

The Mackintosh Building Project – Quick Guide FAQ on current position

What is our vision for the future of the Mackintosh Building

- [Strategic Outline Business Case](#) published in October 2021 - identified faithful reinstatement as the preferred option for the building.
- Academic Vision for the Mackintosh Building was outlined in the [Strategic Outline Business Case](#) and further developed in the Procurement Documentation (published in 2022) as a home for a GSA Graduate School bringing together our postgraduate students with researchers from across the globe who are making world-leading, innovative work. We recognise the national and international significance of the Building and its cultural, creative, heritage and economic importance to Glasgow.
- We have developed the strategic brief for the rebuild within the context of an Estates Strategy for the whole GSA campus, our commitment to net zero.
- GSA will also bring back to their original use key spaces such as the drawing studios. These will be timetabled for all students, recognising that drawing is already a distinctive and defining attribute of the GSA graduate.
- Working in partnership with a wide and diverse range of organisations we are committed to bringing the Mackintosh Building back as that vital and inspirational space for our students and a resource for the community and the city.

Where are we with the rebuild?

- Phase 1 of work completed January 2023:
 - Thousands of tonnes of debris removed;
 - Mammoth task of meticulously evaluating the building deciding what can be retained and what needed to be taken down/removed;
 - Careful down takings have been undertaken. This includes complex work on the library tower to take down stonework from the 2014 restoration.
- Phase 2 work commenced:
 - Construction of temporary roof and installation of protective white membrane wrap allowing :
 - A reduction in the extensive scaffolding erected following 2018 fire;
 - The Building to dry out (which is anticipated to take c. 2 years. We are currently seeing significant drying of the building since the wrap was installed);
 - Continued surveys in the building and down takings and repairs to stone/brickwork to further stabilise the structure. These works are planned to be enabling to the future works in the rebuilding process.

When will the Mackintosh Building project be completed?

- At this stage we are unable to provide a definitive final completion date;
- We would anticipate during future phases of the rebuilding project we will be able to share more clearly key dates for completion of each stage of what is a complex project.

What is happening with the appointment of the architects?

- The GSA issued an Invitation to Tender in March 2022 for the Architect-led Design Team, Cost Consultants and Project Managers using a 2-stage process;

- Following the identification of a technical error in the scoring matrix used in the procurement process the procurement exercise for the Architect-led Design Team was closed in March 2023 and no appointment was made;
- This decision will not impact on the timing or funding of advance works to the Mackintosh Building announced by The Glasgow School of Art (24th January 2023). These include works to the internal structure and construction of a temporary roof in line with the faithful reinstatement of the Building, the preferred option identified in the Strategic Outline Business Case.
- We have thoroughly reviewed the procurement process and lessons learnt from this will inform our approach when further procurement exercises are undertaken;
- Our procurement approach to the next stages of the project will be made public in due course and once it is complete we will announce the appointments.

How have we paid for work?

- The cost of debris clearance and stabilisation work that has been completed to date, and the next phase of scheduled work will be met from ring-fenced monies, including interim payments received from insurers, as is common practice;
- The funding for the rebuild will be identified through the Outline Business Case in the same way any major capital project is done.

What is happening with the insurance claim

- We are still working with our teams of professional advisors to progress towards settling the complex insurance claims associated with the 2018 fire.

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