

THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

CASE STUDY

Scotland

For 25 years the Architectural Heritage Fund has helped voluntary organisations regenerate historic buildings, creating community and education facilities, workspace and homes. This has often been a catalyst for further regeneration. We have supported relevant voluntary groups with grants, loans and advice on more than 700 projects to date. This is an example:

Scottish music and dance centre: St Andrews in the Square, Glasgow

This distinctive church which dates from the early eighteenth century appeared in many contemporary illustrations of the city. The East End of Glasgow, in which it is situated, became increasingly industrialised during the nineteenth century, and the area had become run down by the 1980s. Attempts to resurrect the building then were not successful, and so its congregation asked the Glasgow Building Preservation Trust for help. Not viable as a church, it has now been restored as a popular 350-seat venue for traditional and modern Scottish music and dance. It is also used for conferences, meetings and awards ceremonies, and is on the tourist agenda. A café-bar has been incorporated which



is fast becoming a popular venue and focal point for the local community. The dilapidated condition of the church had prevented the regeneration of the area, and its rescue allowed the re-establishment of social and private housing in the surrounding Square. The Trust's director estimates that £50 million has been invested in the Square itself and other projects in the area as a result of its restoration.

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Category A listed, in Glasgow City Centre Conservation Area

Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: *£175,000 loan between 1998-2001*

The Architectural Heritage Fund – Registered Charity No 266780

We provide grants, loans and advice to voluntary organisations regenerating historic buildings.

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