

Pinkston (built 1900-1901) was so critical to the functioning of Glasgow as a city, that camouflage paint was applied to the building during World War 2 in order to avoid its destruction in bombing raids. Between 1952-54, a cooling tower (pictured) was built for the power station, which was the largest ever constructed in Europe at the time. The project cost £100,000 to complete and the power station was responsible for both the subway and the trams.



The new home of Scottish watersports was officially completed in May 2014 at a cost of £3.25 million. The aim of the centre was to offer something for everyone; a training facility for elite athletes on the artificial white water course, a venue for regular paddlesport club and open water swimming sessions, a water safety training resource for the Scottish Fire Service and Royal Life Saving Society and a community hub providing the opportunity for local people – whether beginners or seasoned enthusiasts – to get out on the water.



- Community sessions to support recreational paddlesports, clubs, carers, youth projects, asylum seekers and many other groups across the city
- Delivering employability and mental health support projects to young people of some of Glasgow's poorest communities
- Delivering post Covid education recovery support to children in N and NE Glasgow
- Home to performance athletes in freestyle and slalom
- Paddlesports for all – fully accessible pontoon near completion
- Supporting and servicing 50 separate emergency services and rescue training providers UK wide
- Delivering Homework Clubs to all the local catchment high schools
- Weekly youth clubs for 8-11 year olds from the local area at £1 per week
- Weekly youth canoe polo club for age 12+ from the local area at £2 per week

Pinkston Watersports



Pinkston delivered 832 youth club spaces for school children from the North and Northwest of Glasgow; areas identified as suffering high levels of deprivation for £1 and £2

Pinkston hosted 8 National and International events

Number of disability or additional support sessions 90+

Number of Clubs 29+

Number of community groups 205

Number of school visits 131

Number of rescue service user groups trained 40+

Number of uniformed groups 73

Number of holiday camps 740+

Pinkston is open 4940 hours each year!

Number of young people visiting Pinkston annually is now well over 50000+

100% said Pinkston Watersports was a worthwhile experience (98.2% want to come back)

DEVELOPING PEOPLE

100% said they felt more active and wanted to continue with playing more sport after their session

98.2% said their confidence increased following their session: *In water skills / In speaking up in the group / Increased use of positive language*

95.7% said they learned something new

94.5% said Pinkston Watersport supported their leadership and team building skills *In empowering the group: In problem solving / In conflict resolution / Improved listening skills*

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

92.7% said Pinkston Watersports brings the community together

IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

100% said they felt happier and more confident after their visit

100% said they felt more active and wanted to continue with playing more sport after their session

94.5% Think their mental health and wellbeing was improved after their session(s)

89.1% Agreed their physical health and wellbeing was improved

ENVIRONMENTAL

*Excellent Water Quality record – pro active approach – regular testing
We work with a ‘leave no trace’ ethos –
50% recycling achieved / Community Litter Pick Hub established onsite.
Wet suits are all recycled*

Office equipment and furniture is all ‘upcycled’ / consumables now delivered by electric vehicles.

SOCIAL

*Pinkston is a community within a community actively promoting positive culture and personal development always with respect for all
Living Wage Employer
Fully Accessible facilities – and watersports for ALL
Positive Behaviour Policy driving and creating a positive environment in which to develop skills at your own pace – confidence, kindness, independence, strength and respect*