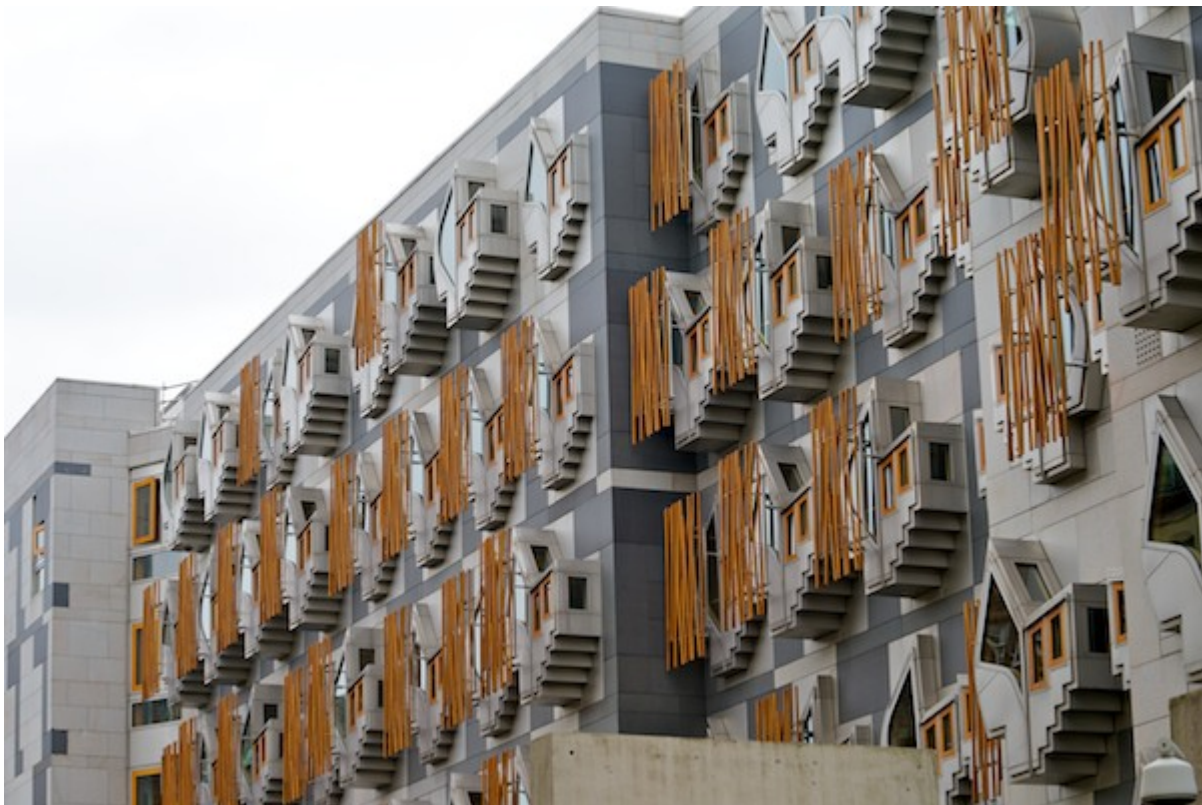


Government funding confirmed for Duncan Place Resource Centre

The Scottish Government has confirmed that over £1 million will be given to revamp the Duncan Place Resource Centre in Leith.



This is part of the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund which supports local projects which engage communities in disadvantaged areas, tackling inequality and supporting inclusive growth at the same time.

This centre which lies in the B listed Leith Primary School will get £1,197,765 to allow it to become a community hub. This will provide flexible working spaces for business start-ups, charitable organisations and social enterprises. There will also be creative spaces offering artists a place to work.

Local Government Minister Kevin Stewart said: “I’m really pleased that this fantastic, locally-driven project will benefit from an injection of funding. It will help regenerate the local area, stimulate inclusive growth and create new jobs.

“The focus of the projects being funded this year range from tackling social isolation, mitigating welfare cuts, providing training opportunities, creating business space and increasing tourism – to name but a few. They are an excellent example of how national and local government are working together on shared priorities that benefit local communities.”



Leader of City of Edinburgh Council, Adam McVey, said: “This is brilliant news for Leith and the city!

“Another community hub is to be brought back to life due to regeneration funding from the Scottish Government. This project is an excellent example of what collaboration and partnership working between the public and voluntary sectors can achieve.

“We’ve worked well with the group taking forward this project and knowing those involved from the community, I’m chuffed they’ve done such a fantastic job in bringing back Duncan Place back into use.

“The funding will help to reduce inequality through the provision of much needed affordable space for events, classes and workshops on health, education and well-being and I’m excited to see the next phase of the project develop.”