

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN DUNDEE

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Company Developments & Jobs

Name	Information	Date
Remploy	The Ministry of Defence has placed a £6M with Remploy Scotland to provide 44000 CBRN suits which protect troops against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear attack. The order will support the company in Dundee and at other locations across Scotland.	30/01/2008
Tayside Aviation	Tayside Aviation have been awarded a £30000 Regional Selective Assistance Grant to enable them to provide training for pilots. The grant will enable the company to create 3 new jobs.	22/01/2008
McTavish Ramsay	Bespoke door manufacturers, Ramsay McTavish have been awarded £185000 of Regional Selective Assistance to safeguard 22 jobs and create 2 new posts.	22/01/2008
IRT Surveys Ltd	The Dundee company that uses infrared photography to pinpoint energy leaks in buildings is to create 15 new jobs with a Regional Selective Assistance grant of £170000. The firm have already carried out infrared surveys of buildings such as Buckingham Palace and The White House.	22/01/2008
Bell Lawrie	Investment management company Bell Lawrie is moving to City Quay, taking 4000 sq.ft. of space at Shed 26. The company employs 21 people in Dundee.	21/04/2008
City Quay Dental Clinic	The new City Quay Dental Clinic opened on the 1 st of October 2007, creating a new NHS only practice in the City. In the first 4 months the practice registered 2800 new NHS patients.	1/04/2008
Pacson Valves	Pacson Valves is moving from Carnoustie to new premises at Claverhouse Industrial Estate, having outgrown it's current premises in Angus. It is hoped that the additional manufacturing capacity provided will lead to significant expansion in orders and workforce.	05/03/2008
Realtime Worlds	Computer games company, Realtime Worlds, has secured \$50M of funding from Maverick Capital, New Enterprise Associations and WPP. The investment will enable Realtime Worlds to expand and develop new creative properties. The company is planning on expanding into online publishing.	30/04/2008
Tesco Call Centre	Tesco is to create 300 new jobs at it's Dundee Customer Service Centre with support from a Regional Selective Assistance Grant.	09/05/2008

Environment and Environmental Improvements

Name	Information	Date
Gourlay Engineering Works, Gallacher Retail Park	Dawn Construction, the company behind the redevelopment/relocation of the former Gourlay Engineering Works at the Gallacher Retail Park (now occupied by Borders) received a commendation from Dundee Civic Trust for the project that has been described as an "outstanding contribution to the city". The project took 48 weeks to complete involved the delicate operation of relocating an 11500 sq.ft. listed building.	24/10/2007
Dundee Eco House	Dundee's Sun City House was due to open in April. The innovative project turned a former janitor's home in Whitfield into a state-of-the-art eco-dwelling to be used for educational purposes.	20/02/2008

Leisure Facilities, Restaurants, Hotels & Pubs

Name	Information	Date
Riding for the Disabled	The Brae, Riding for the Disabled partnership in Dundee have opened a purpose built year-round riding school for the disabled. The £500000 centre provides horses, instructors and physiotherapists.	20/03/2008
Invercarse Hotel	Owners of the Invercarse Hotel, Redwood Leisure have received planning application for an extension which will increase the number of available bedrooms to 60 - a 2-storey extension creating an additional 16 bedrooms.	19/02/2008
Woodlands Hotel	Owners, Redwood Leisure are seeking planning permission is be sought by the Woodlands Hotel in Broughty Ferry to increase the number of bedrooms to 50.	04/01/2008
Tay Hotel	Planning permission has been granted for the redevelopment of the Tay Hotel, a prime city-centre building which has been lying empty for years. The plans seek to develop an aparthotel complex, providing accommodation for business people and others staying in the city for longer periods of time, alongside residential apartments.	22/01/2008
The Queens Hotel	A planning application has been approved, subject to conditions, to build a 3-storey extension to the rear of the Queens Hotel which would create an additional 30 bedrooms. It would be built on columns to retain the car-parking beneath.	17/03/2008
Gardyne's Land Youth Hostel	Dundee's first independent Backpacker's hostel has opened in the City Centre. Offering 90 bedspaces in a mixture of double and multi-bed rooms the hostel also has ample cooking facilities and a bar.	23/04/2008
Gellatly Street	The land to the south-east of the Gellatly Street car park is currently being converted into a 93 bedroom hotel, due to be completed at the end of 2008. There is a proposed retail element to the ground floors.	21/02/2008

Community Regeneration

Name	Information	Date
St Mary's Community Centre	Work has commenced on the new community centre in St Mary's. The building has received £700000 of funding from Dundee City Council and is also funded by the Community Regeneration fund and East of Scotland European Regional Development Fund.	29/10/2007
Mill O Mains	A multi-million pound regeneration scheme to transform the Mill o Mains area of the city is set to begin this year. The draft design had been circulated to residents and received a positive response. The developer is likely to be Home in Scotland.	24/10/2008

Housing

Name	Information	Date
Balgowan Avenue	<i>Baldragon Homes are seeking planning permission to build 51 3-bedroom and 20 4-bedroom homes on land north of Balgowan Avenue, aimed at first time buyers.</i>	01/02/2008
Linlathen	Work is to begin on a £3.1M project to develop 42 new houses in the Linlathen area. The project delivered by Scottish Homes will create 28 affordable homes for rent and 14 homes to be sold as part of a shared-equity scheme. The development is due to be completed in November.	24/01/2008
Clement Park House	Planning permission has been granted, subject to conditions, to turn the largest surviving jute baron's mansion in Dundee, Clement Park House which was built for James Cox, into 10 flats and to construct 23 town houses in the grounds, by developers Buddon Ltd.	19/02/2008
Albert Road, Broughty Ferry	Planning permission, subject to conditions, has been granted to turn the former Westbay Nursing Home site on Albert Road into 12 flats.	17/03/2008
Pitalpin Mill	Forman Construction have received planning permission to turn the former jute mill into 16 flats and to subdivide an annexe into 2 houses and build 11 new houses on site.	17/03/2008

Tourism and Events

Name	Information	Date
Go North Music Festival	The Go North Music Festival, showcasing new bands, will take place in Dundee on the 5 th and 6 th of June.	24/01/2008
Dundee's Historic Collections	4 historic collections in the City have been added to the list of nationally significant collections, which recognises the continuing upwards trend of the City's cultural aspirations. The collections which are held by Dundee City Council and Dundee Heritage Trust include fine and decorative art, jute and whaling collections and the RRS Discovery.	22/01/2008
Dundee Children's Film Festival	The only film festival in Scotland dedicated to children screened over 30 films at the DCA in October.	01/11/2008
Camperdown Visitor Centre	<i>Dundee City Council is planning to develop a £1M visitor centre, café and education centre at Camperdown Wildlife Centre. The existing shop will be extended to include a bike hire operation.</i>	25/04/2008
Lonely Planet Guide 2008	The Lonely Planet Guide to Scotland has praised the City. It says Dundee "enjoys perhaps the finest location of any Scottish city" as well as "tourist attractions of national importance". What's more Dundonians are described as "among the friendliest, most welcoming and most entertaining people you'll meet".	19/04/2008

Healthcare

Name	Information	Date
Roseangle Healthcare Trust	Roseangle Healthcare Trust have received planning permission to construct a 48-bed nursing home off South Road.	19/02/2008

Infrastructure and Property

Name	Information	Date
Vision@Seabraes	Ownership of the £10M office development has passed to Bank of Scotland subsidiary Horizon Property Investment Ltd. Previous restrictions on use have been lifted and a renewed marketing exercise is underway. The building contains 13 separate offices with the latest communication and high speed broadband capacity.	05/02/2008
City Quay Offices	<i>The Unicorn Property Group plan to develop old dock sheds at the east end of City Quay into modern office accommodation. A total of 9 glass fronted units are planned. There are also ambitious £18M plans to build new office space closer to the river at City Quay, providing 100000 sq.ft. of space for almost 1000 employees. Work would commence late 2008.</i>	30/01/2008
Dundee House	A £640000 demolition programme has been given the go-ahead to make way for the replacement of Tayside House on North Lindsay Street. A warehouse and other ancillary buildings will be demolished. Construction of Dundee House is due to start later this year and on completion will allow for the demolition of Tayside House.	29/01/2008
Marketgait	Construction has begun on the site at the corner of Hawkhill and Marketgait to develop a casino, offices, restaurant and managed hotel rooms. It is hoped that the 8-storey development will become a mixed use hub for entertainment & leisure. Rank Grosvenor have already been signed up to run the casino. Work is scheduled for completion in August 2009.	23/01/2008
Dundee Airport	Passenger figures at Dundee Airport increased by 10500 over the previous 12 month period. Loganair are to launch services between Dundee and Belfast and Birmingham in May.	05/05/2008
Scottish Police Services Authority	The Scottish Government has agreed funding to be invested in the Scottish Police's forensic science centre, which will enable the acquisition of a site for a new-build lab.	09/05/2008

Conferences

Name	Information	Date
Dundee-Toulouse Cancer Conference	Dundee is to host over 200 scientists at a prestigious international cancer conference in June. The 3-day meeting follows an inaugural conference in France in 2006. The conference will bring together researchers, clinicians and biotech companies.	05/05/2008
S2S Social Enterprise Trade Fair	Dundee played host to the 3 rd S2S Social Enterprise Trade Fair with over 70 exhibitors and over 600 delegates.	24/04/2008

Education

Name	Information	Date
New Enterprise Project	The New Enterprise Project which was successfully piloted by Dundee City Council's Economic Development and Education Departments to support winter school leavers has been awarded more than £30000 by the Big Lottery Fund to develop and deliver the project to more pupils over the next 2 years. The project aims to help school leavers prepare for the world of work.	25/01/2008

Funding

Name	Information	Date
Dundee City Council New Enterprise Project	The Economic Development Department of Dundee City Council submitted a successful bid to the Big Lottery Fund to develop a project supporting winter school leavers. A pilot project operated in 2007/08 and the £30290 grant will enable the project to operate on a wider basis for the next 2 years.	21/12/2007
Tayside Ritual Abuse Support & Help Project	Tayside Ritual Abuse Support & Help Project received a Big Lottery grant of £267054 to enable them to establish a Telephone Helpline, offer one-to-one support and a range of services to support survivors of ritual and organised abuse.	12/05/2008
The Brae Partnership	The Brae Riding for the Disabled Partnership received a lottery grant of £10000 to enable them to purchase equipment to help disabled people access riding.	12/05/2008
The Unicorn Preservation Trust	The Unicorn Preservation Trust received a grant of £46300 from the Heritage Lottery Fund's Project Planning grants scheme.	27/09/2007
Dundee Schools	A number of Dundee schools have been successful with bids for funding from Awards for All. This includes: Morgan Academy; St John's; St Saviour's; Baldragon Academy; Grove Academy, Craigie High and Braeview Academy. The activities funded include: purchasing trampolines, football equipment, body combat music, hockey sticks, sound system, rugby kit, musical instruments etc.	12/05/2008

Retail/City Centre

Name	Information	Date
Tesco South Road	The first stages of work to redevelop the existing Tesco store on South Road are underway. The former Land of Leather warehouse next to the existing Tesco has been demolished to make way for the multi-million pound redevelopment which will double the existing workforce to 280.	12/01/2008
H&M	Swedish retail giants, H&M have opened their second store in the City in part of the former Arnotts building on the High Street.	06/04/2008
Morrisons	Supermarket giants Morrisons have opened their first store in the City on the site of the former Linlathen High School. The store employs 300 full and part-time staff.	26/10/2007
McLeish Brothers	McLeish's, the local delicatessen/fishmonger opened a new mini market store on Whitehall Street. They were also a finalist in the Retail Innovation category in the Scottish Retail Excellence Awards, up against the likes of retail giant Asda.	13/10/2007
Overgate	The Overgate Centre was also a finalist in the Scottish Retail Excellence Awards for Top Shopping Destination in Scotland.	12/10/2007
The Cheesery	The Cheesery is an independent cheese retailer which opened on Exchange Street early in 2008 - the first shop of it's kind in Dundee.	12/05/2008
Trespass	Trespass, the outdoor clothing manufacturer/retailer has opened it's first store in Dundee. The store on Commercial Street is part of the former Arnotts Department Store building.	12/05/2008

Further & Higher Education & Research Activity

Name	Information	Date
University of Dundee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researchers in the Schools of Computing have been awarded £1.4M to develop new visual search engine software. The researchers will work with leading textile company Liberty Fabrics and the Victoria and Albert Museum to develop the system. • The University will share in a £15M investment from the second phase of the Translational Medicine Research Collaboration Funding. The initial phase (£8M) has enabled the construction of the TMRC Core Laboratory at the University to begin. 70 new jobs are to be created. • The continued expansion of life sciences at the University was marked by the opening of the new Division of Molecular and Environmental Microbiology, housed in the recently renovated Medical Sciences Institute. The £6M renovation will accommodate this and other new units. • Researchers in Town & Regional Planning have been awarded a £500000 grant to lead a major Europe-wide project to improve monitoring of homelessness and homeless policies across the continent. • Dundee University has been included in the official London 2012 pre-games training guide for the sports of archery, boxing, fencing, judo, taekwondo, weightlifting and wrestling. The University is in early-stage negotiations with several countries preparing their pre-2012 schedules. • The University has been awarded £10M by the Scottish Government to develop the Scottish Institute for Cell Signalling. Dundee is a recognised world leader in cell signalling and this development will not only reinforce its position but will also enable it to develop new strengths in emerging areas of cell signalling that will furnish the major drug targets of the future. • Scientists at Dundee University have been awarded a £2.3M grant from the Medical Research Council to further research into how our immune system works and how it can be better controlled to fight disease. 	<p>12/02/2008</p> <p>12/02/2008</p> <p>30/01/2008</p> <p>21/01/2008</p> <p>03/03/2008</p> <p>21/04/2008</p> <p>15/04/2008</p>
University of Abertay	<p>The University's Dare to be Digital Competition has secured a total budget of £1M over the next 2 years to enable it to expand the number of teams competing in the software competition. Sponsorship from Channel 4 has also been secured and will enable centres for the competition to operate in the UK, Ireland and Frankfurt. Teams from China and India will compete at UK locations.</p>	<p>19/01/2008</p>
Dundee College	<p>Dundee College has been awarded planning permission for its £45M redevelopment of the Gardyne Road Campus, it inherited from the University of Dundee.</p>	<p>22/01/2008</p>

Good News Stories

Name	Information	Date
Intelligent Communities 2008	Dundee has, for the second year in a row, been named in US ThinkTank Intelligent Communities Forum's top 7 communities. Other finalists include cities in South Korea, the USA, Estonia and Canada. The overall winner will be announced at an event in New York on the 17 th and 18 th of May.	17/01/2008
Baldragon Homes	Dundee-based company, Baldragon Homes are to head an international consortium developing a £750M theme park in the United States.	14/01/2008
Electronic Purse	Dundee City Council is undertaking a pilot scheme to support the introduction of an "electronic purse" scheme which would reduce the need for people to carry cash. The E-purse would form part of the National Entitlement Card. Dundee were asked by the Scottish Government to be the lead authority for the card on the back of success with the City's Smartcard.	02/05/2008