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Kirsty Gilmour backs Pride House Glasgow 2026

Commonwealth Sport Foundation and Glasgow 2026 Festival Fund support announced for city-centre Pride House campus during this year's Games.

LEAP Sports has announced the next phase of Pride House Glasgow 2026, with Scottish badminton star Kirsty Gilmour joining partners and community organisations in backing the project as preparations continue for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Pride House Glasgow 2026 has received core support from the Commonwealth Sport Foundation, alongside funding through the Glasgow 2026 Festival Fund, helping to deliver a programme of community engagement, public activity and cultural events during the Games.

The Glasgow 2026 Festival Fund support will enable Pride House to curate a broad programme of community and public engagement activity in line with the ambitions of the project and the priorities identified through ongoing consultation with LGBTIQ+ communities, sports organisations and partners.

At the heart of Pride House Glasgow 2026 will be the Pride House Lounge at Speakeasy, a welcoming drop-in space where visitors will be able to gather throughout the Games to watch live sport, meet others and share in the atmosphere of Glasgow 2026 in an inclusive environment in the centre of the city.

Alongside the Lounge, a number of nearby spaces will form a wider Pride House campus across Glasgow city centre. This includes the Pride House Events Room at Boardwalk, Impact Arts, which will host workshops, discussions and complementary community events, as well as the Pride House Reading Room at Bigglestones Books, offering literary, discussion and cultural programming throughout the Games period. The campus will also feature a programme of street exhibitions and public-facing installations, bringing Pride House activity into the wider city centre and creating visible moments of inclusion and celebration during the Games.

Pride House is the official LGBTIQ+ community space delivered alongside major sporting events around the world. It provides a visible and welcoming environment where LGBTIQ+ people and allies can come together to celebrate sport, community and inclusion. The Pride House Glasgow 2026 website is now live and will feature all community, sporting, cultural, educational and social events as they are confirmed over the coming weeks.



Cara Shearer, Vice-Chair of LEAP Sports Scotland, said: “Pride House Glasgow 2026 will create a welcoming space where LGBTIQ+ people and allies can come together to experience the Games, celebrate our communities and connect through sport and culture. We are incredibly grateful for the support of the Commonwealth Sport Foundation and Glasgow 2026 Festival Fund in helping make Pride House possible.

“Through our consultation work, we’ve heard clearly that people want Pride House to be visible, welcoming and community-led, and this support will help us deliver a programme that reflects those ambitions during Glasgow 2026.”

Adrian Lismore, Chair of the Commonwealth Sport Foundation, said: “It is fantastic to see Pride House confirmed for Glasgow 2026. We’re pleased to support this important programme, a space to celebrate sport and inclusion at the heart of Glasgow 2026, where LGBTIQ+ athletes and allies can come together, connect and enjoy the Games.”

Scottish badminton player and Commonwealth Games medallist Kirsty Gilmour has also voiced her support for Pride House Glasgow 2026 and the role it will play in creating an inclusive atmosphere around the Games.

“I’ve had the pleasure of attending Pride House during the Glasgow 2014 and Birmingham 2022. Each time I entered a space that I didn’t think was possible. It feels like a safe haven where queerness was the norm and judgement is left at the door. Aside from being a warm and welcoming environment it is also a place of education. Pride House has taught me about how far we’ve come and how far we still need to go as a community.

“I can’t recommend a visit to Pride House enough to anyone in the LGBTQIA+ community. I would also encourage allies to go along and show some real, visible, and vocal support especially in the political climate we’re currently living in.”

Further details about the Pride House Glasgow 2026 programme, partnerships and opportunities to get involved will be announced in the coming weeks.

For more information, visit: www.pridehouseglasgow.co.uk

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About Pride House Glasgow

Pride House Glasgow is a free, welcoming drop-in venue where LGBTIQ+ people, athletes, visitors and allies can watch and engage with the Commonwealth Games together.

Pride House is the official LGBTIQ+ community space of the Commonwealth Games, a vibrant, visible and vital space at the heart of the city.

Pride House aims to create a space where LGBTIQ+ people can:

- Feel safe, seen and celebrated
- Connect with community, culture and sport
- Engage with the Commonwealth Games

The initiative will be delivered by LEAP Sports Scotland, the organiser of Pride Houses in Glasgow in 2014, 2016 and 2018. Through events, leadership programmes, community sport and advocacy, LEAP supports individuals, clubs and organisations to create welcoming and inclusive sporting environments for LGBTIQ+ people across Scotland, and to combat discrimination in sport.

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About Commonwealth Sport Foundation

The Commonwealth Sport Foundation (CSF), the charitable arm of Commonwealth Sport, empowers communities through sport to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges.

Since its launch in 2020, building on the success of Glasgow 2014 fundraising, it has raised nearly £5 million to support Para sport, youth development, and leadership programmes for women and girls. By mobilising resources, Commonwealth Sport Foundation breaks down barriers in and beyond sport, equipping young athletes and emerging leaders with the tools to build inclusive, equitable, and sustainable futures.

About Glasgow 2026 Festival

The Glasgow 2026 Festival is a ten-week celebration of Glasgow's world-renowned culture, creativity, and people. Running from 23 May to 9 August 2026, the citywide Festival features hundreds of community-led events inspired by the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, world-class new art, and cultural partnerships bringing art, sport and music to every nook and cranny of the city.

Developed and delivered by Glasgow Life in collaboration with Glasgow 2026, with thanks to funding from Commonwealth Sport, Scottish Government, Glasgow City Council, sportscotland, VisitScotland and Creative Scotland, the Festival brings accessible events – the majority free to attend – to every corner of the city, helping ensure the lasting impact of Glasgow 2026 is felt by the people of the city and beyond.



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