



PRESS RELEASE

MAJOR BOOST FOR ABERDEEN YOUTH PROJECT

Images Artists impressions of facility available

Local charity *Transition* has received a major boost to its efforts to build a year round, indoor recreation facility for the community of Aberdeen with the confirmation that The Robertson Trust have pledged £200,000.

The money will go towards the capital cost of building the facility, at the Aberdeen Queens Links. The pledge is conditional on the remaining monies being raised by *Transition* and the project proceeding to construction.

The Robertson Trust is a Glasgow based Charitable Trust, which distributes around £6m annually to charitable causes, mainly in Scotland. The trust has a track record of supporting a number of youth projects, particularly those aimed at supporting disadvantaged or marginalised groups and those at risk of involvement in substance abuse and crime.

Sir Lachlan Maclean, Secretary to The Robertson Trust commented, "The Trustee's are pleased to be supporting this innovative and ambitious community project in Aberdeen. The project takes a holistic view of the needs of the regions youth – providing them with exciting recreational activities, the opportunity to develop skills at their chosen sport, in music, photography/video making while also providing access to support and guidance on a wide range of lifestyle issues. We have been impressed by thoroughness of the project plan and the visible support and involvement of the wider community - the kids themselves, parents, local councillors, the police and other community groups. We wish *Transition* well in raising the remainder of the funds required and we look forward to seeing the project up and running, in 2006."

Neil Stevenson, Chief Executive of *Transition* commented "This is a tremendous boost to our fundraising efforts and we are delighted with the significant level of financial support. We are particularly grateful to The Robertson Trust for taking the time to engage with *Transition* and to fully understand our project and its aims and objectives. Sir Lachlan travelled to Aberdeen to meet the wider team of people involved in the delivery of the project and this makes such a difference to our ability to convey the merits of the project. This pledge gives us significant added momentum as we seek to complete our funding process with applications to Sport Scotland, other charitable trusts and corporate sponsors."

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