

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN DUNDEE

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Company Developments & Jobs

Name	Information	Date
Axis-Shield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Axis-Shield has signed a deal with Beckman Coulter of California to incorporate a test for the early detection of rheumatoid arthritis. Axis-Shield expects revenue to show growth of close to 20% in the first six months of 2009. 	15/01/2009
		19/06/2009
Mansell	Construction company Mansell has secured almost £10M worth of contracts	
Realtime Worlds	Game development company, Realtime Worlds, has announced plans to create a further 50 jobs in the next 12 months, making it one of the biggest games design studios in the UK.	19/06/2009
Call Centre Dynamics	Call Centre Dynamics has secured a £250000 Regional Selective Assistance grant from the Scottish Government that has enabled them to open their second call centre at City Quay, creating 116 new jobs in the city.	12/08/2009
Highland Game Ltd	Dundee based venison-specialists Highland Game are planning to invest £250000 in their Baird Avenue premises and create around 10 new jobs	
James Aimer Ltd	Tea & coffee manufacturer James Aimer Ltd received a Regional Selective Assistance grant of £110000 to enable them to safeguard one job and create 7 more.	12/08/2009
DC Thomson	Brightsolid, a fast growing online business owned by DC Thomson has purchased Friends Reunited for £25M creating the largest online genealogy website provider.	07/08/2009
ProCenseo	A Dundee-based start up company which specialises in energy efficiency technology has outlined plans to employ 27people over the next 12 months. The company has received a £220000 Regional Selective Assistance Grant.	13/10/2009

Environment and Environmental Improvements

Name	Information	Date
Broughty Ferry Beach	Broughty Ferry Beach has achieved European Blue Flag status, highlighting the cleanliness of the sand and waters.	02/06/2009
Liftshare	More than 2500 Tayside drivers have now registered to car share using the TACTRAN Liftshare database.	10/06/2009
Tesco Wind Turbines	<i>Tesco has submitted a planning application to construct 3 x 10.6m wind turbines at its Kingsway West store. Energy generated would be fed into the store to offset reliance on the national grid.</i>	02/03/2009

Retail

Name	Information	Date
Asda	<i>Plans are being submitted for the development of a new Asda Superstore on the site of the former NCR factory. The store could create 500 new jobs</i>	22/05/2009
McLeish Brothers	The McLeish Brothers store in Castle Street has reopened. The business is now run by the former owner in conjunction with G&A Spinks.	07/03/2009
Tesco	Tesco has announced plans to construct a Tesco Express store in a vacant unit on Brook Street in Broughty Ferry. The store will create in the region of 20 jobs.	20/03/2009

Leisure Facilities, Restaurants, Hotels & Pubs

Name	Information	Date
Marmalade Pot	<i>Belhaven Breweries have submitted a planning application for a new 40-bed hotel at the former Marmalade Pot on Riverside Drive.</i>	28/11/2008
Central Library	Dundee's Central Library is the most popular library in Scotland and one of the most visited in the UK. The library had over 743000 visitors in 07-08, higher than any other in Scotland.	04/03/2009
Camperdown Wildlife Park	A combined visitor centre/cafe and education centre costing £1M will be built at Camperdown Wildlife Park.	26/01/2009
New Olympia Leisure Centre	Plans for the £30M project to replace the city's Olympia Leisure Centre have been unveiled. The development, on the current Allan Street car park, will include the new leisure centre, which will have a leaf shaped roof, a retail unit and a 500-space multi-storey car park.	19/05/2009

Housing

Name	Information	Date
Clocktower, Dundee Waterfront	The £4M redevelopment of the Clocktower building in Victoria Dock, which has taken the Unicorn Group 2 years to complete is now available for sale. The 12 luxury flats are on offer from £295000 to £535000.	29/05/2009
Funding for houses for disabled people	Dundee City Council has been awarded an £800000 share of £26M of Scottish Government funding to build 32 new homes for disabled people in city, which it is hoped will more than halve the city's waiting list for wheelchair-compatible accommodation. The homes will be built at Etrick Crescent, Alloway Place, Mains Loan and other smaller sites across the city.	27/06/2009
Whitfield	<i>A £3.5M homes plan for Whitfield has been lodged with the City Council. Housing Association, Home Scotland wishes to create 30 residential units and a carers' residence on a site bounded by Kirkconnel Terrace and Summerfield Avenue. Some of the properties will be specially adapted for residents with disabilities.</i>	14/03/2009
Erskine Street	<i>Home Scotland has submitted a planning application to construct 16 homes on a plot at Erskine Street. It will include a 4-storey development of 8 flats and a further 2 blocks of 3-storey townhouses.</i>	09/10/2009

Tourism and Events

Name	Information	Date
World Schools Debating Championships 2011	Dundee has successfully bid to host the 2011 World Schools Debating Championships in August, bringing debaters from 35 countries to the city for 10 days, potentially generating £1M for the local economy.	23/04/2009
Society of Scottish Artists	The Society of Scottish Artists held its' annual exhibition in the Vision Building in Dundee this year, alongside the degree show students from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design. It's the first time since 1902 that the show has been held outside Edinburgh.	14/05/2009

Community Regeneration

Name	Information	Date
Town Centre Regeneration Fund- Lochee	Dundee City Council has secured £2M from the Scottish Government's Town Centre Regeneration Fund to support the redevelopment of Lochee High Street.	07/08/2009
Stobswell Regeneration Award	The £8M regeneration of Stobswell has won a prestigious award. The project won the Scottish Award for Quality in planning.	13/03/2009

Infrastructure and Property

Name	Information	Date
Tay Road Bridge	Network Rail is to create 75 new jobs as part of a £20M contract to restore the Tay Rail Bridge. 70000 sq.m. of wrought iron, cast iron and steel will be stripped, and a new weather resistant glass-exopy based paint applied to preserve the bridge.	06/05/2009
Dundee Waterfront Redevelopment	Scottish Enterprise has pledged a further £33M to support the redevelopment of the Dundee Waterfront. The money supports the city's 20 year vision for the area. The money will kickstart the third phase of the development - creation of a new northern boulevard, demolishing and rebuilding the on-ramp to the Tay Bridge and creating a storm water tank.	07/03/2009
Chamber of Commerce Building	The former Chamber of Commerce building on Meadowside is to be converted into a café bar and bistro. The 15000 sq.ft. development is being undertaken by Dundee property company, Broxburn Ltd. The project hopes that the first phase of the development will be ready by Christmas. The upper floor will be turned into a function suite.	20/06/2009
Dundee One, Waterfront	The development of a £11.7M office complex on Dundee waterfront is progressing well. One of the 2 buildings being constructed will be occupied by the new Scottish Police Services Authority Forensics Lab.	18/08/2009
Harris Academy	The Scottish Government has announced that 14 schools across Scotland are to benefit from funding to rebuild or refurbish the premises. Harris Academy is one of the 14 schools. The Scottish Government will provide £800M with an additional £450M from the relevant local authorities.	29/09/2009
Waterfront Stormwater Tank	Work has started on the construction of a 1.6M storm water collection tank that will reduce the risk of flooding in the new waterfront development. The tank is sited next to the Hilton Hotel and will be completely hidden once complete.	16/06/2009

Conferences

Name	Information	Date
Scottish Labour Party Conference	Dundee hosted the Scottish Labour Party Conference in March. 1000-plus delegates attended the 3 day event.	06/03/2009

Marketing

Name	Information	Date
Dundee Renewables	Dundee has launched Dundee Renewables, to attract a host of renewable energy companies to the city and to allow the city to lay claim to the title "renewable energy capital Scotland".	15/05/2009

Funding

Name	Information	Date
Awards for All	Since January a total of 26 organisations in the city have received Awards for All grants totalling £144516, including: Barnhill Afterschool Club; Dundee Age Concern; 26 th Scout Group; Braeview Academy; Fintry North Youth Project; Dundee Operatic Society and Morgan Academy FP Football Club.	13/10/2009
Investing in Ideas	3 organisations received grants from the Big Lottery Fund's Investing Ideas scheme which will enable them to undertake research/feasibility studies into ideas they wish to implement. For example, Ardler Village Trust received a grant to develop a business plan for running a community café in the Neighbourhood Centre. Total grants = £16146	13/10/2009
Dundee International Women's Centre	DIWC received a grant of £388759 from the Big Lottery Fund to enable them to continue to deliver services to BME women over the next 5 years - including confidence building; life skills; engage in wider community activities etc.	07/04/2009
Circles Around Dundee	Circles Around Dundee received a grant of £129602 from the Big Lottery Fund to employ 8 staff to support people with autism/learning difficulties in the local community - building up "circles of support" for individuals.	30/01/2009
Insight Counselling	Insight Counselling will use a grant of £272183 from the Big Lottery Fund to establish a counselling service for people who have lost a friend or loved one through suicide.	30/01/2009
Asbestos Action Tayside	The project will use a Big Lottery Fund grant of £248486 to retain staff who deliver a range of services to people diagnosed with asbestos related diseases.	30/01/2009
Family Mediation Tayside & Fife	A Big Lottery grant of £181166 will enable the project to create 3 centres where non-resident parents can establish meaningful and continued contact with children.	30/01/2009
Maxwelltown Information Centre	MIC received a Big Lottery Fund grant of £141308 to enable them to deliver employability focused services to BME clients.	31/03/2009
The Brae Riding for the Disabled Partnership	The Brae have been awarded a Big Lottery Fund grant of £350895 to enable them to support a range of volunteering options for people seeking personal development opportunities, related to the Disabled Riding Centre for the next 5 years.	05/06/2009
Meadowside St Pauls Church	Meadowside St Pauls Church received a grant of £108000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to carry out vital repair works.	04/03/2009
Disabled & Carers Information Centre Assoc.	The project aims to support carers and disabled people from BME communities by raising awareness of services and benefits. The three year grant (£173887) from the Big Lottery Fund will fund staff costs and training.	30/01/2009

Further & Higher Education & Research Activity

Name	Information	Date
University of Dundee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientists working at the University of Dundee have secured a host of large scale grants to continue to develop innovative research projects in recent months. £1.9M was awarded by the Wellcome Trust to lead research into Alzheimers' diabetes and cancer; £2M for a University-led consortium looking at a means of supplying power to rural areas in developing countries who do not have access to centralised electricity networks; €2M to drive an EU funded project to develop new methods of delivering cancer treatment using MRI guided ultrasound and £1.7M to support research into developing a virtual model of cancer growth and spread. • A Scientist Magazine poll has indicated that the University of Dundee is the best place in the UK for post-doctoral researchers to work. • Dundee University is leading a Scotland-wide £26M trial for treatments for arthritis. • The new SCILLS unit (Scottish Institute for Cell Signalling) at the University of Dundee has attracted a host of top researchers to work in the city, from as far afield as Switzerland and California. The unit was established with a £10M grant from the Scottish Government in October 2008, which will fund 35 scientific and support staff for 5 years. • Dundee University is to take part in a multi-million pound PHD programme funded by the Wellcome Trust. Dundee University is one of only 7 institutions in the UK to be awarded funding through the scheme which will support clinicians in basic science to prepare them for carrying out their own research. • The University of Dundee announced the creation of a £1.5M University of Dundee Venture Fund to support spin-out companies. The fund is supported by the University of Dundee, Frontier IP and Scottish Enterprise's Scottish Co-Investment Fund. The fund will remain open to new bidders for 2 years. 	<p style="text-align: right;">April 2009</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17/08/2009</p> <p style="text-align: right;">16/06/2009</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21/09/2009</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sept 09</p>
University of Abertay Dundee	<p>The University of Abertay Dundee has secured £3M of funding from the Scottish Government to create a centre of excellence in computer games education. The works will convert an area of the university's main campus into a new state-of-the-art teaching and learning space to accommodate 2 new post-graduate masters degree courses.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18/05/2009</p>

Good News Stories

Name	Information	Date
The Lonely Planet Guide	The newest Lonely Planet Guide to Great Britain states that Dundee "has been working hard and imaginatively over the past few years to transform itself and the ugly duckling has come a long way down the road to swan status."	21/05/2009
Gardyne's Land Hostel	The renovation of Gardyne's Land in the centre of Dundee to create an independent hostel has been named Heritage Led Project of the Year by Regeneration & Renewal Magazine. The project funded by Dundee City Council, the East of Scotland European Partnership's ERDF Programme, Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Scotland, amongst others cost £4.2M and was completed in 2008.	26/09/2009