

The Loop Newsletter

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Important messages that require action

Email Signature and Out of Office



Is your email signature and out of office compliant?

It is important that all staff use the approved email signature on all new emails and replies. This protects the corporate identity of Glasgow City Council and ensures your colleagues have your up to date contact details. Your signature should be in font Arial, black text and the size at least 10pt. Your email signature should be at least the size of your email text.

If you are unable to respond to emails for a period of time, it is important that the Out of Office tool is utilised on Outlook. All colleagues must include information about who to contact if the request requires urgent attention and include the following text regarding how to forward a Freedom of Information Request:

If you have a Freedom of Information enquiry, please email foi@glasgow.gov.uk. You can also use an [online form](#).



Managers' Briefings

There has been no Managers' Briefs issued in the last fortnight. A full list of past briefings is available on the intranet using the button on the left.

NRS Planning Staff Engagement Event

Last week, NRS Planning hosted a half day Staff Engagement Event aimed at fostering collaboration as part of the launch of the Glasgow Planning Improvement Plan (GPIP). The event featured insightful sessions, including a welcome address by George Gillespie, Executive Director and Councillor Ruairi Kelly, Convener for Built Heritage and Development, a presentation on working together by Jenny O'Hagan, Director of Service Delivery, and a discussion on developing a shared vision for the Planning Service led by Ben Wilson, Divisional Director for Development and Regeneration. The day also included a meet and greet session where all teams within the Planning Service presented their work to their colleagues, providing an opportunity for staff to connect with each other. The event concluded with summary remarks from Sarah Shaw, Head of Planning on the future of the Planning Service.



Glasgow Scientific Services

Glasgow Scientific Services had the pleasure of hosting a visit by George Gillespie. Jane White, Group Manager said "we were excited to have the opportunity to explain the unique nature of the laboratory and the work we carry out supporting Environment Health, Trading Standards and the wider enforcement community". George kindly took the time to tour the laboratory giving staff the opportunity to meet and show case some of the work they have been involved in. All the staff at GSS appreciate the time that was dedicated to the visit and look forward to welcoming George back in the future.



The visit coincided with the laboratory being awarded the status of Authenticity Centre of Excellence. George said "I really enjoyed meeting colleagues at Scientific Services, this provided a vital opportunity to recognize and appreciate the dedication of the team. It allowed us to connect, collaborate and reinforce our shared vision for the service. I am proud of the dedication shown by our people and I look forward to seeing the positive impact of today's session. I'm looking forward to future visits to teams across NRS".

Are you interested in finding out more about The Thistle?

Based at the Hunter Street Health and Care Centre, Glasgow's Safer Drug Consumption Facility is called 'The Thistle' and opened on Monday 13 January 2025. Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is working with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) and other partners to develop a pilot Safer Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF). It is the first Safer Drug Consumption Facility in Scotland and the United Kingdom.

Everyone is welcome to visit The Thistle. We are organising visits which will include a short tour of the service, and you can also learn about what we offer and our goals. You will have the chance to ask any questions you may have about the service. See below for available dates for visiting.

To ensure we protect the privacy of people using our service, visits are arranged before our service opens at 9am. We would kindly ask that you do not take photos or recordings during the visit. If you need any, they will be available from our press office.

Dates of visits

Visits will take place between 8am and 9am (before the service opens at 9am) on the following dates:

- Thursday 10 April
- Thursday 24 April
- Thursday 8 May
- Thursday 22 May
- Thursday 5 June

If you would like to book a place on one of these visits, please email: ggc.thistle@nhs.scot.

If you would like to obtain service resources (leaflets and/or cards), please email the address above and we can organise this for you.



**NRS
People**

Supporting your health and wellbeing and wellness at work as well as learning and personal development



Welcoming Kevin Argue to His New Role

We caught up with Kevin Argue, the newly appointed Head of Service for Sustainable Transport, Traffic and Road Safety, to find out about himself and his new role:

Tell us a bit about your Career Background?

I worked for East Dunbartonshire Council for 12 years where I had worked in planning roles in before ultimately moving into transport infrastructure and public realm delivery roles, before then progressing to the role of Team Leader for Regeneration and Town Centres.

I then moved over Stirling Council for 4 years, where I was the Team Leader for Transport Development covering transport strategy, infrastructure projects, roads development control, parking and access management.

Following that, I moved to Glasgow City Council in August 2021 where I took on the role of Group Manager for Sustainable Transport in NRS, where I was able to support the Team to deliver a variety of active and sustainable transport infrastructure projects and initiatives, before progressing to my new role of Head of Service Sustainable Transport, Traffic and Parking Operations.

What is your role within NRS?

I am the Head of Service for Sustainable Transport, which includes the design and delivery of a wide range active and sustainable transport infrastructure projects and behaviour change initiatives as well the Council's Transport Strategy and Liveable Neighbourhood teams. Additionally, my new extends to Traffic Network and Road Safety teams as well Parking Operations, whom I worked closely with in my previous role. The synergy across the service grouping will enable us to undertake holistic place based approach to service delivery.

What makes you proud to have a leadership position within the service?

I thrive on working with teams and people to deliver high quality outcomes for our communities. By providing people the platform to succeed, we can deliver together.

What challenges are you most excited to tackle within your?

This role provides a unique opportunity to reduce silos and improve our ability to deliver high quality outcomes for our communities and for those visiting our wonderful city. I am excited to continue to work across the organisation and achieve together.

What is an interesting fact about you:

Not hugely interesting, but I coach my son's football team and love music. I love to relax by either going on

a run, a hill walk or by playing guitar.

Health and Wellbeing Events in February

You are invited to [Join us](#) February for the following Health, Wellbeing, Equality and Diversity training events.

Visit the [website](#) to see the full calendar on offer each month. The page is regularly updated with new content, so please check back often.



Date, Time and Sign Up	Training and Events
<p>Wednesday 19 February 2025 1.30pm until 4.30pm Online Sign Up</p>	<p>Menopause Awareness for Managers</p> <p>Delivered in partnership with City of Glasgow College, this training will cover the impact of menopause in personal, social, and work situations and look at solution focused questioning within the GROW Model to support team members going through the menopause.</p>
<p>Thursday 20 February 2025 10am until 10.45am Online Sign Up</p>	<p>Cancer and the Workplace Webinar</p> <p>Join PAM Wellness in this short bite size webinar which will explore the potential emotional impact of a cancer diagnosis on an individual as well as those around them. Find out how you can support an employee who has been given a cancer diagnosis, as well as family/carers of those affected by cancer and the wider team.</p>
<p>Tuesday 25 February 2025 10am until 12.30pm Online Sign Up</p>	<p>Disability Awareness Training for Managers</p> <p>This training, delivered in partnership with Glasgow Disability Alliance (GDA) will enable recruiting managers to be confident implementing best practices in the recruitment and support of disabled employees. The session will cover how best to promote opportunities to disabled people, how to discuss an individual's support needs, and reasonable adjustments.</p>
<p>Wednesday 26 February 2025 Bookable 15 min slots available throughout the day from 10am until 2.30pm 40 John Street Limited spaces fill up fast on first come, first serve basis so email Grace now to Sign Up</p>	<p>Seated Acupressure Massage Sessions - Incorporate Massage Sessions (cost involved)</p> <p>Discover the wellbeing benefits that can be gained from taking time out of your busy day to relax with a 15 minute (fully clothed) seated acupressure massage. The massage uses Swedish Massage Techniques and includes head, neck, shoulders, back, hands and arms, to help reduce stress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booked sessions take place, with Grace Taylor from Incorporate Massage, in the privacy of our City Chambers Wellbeing Room at 2.24, East Building, 40 John Street • Your session costs *£16 for 15 minutes. Please pay Grace on the day • 8 available morning slots every 15 minutes from 10am to 12 noon • 8 available afternoon slots every 15 minutes from 12.30 to 2.30pm • Booking conditions apply and 24 hours notice required for cancellations (or you may still be charged). • Use Sign Up to book your 15 minute slot with subject GCC Messages and your name, date and preferred 15 minute time slot. <p>*2025 price - increased from £15 to £16 for 15 minutes.</p>

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Vacancies within NRS

The following job vacancies within NRS have been added to myjobscotland. If you are interested use the button to the left to go through to the job adverts.

MJS Ref	Job Title	Posts Available	Grade
GLA13135	Lead Advocate (28 hours)	1 (Part-Time)	CSG 6
GLA13171	Programme Support Officer	1	6
GLA13206	Building Standards Surveyor	1	7
GLA13175	Project Officer (Universal School Meal Programme)	1	7
GLA13184	Programme Manager (Sustainability)	1	8

General Interest

What other teams do and events and activities that you can join



Tickets Available Here



Visit the Lego Brick Exhibition

Cennydd Smith, an inspector with Police Scotland based in Eastgate is contributing to a Lego Brick Display for everyone to enjoy.

Thin Blue Bricks is a TartanLug brick show with some of the best Lego fan displayers in Scotland. The show is on Saturday 1 March 2025 in the Banqueting Suite, South Lanarkshire Council HQ, Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA. There will be many things for adults and kids to see and do, with fantastic prizes to be won. All profits will go to COPS (Care of Police Survivors) who support the families of police officers who have died whilst on duty.

Tickets cost £3.50 per person with under 5's free of charge (no ticket required). Select your time slot for entry, on entry you are welcome to stay as long as you like. If you arrive out with your time slot you will still gain entry, but you may have a short wait.

Glasgow 850: Top Attractions Reward Local Residents with Special Offers

Glasgow Attractions, a group which consists of the top visitor attractions in the city, have launched a series of special offers to celebrate Glasgow 850 and to thank residents for making the city a great place to visit.

From January to December 2025, some of the paid for attractions will offer free and discounted access to their venues and there are a range of exclusive offers running in member venues during [Glasgow's 850th anniversary year](#).

Glasgow Attractions (formerly Glasgow's Leading Attractions) formed in 2001 with the vision to bring together and promote the best must see attractions including hidden gems and family friendly days out.

Members of the group include Celtic FC; Glasgow Science Centre; City Sightseeing; Glasgow Life; Glasgow Museums; Glasgow Science Centre; Glasgow Taxi's; Glengoyne Distillery; Historic Environment Scotland; The Hunterian Art Gallery and Museum and The Mackintosh House; The Scottish Football Museum, Hampden; Sweeney's Cruises; Sealife Loch Lomond; The Clydeside Distillery; The Tall Ship; Tennent's Visitor Centre; House for an Art Lover and The Willow Tea Rooms.

Their newest member visitor attraction is Provan Hall in Easterhouse which is a museum within an A listed medieval building dating back to the 1470s.

Members can read more on the Glasgow Attractions [here](#).



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If you have any information you would like to share through this fortnightly email, please click here to contact the NRS Promotions and Engagement Team

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