

# RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN DUNDEE

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## Company Developments & Jobs

Name	Information	Date
<b>Scottish Forensics Lab</b>	It has been announced that millions of pounds is to be invested in the development of a new police forensics lab in Dundee. The lab will form part of the waterfront redevelopment and will be completed in 2009. Dundee is already home to the Scottish DNA database.	09/05/2008
	A 50000 sq.ft. building, City Court, has been secured and a £16M, 35-year lease negotiated, which forms part of the DundeeOne development by Unicorn Property Group.	09/10/2008
<b>Tesco Customer Contact Centre</b>	Tesco is to create 125 new jobs at its customer contact centre in Dundee.	02/05/2008
<b>Dundee Pensions Centre</b>	The Department of Works & Pensions Centre at Claverhouse is creating an additional 70 jobs.	25/09/2008
<b>Insights Training Ltd</b>	Insights Training Ltd have started work on their new 17000 sq.ft. office complex in the Technology Park. The new £4M headquarters will house 50 staff but has the capacity for 135 and will play a key role in the company's expansion plans.	28/08/2008
<b>RealTime Worlds</b>	Dundee based computer games design company; RealTime Worlds has won the Business Development Category at the 2008 Develop Industry Excellence Awards.	31/07/2008
<b>IRT Surveys</b>	Dundee based IRT Surveys are developing a hand-held tool for measuring a building's thermal energy efficiency. The company were given a Regional Selective Assistance grant of £170000 to enable them to develop their work.	Oct 2008
<b>Oxy-Gen Combustion</b>	Oxy-Gen Combustion's molecular selective air intake system for Homogeneous Charge Compression Ignition engines was a winning idea in this year's Shell Springboard.	Nov 2008
<b>Tayside Flow Technologies</b>	Tayside Flow Technologies completed a £1M investment from Braveheart Technologies in December. The company, which spun out from Tayside University Hospitals NHS Trust in 1998 has secured over £8M in funding since then. The new funding has allowed them to complete registration and commercialise products.	Jan 09

## Environment and Environmental Improvements

Name	Information	Date
<b>Vacant &amp; Derelict Land Fund</b>	Areas of vacant land across Dundee are to be revitalised over the next 3 years as part of a Scotland-wide, £5.25M programme of works which have secured funding from the Scottish Government's Vacant and Derelict Land Fund. In Dundee funding will go towards improving the appearance of the former ABB factory site on Kingsway East, improving access for pedestrians at the rear of Lochee High Street and developing the long derelict Riverside Nature Park.	06/11/2008
<b>Blue Algae Test</b>	Dundee is set to become the first place in the UK to have a treatment for blue algae, a naturally occurring bloom which is affecting the waters at Clatto Country Park and Stobswell Ponds. A German company who have successfully treated bloom on German waterways are keen to work with Dundee City Council to test the processes in the UK.	03/12/2008

## Leisure Facilities, Restaurants, Hotels & Pubs

Name	Information	Date
<b>Papa Jacques</b>	Papa Jacques in Broughty Ferry have been awarded planning permission to convert first floor offices above their restaurant in Brook Street into a piano bar.	17/06/2008
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b>	The new Holiday Inn Express on Dock Street opened in August.	
<b>West Marketgait Leisure</b>	The £8M redevelopment at West Marketgait is on schedule to open early. The five storey development comprises of a casino, restaurant, office, serviced apartments. Rank Grovesner has been signed up to run the casino.	17/09/2008
<b>Liquid Night Club</b>	The new £3M Liquid Nightclub has opened, creating upwards of 140 part-time jobs. The venue includes 2 separate dance areas, ten bars and private booths for small parties.	01/12/2008

## Community Regeneration

Name	Information	Date
<b>Hilltown Park</b>	A local park has been created at the bottom of the Hilltown as part of the regeneration process. Improved lighting and seating as well as planting have created a new, open and welcoming place for people to go to.	08/09/2008

## Housing

Name	Information	Date
<b>Former Arnotts Building</b>	<i>Darco Property Ltd have been granted planning permission to turn the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors of the A listed former Arnotts building in the city centre into 24 flats.</i>	17/06/2008
<b>Former McAlpine Primary School</b>	Plans have been approved to build a mix of house types on the site of the former McAlpine Road Primary School.	11/09/2008
<b>Lower Dens Mill</b>	<i>Plans have been submitted seeking planning permission to turn the former Lower Dens Mill in Constable Street into 111 luxury flats.</i>	19/08/2008
<b>Alexander Street</b>	The site of the former Delta Capillary Products premises on Alexander Street in the Hilltown is to be turned into a housing development. Outline planning permission has been granted for the site,	16/12/2008
<b>Former Wimberley Halls</b>	Planning permission has been granted to Baker Street Properties Ltd for the redevelopment of the former University of Dundee student residences at Wimberley. Their initial application was refused. The £2M plans seek to create new 36 new homes and associated parking.	20/01/2009

## Tourism and Events

Name	Information	Date
<b>Dundee Tourist Information Centre</b>	Dundee's Tourist Information Centre has moved from premises in Castle Street to Discovery Point.	06/09/2008
<b>Dundee Flower &amp; Food Festival</b>	The 20 <sup>th</sup> Dundee Flower & Food Festival was held in early September, attracting 25000 people over the 3 days.	06/09/2008

## Infrastructure and Property

Name	Information	Date
<b>Former Valentines site</b>	<i>Gladman Developments Ltd has been granted planning permission to build 26 two and three storey office blocks on the site of the former Valentine's factory at Dunsinane Industrial Estate. The plans include off-street parking for 550 cars, cycle racks and pedestrian links.</i>	15/06/2008
<b>Dundee House</b>	Preparatory work has started to clear the site on North Lindsay Street for the construction of the City Council's new headquarters, Dundee House.	07/07/2008
<b>Dundee Park and Ride</b>	<i>Potential sites for a park and ride scheme for Dundee commuters have been identified; they include the south side of the Tay Bridge and the Western Gateway near the Swallow Hotel, by TACTRAN. Their plans are to be discussed by the Council's Planning &amp; Transportation Committee.</i>	06/12/2008
<b>Clark Thomson Building, Perth Road</b>	Clark Thomson Insurance Brokers Ltd has received planning permission for an additional floor on their premises on the Perth Road at a cost of £300000.	16/12/2008
<b>DundeeOne Complex</b>	As part of the city's waterfront redevelopment the Muir Group have been awarded an £11.7M contract to build the DundeeOne Complex, a Grade A office space. It will consist of 2 buildings - River Court and City Court and one of the blocks has already been leased to the Scottish Police Services Authority as a new forensics lab.	12/12/2008

## Conferences

Name	Information	Date
<b>International Comic Conference</b>	Dundee hosted its second International Comic Conference in June as part of the Dundee Literary Festival.	22/06/2008
<b>International Congress - Concrete</b>	500 delegates from around the world attended a conference called Concrete: Construction's Sustainable Option, hosted by the University of Dundee, generating almost £500000 in the local economy.	31/07/2008
<b>European Conference on Mathematical &amp; Theoretical Biology</b>	The University of Dundee hosted the European Conference on Mathematical & Theoretical Biology in July, bringing 600 scientists to Scotland. It is the first time that the conference has been held in the UK. It is the largest general mathematical biology conference in the world and is held once every 3 years.	01/07/2008
<b>ESM Conference on Dynamic Load Distribution</b>	The University of Dundee's Institute of Motion Analysis and Research played host to 120 delegates from around the world.	31/07/2008

## Education

Name	Information	Date
<b>Primary Schools</b>	3 of Dundee City Council's new PFI primary schools recently opened for pupils - Craigowl, St Andrews and Downfield primaries are the latest in Dundee's £90M schools development programme.	18/08/2008

## Funding

Name	Information	Date
<b>Friends of Baxter Park</b>	The Friends of Baxter Park were awarded a £10000 grant from the Big Lottery Fund to create a community meadow.	08/07/2008
<b>Factory Skatepark</b>	The Factory Skatepark secured a grant of £326819 from the Big Lottery Fund to support a 5 year project which will deliver a range of activities i.e. homework clubs for primary school pupils, ICT classes for older people and a youth programme providing a range of support and activities.	20/11/2008
<b>St John's Boomerang</b>	St John's Boomerang Project secured a Big Lottery Grant of £87884 to help them deliver a volunteering project which will provide befriending and home assistance to older people and to also deliver a nightly drop-in session for young people offering recreational activities, confidence building and support & to encourage intergenerational work.	29/08/2008
<b>Dundee Hearing Voices Network</b>	The project received a grant of £245115 to deliver a 5-year project to support people with specific mental health problems. The project will enhance an existing befriending scheme and use mentoring as a key progression route for beneficiaries.	20/11/2008
<b>Awards for All</b>	<p>Since May a total of 19 organisations have received a grant from the Lottery's small grant scheme Awards for All. The successful organisations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ardler Village Trust - £6920</li> <li>• Yep Dundee - £9952</li> <li>• Forthill Out of School Club - £9661</li> <li>• Balerno Education Centre - £9479</li> <li>• Fun Factory Out of School Club - £9621</li> <li>• Izzy's Promise - £9400</li> <li>• Forthill ICT Group - £6678</li> <li>• Dryburgh Sheltered Tenants Assoc. - £5606</li> <li>• Broughty Ferry Environmental Group - £9700</li> <li>• Douglas Racing Pigeon Club - £9236</li> <li>• Dundee Advanced Motorists Club - £3242</li> <li>• Eighteen and Under - £8600</li> <li>• Dundee Youth Voice - £4095</li> <li>• Lochee Primary School - £8872</li> <li>• Friends of Baxter Park - £10000</li> <li>• St Fergus RC Primary School - £4300</li> <li>• Fair Play Training - £9000</li> <li>• Showcase the Street - £5000</li> </ul>	
<b>Esmee Fairbairn Foundation</b>	The University of Dundee received a grant of £11950 from the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation towards the cost of research into the value of virtual learning environments for engaging disaffected pupils with maths and other subjects.	Jan 09

## Further & Higher Education & Research Activity

Name	Information	Date
<b>University of Dundee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientists at the University of Dundee have been awarded £2.8M to fund gene research by the Wellcome Trust. The fund will be used to support 2 teams of post-doctoral researchers and technicians.</li> <li>• The University of Dundee's Enterprise Gym TM has moved to new premises on the Perth Road. Over 1000 students have participated in Enterprise Gym activities in the first 3 years.</li> <li>• The Division of Signal Transduction Therapy have received a further £10.8M from their company backers (AstraZeneca, Boehringer Ingelheim, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck &amp; Pfizer) to provide core funding over the 4 year period 2008-2012. This funding will secure around 50 jobs in the city.</li> <li>• The University of Dundee was short-listed in the Times Higher Education Awards 2008 in the category, University of the Year.</li> <li>• The Medical Research Centre at the University of Dundee is to establish a £1M National Centre for Protein Kinase Profiling.</li> <li>• The University of Dundee are lead partners in a recently funded FP7 European Project with partners in Sweden and Germany and the University of St Andrews. The £3.8M grant is to develop new anti-infective drugs to fight and treat bacterial superbugs.</li> <li>• The University of Dundee ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in a recent UK-wide research assessment exercise with 54% of the university's research is achieving "world leading" or "internationally excellent" standards. The university is top in Scotland for civil engineering and biological and lab-based clinical sciences. The Scottish Funding Council uses the results to determine how it distributes grants amongst higher education institutions.</li> <li>• Dundee ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the Times Higher Educational Supplement's Student Experience rankings of more than 100 universities in the UK.</li> <li>• The University is to spend £1.65M to improve its existing sports facilities with the creation of 2 artificial pitches at the Riverside sports facility. The tennis courts are also to be resurfaced and the changing facilities at Riverside to be improved.</li> <li>• The £6M extension to the University Library was officially opened on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October - the new 3-storey extension has radically altered the library, offering a new entrance, café area, 200 PCs and wireless internet access.</li> <li>• The University of Dundee is to share in a £27M investment in bioenergy research - they will act as one of 6 research hubs to support the BBSRC Sustainable Bioenergy Centre.</li> </ul>	<p>10/09/2008</p> <p>31/05/2008</p> <p>05/08/2008</p> <p>25/09/2008</p> <p>22/10/2008</p> <p>11/09/2008</p> <p>18/12/2008</p> <p>15/01/2009</p> <p>03/11/2008</p> <p>27/01/2009</p>
<b>National Life Sciences Institute</b>	The Scottish Government funded, £10M National Life Sciences Institute, to be built at Dundee University, will	

	create 40 new jobs.	22/05/2008
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## Further & Higher Education & Research Activity - Cont.

<b>University of Abertay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is likely that the University of Abertay's £20M student accommodation in Parker Street will be ready for the start of the 2010/11 academic year.</li> <li>• The University of Abertay is joining with several other Scottish universities who will, together, invest £29M in creating a world leading informatics and computer science research alliance.</li> <li>• A team of researchers at the University of Abertay have pioneered a new method to remove finger prints from clothing, which will lead to advances in the way evidence is collected from crime scenes.</li> <li>• Abertay's highly successful Dare to Be Digital annual games design competition has a new element in 2009. DREAM allows any member of the public to submit ideas for a new game which will be developed by the teams participating in the Dare to Be Digital competition. Winning ideas will receive £500.</li> <li>• Abertay University is one of 10 in Scotland linking together to create the Scottish Informatics and Computer Science Alliance (SICSA) - pooling the research of 10 universities to promote a world-leading international presence in Scotland. Together, the Scottish Funding Council and the 10 universities are investing £29M in the project. SICSA will create 37 research posts across Scotland and 20 new PHD posts each year.</li> </ul>	26/08/2008
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		05/12/2008

## Good News Stories

Name	Information	Date
<b>Intelligent Cities Forum</b>	For the second year in a row Dundee was named amongst the 7 finalists for the Intelligent Community Award. Dundee was chosen to receive a Founders Award.	22/05/2008