Check in to the new look Edinburgh Central

Edinburgh Central Youth Hostel has reopened after the completion of a £450,000 renovation project.

Hostelling Scotland appointed Glasgow design team Graven to transform their reception, lounge, café bar and restaurant into spaces for eating, drinking, relaxing and socialising. It is hoped the investment in the Edinburgh Central Youth Hostel at 9 Haddington Place will make the youth hostel more appealing in the city's competitive budget accommodation market.

The Hostelling Scotland charity is using quality food suppliers and authentic Scottish brewing with Edinburgh Central offering guests Innes and Gunn beer on tap. The restaurant and café bar, licensed from 11:00 to 01:00 every day, will serve a range of food and drink including fresh and seasonal produce.

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The lounge area of the newly renovated Edinburgh Central Youth Hostel | David Cheskin Margo Paterson, Hostelling Scotland Chief Executive, said: "This supports our mission to make Scotland more accessible to more people than, especially the young. Our aim is to provide great value, affordable, flexible and welcoming accommodation in the best locations across this beautiful country of ours."

"You don't have to be an overnight guest to enjoy our warm and welcoming hospitality. With Edinburgh Central, we are open to all and have created a vibrant city centre venue for everyone to enjoy great food and drink in a comfy and relaxed environment."

Margo Paterson, Hostelling Scotland Chief Executive

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Margo Paterson, Hostelling Scotland Chief Executive, and Janet Gagen, Edinburgh Central Hostel Manager, at the launch of the newly renovated Edinburgh Central Youth Hostel | David Cheskin The renovation of Edinburgh Central follows work at other hostels including Glen Nevis at Fort William, Inverness and Aberdeen. The charity is currently carrying out renovation work at Cairngorm Lodge Youth Hostel with several other projects in the pipeline.

Hostelling Scotland is a self-funding charitable organisation with 33 hostels located across the nation which accommodate more than 340,000 guests annually and contribute an estimated £25million to the Scottish visitor economy.