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STORY OF CHANGE: THE REIMAGINED GAMES



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A hundred thousand welcomes.

The Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games is a bold and brilliant response to a moment of change and opportunity for The Commonwealth Games and the Commonwealth Sport Movement. The Games returning to Glasgow represents a unique opportunity to build on the impact of the hugely successful event in 2014. Yes, these Games will be different; creating a platform for innovation and re-imagining what modern major events can achieve.

A courageous Scotland stepped forward in 2024, following the Victorian Government stepping back as host in 2023. With overwhelming support from athletes and the companionship of nations from across the Commonwealth, there was and remains absolute faith that Glasgow 2026 will be a defining moment in Commonwealth history.

Only in Glasgow, as a world-leading major event city, could an exceptional Games be delivered at record pace and with a confidence that unites the Commonwealth. With the full support of Scotland and the UK, the city's leadership, world-class venues, talent and supply chain have risen to the challenge. Communities from across Glasgow and beyond are backing these Games. The spirit of invention, friendship and creativity is part of our DNA and has provided the rocket fuel to deliver an event the city and nation can be proud of.

Glasgow 2026 is being realised with £150 million of investment, with the competition being entirely privately funded. Working in partnership with the public sector, but not costing the taxpayer a penny, Glasgow 2026 will be powered by commercial partnerships, broadcast rights and ticket sales; as well as investment from Commonwealth Sport. A self-sustaining, ground-breaking Games delivery model.



Great events thrive because of great partnership working. These Games will be delivered in close collaboration with Commonwealth Sport, Commonwealth Games Scotland, The Scottish Government and UK Government; with Glasgow City Council, Glasgow Life, the SEC, and local partners all providing expertise, venues and support to ensure the event delivers for communities across the city and beyond.

We are clear in our commitment to realising the lasting benefits and impact we know multi-sport events can achieve. The reimagined Games model requires a more devolved, collaborative and shared responsibility for legacy. Through our Story of Change, we're setting out our focus as an Organising Company for the impacts we're seeking to achieve and the positive difference we intend to deliver through Glasgow 2026.

We're inviting all partners, big and small, from across Glasgow, Scotland, the UK and the Commonwealth to join us on that journey. Together, we can impact a Games that is smart, flexible, sustainable and rooted in the spirit of its host city and nation. Together, we can build an event the entire Commonwealth can be part of, that lives on for a new era and the next hundred years of global sport.

Tapadh leibh

Thank you

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ABOUT GLASGOW 2026

Between 23 July and 2 August, The Commonwealth Games returns to Glasgow, a city that has always done things differently and brilliantly, and it's great to be back.

Glasgow 2026 isn't just another Games. It's a new model for major international sport, one that redefines how the world stages, experiences and values major events.

Brought to life in a high energy and compact eight-mile Games corridor of world-class venues; fans, visitors and communities will be closer to the action than ever before. Thousands of volunteers and hundreds of thousands of spectators will gather, alongside communities from across the city, to welcome three thousand athletes from 74 nations and territories to compete.

On the field of play, fans will experience historic firsts, true sporting endeavours, an electrifying atmosphere and record-breaking competition together across ten sports and six Para sports, with 215 gold medals up for grabs. Glasgow 2026 includes the largest ever Para sport programme in Games history, alongside the biggest ever competitions in the pool and in the velodrome at a Commonwealth Games. Off the field, Glasgow will do what it does best and create a city welcome like no other, with a festival programme that invites everyone to join in.

This is The Games reborn - smart, sustainable and unmistakably Glasgow. The friendly Games in the world's friendliest city. A Games where everyone can belong – athletes, fans and communities from all parts of the Commonwealth.

Altogether brilliant.



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STORY OF CHANGE VISION

Change cannot always be planned or intended. When Commonwealth Sport published a ten-year strategy 'Commonwealth United' in 2023, the wheels were set in motion for the necessary re-imagining of the event format. A Games model that could be hosted by more nations from across the Commonwealth. One that was more financially responsible and delivered a greater return of benefits to the host nation.

Fast-forward to 2024, and the change in host nation accelerated the appetite and necessity for change. It's a catalyst that gave permission and purpose to a re-invention that was already underway. Our responsibility is to utilise Glasgow 2026 as a bridge to a new era of Commonwealth Sport, showcasing a blueprint for a sustainable, place-based approach to major event delivery. A new model which enables the world's largest integrated, multi-sport Games to continue to unite, inspire and engage people across the Commonwealth.

At Glasgow 2026, we intend to do this by furthering the following impact areas:

- **Deliver a greener Games, treading lighter on the planet:** Setting new standards for best practice by using existing venues, reducing waste and carbon emissions, and supporting Scotland's Net Zero ambitions.
- **The inclusive Games where everyone belongs:** Hosting the largest Para sport programme in Games history and sharing the stories of athletes from 74 nations and territories, and reducing barriers to participation.

- **Creating a welcoming Games in a welcoming city:** Inviting everyone to join in and offering opportunities to learn, volunteer, develop skills, increase wellness and build belonging. The friendly Games meets the friendliest city.
- **Designing a financially responsible and place-based event for host cities and nations:** Redefining how major events are hosted by demonstrating a financially responsible, place-based approach that future-proofs Glasgow's major events workforce and energises Scotland's visitor economy. Showcasing how an integrated, multi-sport event can inspire and unite the Commonwealth for generations.

With Amdavad, India, confirmed as the host for The Commonwealth Games in 2030, the future is bright for a renewed and united event pipeline. We believe that through our impact areas, we can provide the Centenary Games in 2030, and future editions of The Games in 2034 and beyond, with the evidence to demonstrate the deep impact being a Commonwealth Games host can bring.

Here at home, Glasgow, Scotland and the UK will continue to lead the world as international major event hosts. We hope that the benefits realised through Glasgow 2026 will live on in these future major events and continue to deliver legacy and impact throughout our communities.

DEVELOPING THE STORY OF CHANGE

Over 170 people - athletes, young people, residents, community organisations, cultural leaders, event professionals, businesses and public agencies - co-created the Story of Change through workshops led in partnership with the Centre for Culture, Sport and Events at the University of the West of Scotland.

Their ideas, insights and lived experience shaped a shared understanding of how Glasgow 2026 can deliver long-term, positive impact, and their collective voice runs through this document.

The Story of Change is grounded in evidence from major events across Scotland, the UK and the world - the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games, the 2018 European Championships and the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships to Olympic and international cultural programmes. This collective learning ensures Glasgow 2026 is both rooted in what works and ambitious for what comes next.

Defining Impact

For Glasgow 2026, impact means far more than just delivering a successful event - it's about creating real, measurable change that benefits people, places and the planet, long after the final medal is awarded.

It brings together everything from sustainability and skills development to health, inclusion and legacy planning, creating a cohesive framework for positive transformation before, during and after The Games.



COMMON WEALTH

Commonwealth Sport's Common Wealth model imagines sport as a catalyst for prosperity across five 'Wealths'. These five Wealths help shape the Story of Change and guide how Glasgow 2026 can make the most meaningful difference:



1. Sport Wealth

Strengthening global sport, athlete development and high-performance systems.



2. Social Wealth

Improving wellbeing, equity, safety and inclusive opportunities.



3. Cultural Wealth

Celebrating identity, creativity and the rich diversity of the Commonwealth.



4. Economic Wealth

Supporting jobs, inward investment, tourism and sustainable growth.



5. Diplomatic Wealth

Building connections, collaboration and Commonwealth relationships.



SOCIAL VALUES

As an independent organisation established to deliver The Games in Glasgow, our Social Values define how we ensure the social impact of our day-to-day operations.

We're committed and focused on accessibility, safeguarding and employability across all our delivery activities, ensuring the delivery of The Games creates real impact across Glasgow as the host city.

We also have an unwavering commitment to equality, diversity, inclusion and engagement; championed by a dedicated Sub-Committee of the Board and built around clear principles that we and our partners demonstrate through our work. These are our foundation and shape our way of working.



Our Glasgow 2026 Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Principles

Access Matters

Our integrated sports programme demonstrates our commitment to inclusion. We'll also create improvement pathways that remove digital, physical, sensory and logistical barriers from our venues and the overall event experience.

Belong Together

We're committed to an environment where everyone connected to Glasgow 2026 feels they truly belong. Through inclusion, respect and shared purpose, every athlete, volunteer, staff member and spectator can feel valued, supported and part of The Games experience.

Driven by Dignity

Everyone has the right to feel safe and respected. We have clear policies and codes of conduct underpinned by transparent reporting, allowing us to improve the environment for all.

Cultural Inclusion

We celebrate the rich diversity of the Commonwealth. Our ceremonies, events and materials will reflect the voices, traditions and languages of many communities involved.

Gender Equity

Glasgow 2026 builds on The Games' leadership in gender parity by providing equal events, opportunities and visibility for all participants.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

We're committed to a safe physical and digital environment for all, especially children, disabled adults and people who might need additional support with access.

Inclusive Leadership

Our leadership and governance strive to reflect the diversity of The Commonwealth Games and our communities. We value different perspectives and pursue meaningful representation at all levels.

Diverse Teams

Our workforce and volunteers will aim to represent many of the communities of the Commonwealth. We're committed to fair recruitment, inclusive training and creating opportunities for people from any background to contribute and thrive.

Communities First

These Games are designed with our communities. We're engaging local, national and international voices, businesses, sports organisations and groups, to ensure a wide reach of people feel part of the experience.

Legacy of Inclusion

Our impact goes beyond The Games – from improving accessible facilities to increasing participation in sport and physical activity among underrepresented groups. Lasting change is our goal.

Ongoing Education

Inclusion is a journey. Through training, awareness campaigns, and open conversations, we're fostering a culture where everyone may learn, grow and contribute to a more equitable future.

STORY OF CHANGE

Cross Cutting Impact Drivers	Inputs	Activities	Immediate Outcomes	Common Wealths - Intended Goals	Long-term Impacts - Lasting Benefits
Delivering a greener Games, treading lighter on the planet.	<p>Partnership: Glasgow 2026 Organising Company; Commonwealth Sport; Glasgow City Council; The Scottish Government; UK Government; Glasgow Life; the SEC; Commonwealth Games Scotland; alongside our delivery suppliers; local communities; Commonwealth Games Associations; national and local agencies, our governing bodies, international federations and our athletes.</p> <p>Local talent and industry expertise: World-class workforce and supply chain, developed across multiple major events and across sectors.</p> <p>£150m delivery budget: Investment from Commonwealth Sport, strategic partners and commercial revenue; with no detriment to the public purse.</p>	World-class integrated sporting competition.	Elite sporting outcomes on the field of play achieved through integrated, inclusive sport delivery.	<p>Sport Wealth The future of the largest integrated multi-sport event is secured. Sport is more accessible for more people.</p> <p>Social Wealth A greener, more inclusive Games model is demonstrated. Enhanced skills, pride, wellbeing and connection among volunteers, workers and communities.</p> <p>Cultural Wealth There is a stronger sense of belonging and celebration across Glasgow and the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Economic Wealth Glasgow and Scotland's visitor economy is energised. Jobs, skills, inward investment and local supply chain growth accelerated.</p> <p>Diplomatic Wealth There is stronger international collaboration across the Commonwealth.</p>	The Commonwealth Games reimagined for a new era of sport.
The inclusive Games where everyone belongs.		Thousands of volunteers.	Civic engagement and cohesion across Glasgow and Scotland.		A more connected, proud and confident host city and nation.
Creating a welcoming Games in a welcoming city.		A delivery company, supply chain and expert workforce.	Hundreds of thousands of visitors to the city (and wider Scotland), spending in the local economy.		The smarter, more sustainable blueprint for future events.
Designing a financially responsible, place-based event for host cities and nations.		National and international promotion and campaigns.	A low-carbon Games delivered through smart design, new transport models and responsible supply chain management.		Stronger talent pool of a skilled, diverse major events workforce for Scotland.
		Community, schools and engagement programmes.	Global profile for Glasgow, Scotland, the UK and Commonwealth Sport.		Increased community, sporting and cultural assets with strengthened participation pathways.
		Glasgow 2026 Festival.	Focused community involvement that centres lived experience.		Global recognition of Glasgow, Scotland and the UK as pioneers in major event delivery.
		King's Baton Relay.	Opportunities to learn, participate, volunteer and be inspired, having a positive impact on people and communities.		
		'ALL IN' programme.	A financially responsible model rooted in place and partnership.		
		Sustainability action.			
		Social Values initiatives.			
		Advocacy, leadership and international relations.			

IMPACT DRIVERS

To realise our vision for Glasgow 2026's Story of Change, we have defined four impact drivers to guide us through our delivery of The Commonwealth Games.

These are underpinned by twelve aspirational goals to align our strategic planning, operational delivery and the partnerships we establish to stage The Games. It's not intended to articulate all the benefits of Glasgow 2026, as we know these will be wide and diverse. We've focused on identifying the areas where we, working in partnership with others, can have the greatest direct impact through our delivery responsibilities, implementing effective measures to manage them and ensuring these actions contribute to a meaningful and lasting benefit.



Impact Driver #1:

Delivering a greener Games, treading lighter on the planet

We're committed to delivering a modern, environmentally responsible model for major events - one that protects the planet by reducing emissions, cutting waste and using resources wisely.

Our aim is for Glasgow 2026 to be certified to the global standard of ISO 20121:2024 and to certify competition venues in PAS 2080: Carbon Management of Infrastructure.

By applying recognised international standards and working closely with expert partners, we'll embed sustainability across procurement, operations and venue management. This approach ensures that every decision contributes to a lower-carbon Games and a long-lasting environmental legacy for Glasgow, Scotland and the Commonwealth.

Goals	Indicators we will track
Host a low-carbon Games by reducing greenhouse gas emissions through sustainable design, procurement and operations.	% of Games transportation hybrid/electric.
	% of spectators using public transport and/or active travel routes to get to venues.
	% of energy derived from the Mains Grid or green energy sources.
	% of food procured for The Games being plant-based and locally sourced
Deliver a circular Games that maximises reuse, designs out waste, and creates lasting value.	% of Games overlay hired and returned for reuse.
	% of Games owned assets resold or donated.
	% of supply chain agreeing to compliance with Supplier Code of Practice.
Achieve a 'Zero Waste to Landfill' Games through waste avoidance, reduction and recycling.	% of waste diverted from landfill.
	% of waste recycled or reused.
	Tracking of alternatives to plastic goods procured.
	Estimated weight of plastic avoided through responsible procurement.
	Number of pieces of plastic collected as part of the King's Baton Relay.

Impact Driver #2:

The inclusive Games, where everyone belongs

An inclusive experience begins with designing a Games that is genuinely open, accessible and safe for everyone from all backgrounds, of all lived experience and from all nations of the Commonwealth.

This starts with our integrated Para sport programme, the largest in Commonwealth Games history. We know to deliver world-class sport we must centre the athlete voice and, while we recognise there are necessary changes required to our delivery model, we'll prioritise sport as the hero of our plans. We recognise that athletes competing in Para sport experience disproportionate barriers to participation in a multi-sport event and we'll seek to remove these barriers to build a more inclusive Games experience.

We'll embed accessibility and safeguarding across our planning and delivery; ensuring that our athletes, our officials, volunteers, workforce and spectators can participate in The Games inclusively and confidently. By drawing on lived experience and engaging with communities, expert partners and specialists, we will seek to deliver consistent, high-quality standards of accessibility across every venue and through our engagement programmes. Where we can't make adjustments or realise these standards, we'll communicate openly and honestly to share our learning and to support individuals to plan for their experience.

Goals	Indicators we will track
Deliver an integrated sport competition, including the biggest Para sport programme in Games history, in which athletes, teams and officials from 74 nations have an inclusive Games experience.	The number of athletes competing in Para sport.
	The number of nations and territories represented by athletes.
	The experience and feedback from our athletes.
Design an accessible and safe Games experience for all involved, by embedding accessibility planning as part of Games delivery and proactively seeking to address, reduce and remove barriers to access.	Evidence of access provision across Glasgow 2026 delivery plans.
	Works undertaken to adapt, in spaces and venues.
	Number of spectators with access needs.
	Demographics of spectators.
	Case studies on Games experience.
Build a representative workforce to engage with communities and stakeholder groups. Through engagement, embed lived experience into our planning and delivery, including as workforce, volunteers, partners and community participants.	Diversity of workforce and volunteers.
	Diversity of Board and Sub-committees.
	Number of community partnerships.
	Number and diversity of community participants involved in co-creation and planning.

Impact Driver #3:

Creating a welcoming Games, in a welcoming city

Glasgow 2026 will be a celebration of sport and culture shaped and shared by people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. By activating the city, creating volunteering opportunities and through our engagement with young people, The Games will create meaningful ways for people to get involved, build skills and strengthen connections and cohesion within communities.

At a moment in time where the world is an increasingly divided place, The Games provides a positive platform for Glasgow to demonstrate that everyone is welcome here. We'll once again show that people truly make Glasgow the friendly and welcoming city it remains today.

By nurturing local talent, creating participation and learning opportunities, and prioritising engagement, The Games will promote wellbeing, pride, community cohesion and belonging across Glasgow, Scotland, the UK and the wider Commonwealth.

Goals	Indicators we will track
Engage the public in projects and programmes to activate the city and enhance equal access to sport, physical activity, culture and community action.	Number of people engaged in public programmes and city activation.
	Evidence of the outcomes realised through public programmes and city activation, including impact on pride, wellbeing, community cohesion and belonging.
Grow skills through a local workforce which strengthens employability in the industry and future-proofs Glasgow and Scotland's world-class events expertise and talent.	Number of people in workforce and volunteer roles.
	Evidence of outcomes realised through volunteer programme.
	Impacts from employability initiatives delivered by Glasgow 2026 and through our Games supply chain.
Provide people of all ages with opportunities to learn and be inspired through participation in schools, community, education and volunteering initiatives.	Number of schools and further and higher education institutions which engage with The Games.
	Number of people engaged in learning and participation opportunities associated with Glasgow 2026.
	Evidence of the outcomes realised through the volunteer programme, schools programme, and wider community engagement or skills initiatives.

Impact Driver #4:

Designing a financially responsible, place-based event for host cities and nations

As the major events landscape continues to evolve internationally, we'll demonstrate a smarter, more financially responsible approach to hosting. One that maximises the use of existing assets and infrastructure, delivers greater economic return on investment against the cost of the event and reflects a new model of event designed to the strengths of a host city.

The Commonwealth Games is one of the premier international sporting events. It's always been a leading light in the multi-sport environment and has embraced the changing times throughout the 22 previous editions. Once again, The Commonwealth Games will be leading the way with a new event format designed to be more inclusive, enabling more host cities and nations to host the event over the next century.

By taking a place-based approach and designing the competition to existing sporting infrastructure, compacting the geographic footprint and leveraging the cultural and community assets of the host city, we've reduced the cost of hosting a Commonwealth Games by over 60%. In addition, we've attracted entirely private funds to stage the event and showcase Glasgow, Scotland and the UK on the world stage. It's intended this model will set a benchmark for future hosts, proving that major events can be truly world-class and financially responsible.

Goals	Indicators we will track
Showcase Glasgow, Scotland and the UK as a global leader in hosting world-class major events.	Broadcast coverage and media sentiment.
	Social media engagement.
	International delegations and relations.
	Knowledge transfer, advocacy and leadership.
Demonstrate the focused economic impacts and returns for Glasgow and Scotland of a £150m delivery budget.	Securing the £150m delivery budget.
	Procurement spend / supply chain benefits.
	Case studies of visitor economy impacts.
	Delivering the event within the budget.
	Total funds raised for the Official Charity Partner, Commonwealth Sport Foundation.
Model a new format for The Games that responds to the strengths, assets and infrastructure of the host city.	Documentation of the format, learnings and evidence of the benefits from this model.
	Use of existing venues.
	Engagement with 2027 Commonwealth Youth Games host, 2030 Commonwealth Games host and hosts of future major events in the UK.

STRATEGIC BENEFITS

Securing the future of the Commonwealth Games

Glasgow 2026 secures and safeguards the future of The Commonwealth Games, the world's largest fully integrated multi-sport event. This model is already influencing the future: the newly announced 2030 Commonwealth Games centenary hosts in Amdavad, India, credit Glasgow 2026 as their inspiration. With a pipeline of potential hosts for 2034 and beyond, Glasgow 2026 has already provided a bridge to a new era for Commonwealth Sport. By delivering the most ambitious Para sport programme and providing athletes with a world-class stage, we continue to inspire future generations.



Sport Wealth



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Sport will be more accessible

Through inclusive representation, targeted engagement and partnerships with community organisations, Glasgow 2026 will strengthen participation in sport, physical activity, cultural activity and community action.

By showcasing the achievements of athletes from 74 nations and territories in the Commonwealth, we'll inspire people of all backgrounds and abilities. Engagement and development programmes delivered in Glasgow, across Scotland and throughout the Commonwealth will expand opportunities for young people in sport. As Official Charity Partner, the Commonwealth Sport Foundation will fund initiatives ensuring access to sport continues long after The Games.

A multi-million-pound programme of upgrades will be made to community sports facilities at Scotstoun Stadium, Tollcross International Swimming Centre and the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome and Arena, to give clubs and communities world-class spaces to train, play and grow.

New networks, including the Glasgow 2026 Legacy Network convened by the University of the West of Scotland and supported by Spirit of 2012 and the National EDI Group, will collaborate to remove barriers to participation and improve wellbeing. In a time of financial pressure, Glasgow 2026 will demonstrate the enduring social and economic value of investment in sport, physical activity and culture.



Sport Wealth



Social Wealth

Communities will experience increased belonging and civic pride

Audiences across Glasgow and the Commonwealth will share moments of pride as they experience the energy of world-class competition - anticipation, excitement and elation. At a time when division often dominates, The Games will provide a powerful reason to unite. Public programmes, including the King's Baton Relay, the Glasgow 2026 Festival and The Games schools' programme, will enable hundreds of thousands of people to take part in inclusive cultural, sporting and community activities. Designed collaboratively, these programmes will reflect community identities and support local priorities. Through opportunities to gather and celebrate, Glasgow 2026 will enhance community pride, strengthen belonging and promote collaboration across the Commonwealth.



Cultural Wealth



Diplomatic Wealth





Glasgow's major events workforce will be future-proofed

The reputation and expertise of Glasgow's events workforce, one of the city's greatest legacies from 2014, makes Glasgow 2026 possible. We'll build on this foundation by upskilling experienced professionals and opening doors for the next generation. Targeted employability initiatives will create pathways for people underrepresented in the events industry, enriching the sector and strengthening Glasgow's capacity to host inclusive, world-class events. The legacy of 2014's volunteer programme continues and returning Clydesiders will join new volunteers as a 3,000-strong team in 2026. Their passion will energise the city and inspire new active citizens.

We'll collaborate with delivery partners, public agencies and communities to ensure continuous learning and knowledge sharing, strengthening the delivery of sustainable events locally and globally. We're part of an international movement towards smarter, more sustainable event models and we'll contribute insights to practitioners at every level.



Economic Wealth



Social Wealth

Glasgow and Scotland's visitor economy will be energised

We'll bring additional spend in to the city and across Scotland, through our Games delivery budget. Our supply chain will support more than 500 jobs across the Organising Company and embedded delivery partners, with a focus on social value to ensure skills development. We'll make sure that access and safeguarding are central to those roles.

Hundreds of thousands of visitors will drive economic activity across hotels, hospitality, retail and cultural venues. Global broadcast and media coverage will showcase Glasgow and Scotland to millions, strengthening future tourism.

The Games will also create opportunities to build international trade partnerships and present Scotland as a vibrant place to live, work, learn and do business.



Economic Wealth



Diplomatic Wealth





A greener Games model will be demonstrated

We support Glasgow and Scotland's Net Zero ambitions through low carbon delivery, circular economy principles and a meaningful sustainability legacy. All suppliers will deliver against a Games-wide commitment to sustainability and social value, embedding environmental and social responsibility in delivery.

A zero construction approach ensures all competition and training venues already exist, eliminating the carbon emissions typical of new builds and large-scale overlays. Athletes will be accommodated in existing hotels across designated Accommodation Hubs, many within walking or active travel distance of venues, removing the need for a purpose-built Village. The Games' compact eight-mile footprint is supported by walking and cycling routes, and an established public transport network, reducing transport emissions.

The reimagined King's Baton Relay further reduces emissions by empowering each Commonwealth Games Association to host local activity with its own baton, removing the need for a global transport team. Supporting the Royal Commonwealth Society's Commonwealth Clean Oceans Plastics Campaign, the Relay will encourage environmental action and help remove over one million pieces of plastic from waterways.



Social Wealth

CONCLUSION THE REIMAGINED GAMES



The Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games is more than a world-class sporting event – we’re an inflection point and pivot in the way international events can and should be delivered. Glasgow is demonstrating that through courage, partnership and innovation we can reshape how the events industry delivers, work more effectively with cities and make hosting a reality for more nations across the globe.

By stepping forward, Scotland has helped secure the future of The Commonwealth Games on behalf of 74 nations and territories; giving The Games a new century of possibility. We look forward to India building on this legacy in 2030.

Embracing the city’s major event expertise and talent, ready-to-go supply chain and robust network of partnerships across the public, private and voluntary sectors, we’ll showcase a place-based model that is financially and environmentally sustainable. We’ll prioritise an accessible Games for athletes, teams, officials, spectators and communities from across the Commonwealth, while providing opportunities for communities across the city to participate in sport and culture.

Through our Story of Change, we will track and measure our impact. But it will also be felt in ways that are harder to quantify – how The Games makes people feel. Impact lives in joy, connection and collective celebration. The love of The Games is impact. Memories made are impact. Moments that connect us are impact.

Glasgow 2026 will deliver this and more. A Games that doesn’t just measure change but inspires it. A Games that belongs to all of us. A Games that is altogether brilliant.

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