

THE FRASER CENTRE: ACHIEVING CHANGE

APPLICANT

The Fraser Centre Community Trust
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TOTAL PROJECT COST

£760,700.00

£200,000

£560,700

Tyne Esk LEADER

Match Funding

PROJECT AIMS

- Demolish and rebuild the current Fraser Centre into a modern facility that will serve the needs of the local community.
- Tackle issues of access to services and facilities in Tranent.
- Reduce social isolation amongst various groups of society.
- Stimulate small businesses and social enterprises.
- Reinvigorate the centre of Tranent and provide a focus for people to restart using the town centre.

PROJECT DETAIL

The Fraser Centre Community Trust was set up in 2011 to redevelop an old cinema from the 1920's. The building had been neglected and it was no longer practical or economical to continue to redevelop it. The decision was made to take down the old building and rebuild the centre.

The new building will be a multi-functional, attractive arts and cultural centre housing a large but flexible theatre space and serving a range of other functions and events including rehearsal and performance space. Smaller spaces will provide learning and activity space for smaller groups. A café will serve as a focal point for the Centre and a series of small offices will be rented to community organisations.

The goal is to create a thriving community hub in the centre of Tranent which will be owned and managed by local people for the benefit of the whole community. Working with a range of partners, The Fraser Centre will host a wide scope of activities - something for people of all age groups and all backgrounds - from Baby Cinema clubs to art classes for older people. The centre will stimulate learning and social interaction. With inclusion and equality at the heart of this project, the goal is to reduce social isolation amongst different groups in society.



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RESULTS

“In April 2018 the demolition team began on site and the project to replace a semi derelict building with a modern facility to help regenerate the town centre is due to be completed in the summer of 2019.”

LESSONS LEARNED

“Ensure you not only have a strategy for the full funding but have included a contingency budget and a back-up plan of where and when you can reach other funds for any unexpected problems.

Having someone comfortable with IT systems is essential as the application and management of the grant are online.

Large projects can have their challenging moments but don't lose sight of why you are doing it and remember the benefits the project will bring to the community when it is complete.”