

Feminist Action Fund

Project Highlights

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Introduction

In October 2022, Glasgow City Council passed a unanimous motion to take a feminist approach to town planning. As a result, £1 million was allocated via the Feminist Action Fund to support projects that promote gender equality across the city.

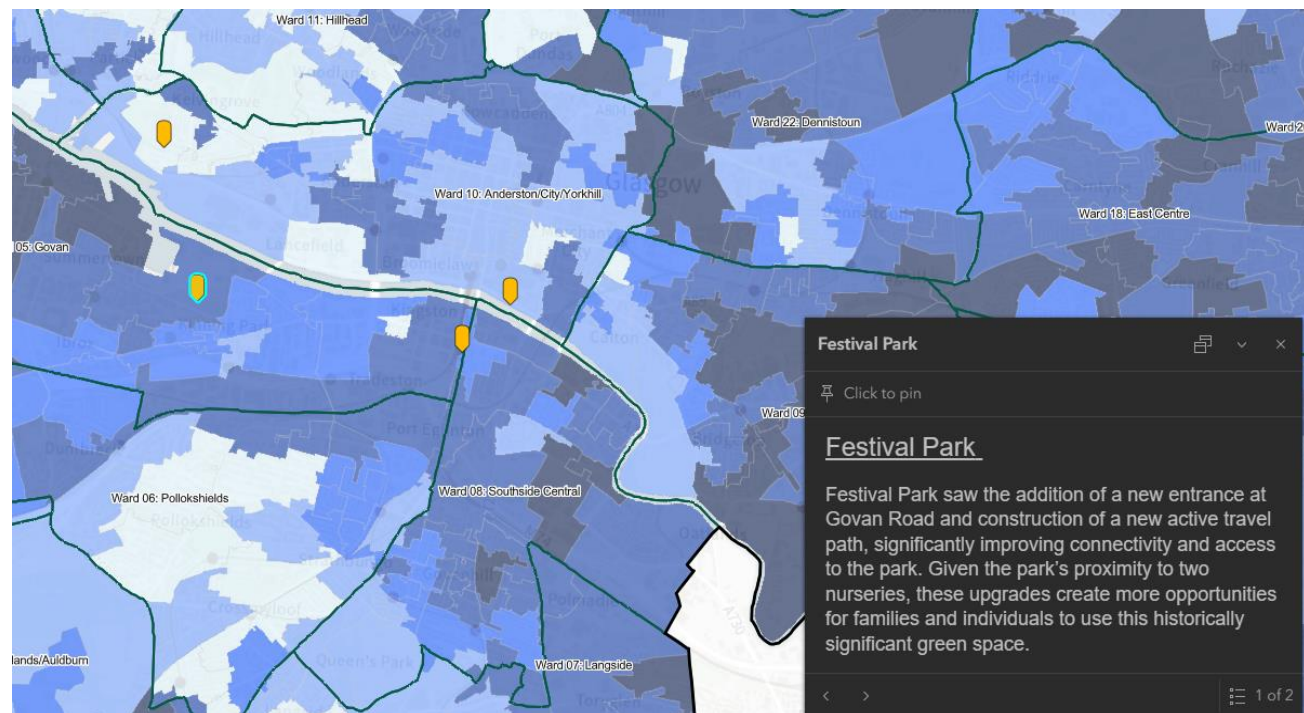
Since then, the fund has supported projects that contribute positively to gender equality in the city, by enhancing safety and accessibility of parks and public spaces, engaging directly with women and girls on regeneration plans, and developing new planning guidance to create a more equitable urban environment.

This report summarises recent funded projects, highlighting key outcomes in relation to feminist urbanism, with each slide referencing specific themes.



Dedicated engagement with women for Custom House Quay & Carlton Place Masterplan

Map of funded place-based projects



The GIS map with ward boundaries indicates locations of funded place-based projects and will continue to be updated as new projects reach completion.

Bridge Street

Themes: Safety, Public Space, Maintenance

Project lead: Housing Investment

Completion: March 2026

The fund supported:

- Installation of new lighting on Bridge Street
- Cutback of overgrown vegetation
- Litter removal

Outcomes:

- Improved sightlines and visibility
- Improved sense of safety with enhanced lighting



Bridge Street litter removal & vegetation cutback (March 2026)

Bridge Street – further images

With key cultural and transport venues nearby such as the O2 Academy, Citizens Theatre, Bridge Street subway station, and several bus stops – this thoroughfare is a key pedestrian and transport link. Investment in this public space supports safer and more accessible journeys for all who use it.



March 2026 - litter removal & vegetation cutback



August 2026

Castlemilk Park

Theme: Safety, Nature, Connectivity

Project lead: NRS Parks

Completion: April 2026

The fund supported:

- New central path through previously inaccessible dense wooded area
- New lampposts and recessed ground lights

Outcomes:

- Shortened commute times between key community amenities, such as nurseries, housing association, and youth complex
- Wider and level path improving accessibility for prams and wheelchair users
- Created opportunities for community involvement



Castlemilk Park – Further Images

Pictures demonstrate new lighting, active travel routes, seating, and improved access to the park and to nature as a result.



Video from Walking Scotland (April 2025)

Overall improvements to Castlemilk Park were supported through the Feminist Action Fund and with funding from [Transport Scotland's Ian Findlay Path Fund](#), managed by [Walking Scotland](#). Walking Scotland's video highlights positive impacts from recent investments: including the sense of safety, in particular for women and girls, increased access to the park, and easier connections between local educational and community amenities.



Festival Park

Theme: Nature, Mobility, Safety

Project lead: NRS Parks

Completion: April 2026

The fund supported:

- New entrance at Govan Road
- Construction of two new active travel paths

Outcomes:

- Improved connectivity, particularly towards the local nursery
- Promotes the park's historical significance by encouraging greater access



Festival Park – further images



Connecting Yorkhill + Kelvingrove

Theme: Heritage, Placemaking, Mobility

Project lead: NRS Sustainable Transport

Completion: September 2026

The fund supported:

- Placemaking enhancements through new public art and wayfinding infrastructure

Outcomes:

- Enabling active travel with improved wayfinding
- Reflecting and celebrating historical and cultural distinctions of local area



Yorkhill Street at Haugh Road Junction (August 2026)

Connecting Yorkhill + Kelvingrove – further images

A series of monuments are being fabricated as part of the placemaking enhancements, reflecting Yorkhill's past and present history. As part of this, a new information board commemorates Yorkhill Children's Hospital and the Queen Mother's Maternity Hospital, emphasising its prominent role in providing specialist care for generations of Glasgow's women, children, and families.

The image shows the sculptural works under construction (July 2026), designed by [Bigg Design](#). Monuments are due to be installed on Gilbert Street in September 2026.



Custom House Quay Engagement

Theme: Engagement

Project lead: NRS Planning and New Practice

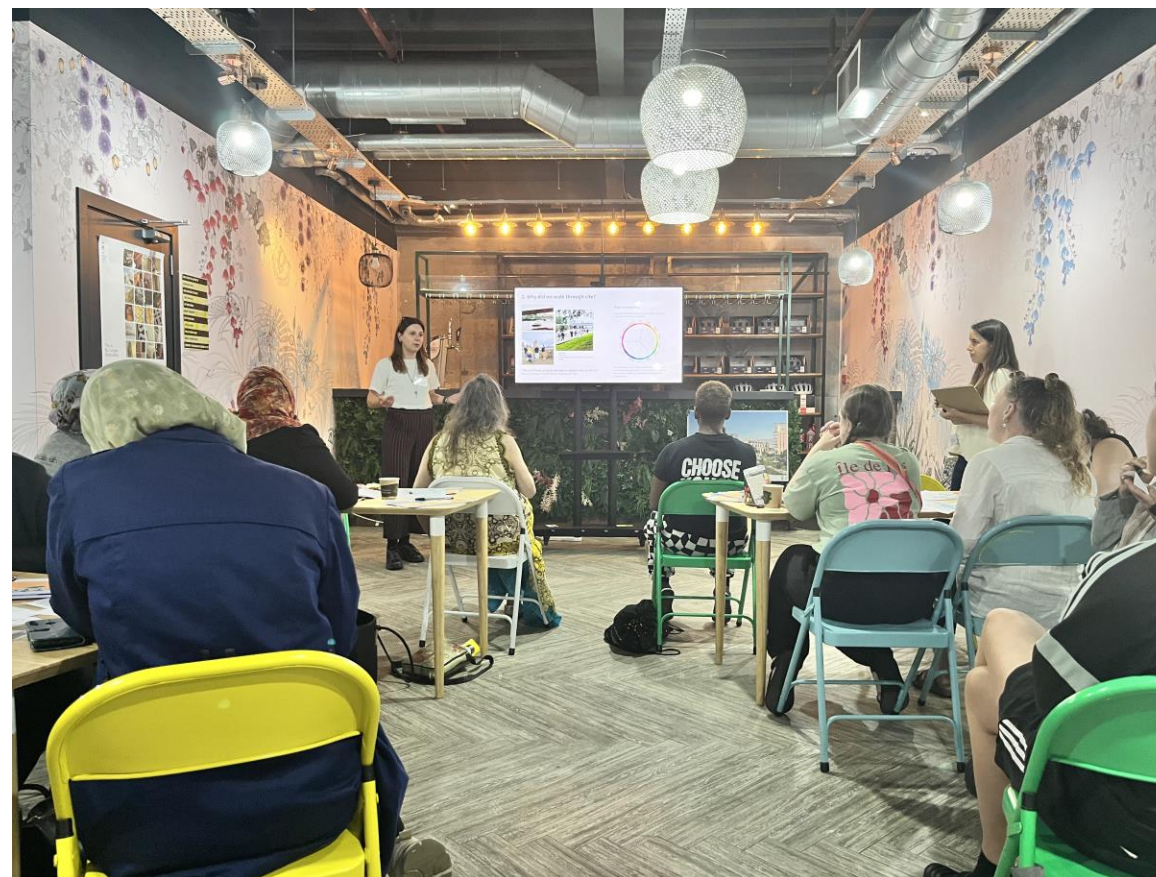
Completion: Summer 2025

The fund supported:

- Three engagement workshops with women on the emerging Custom House Quay Masterplan, a critical element within the City Deal Clyde Waterfront and West End Innovation Quarter Programme, and to the realisation of a Glasgow River Park

Outcomes:

- Women's voices have contributed to the future regeneration of the area
- Piloting gender-sensitive engagement; building capacity within and outwith the Council



Custom House Quay – shaping future regeneration through focused engagement

Through site visits and design-focused activities led by New Practice, engagement with women revealed how different groups experience safety, comfort, and accessibility near the riverfront.

Participants identified recommendations to improve everyday access to the space. These insights have been incorporated into the Custom House Quay and Carlton Place Masterplan, strengthening future regeneration approaches.



Places for Play Handbook

Theme: Guidance, Professional Support

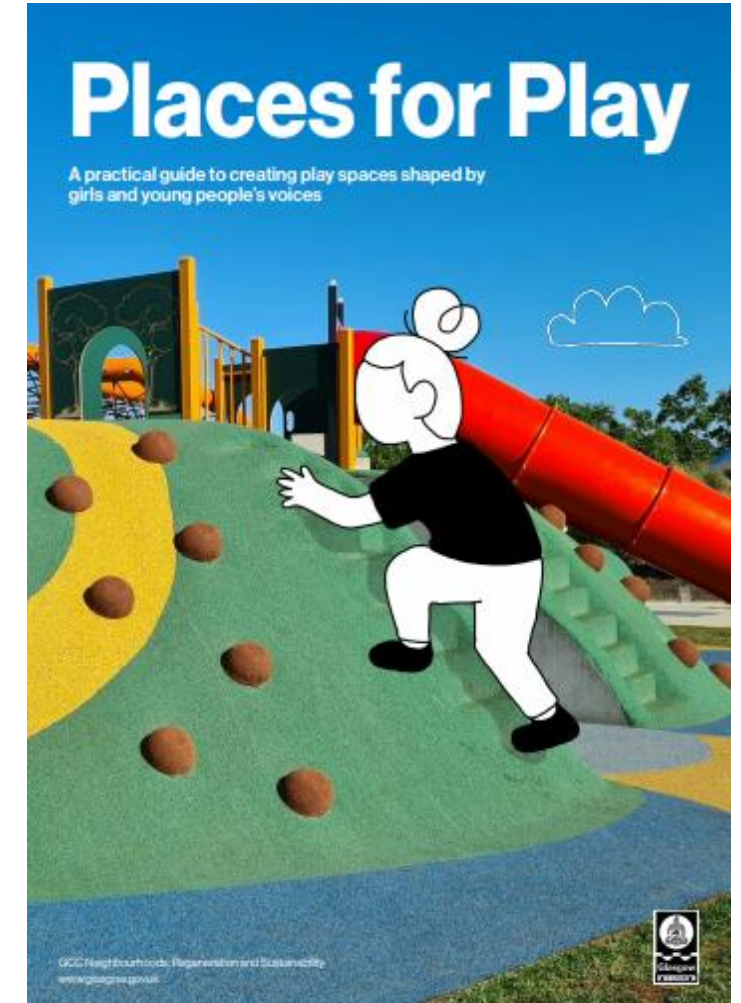
Project lead: Center for Civic Innovation and NRS Planning
Completion: March 2026

Published in 2026 by Glasgow City Council, the Places for Play Handbook provides practical guidance on designing inclusive play and public spaces shaped by the voices of girls and young people.

[Access Handbook Here](#)

Outcomes:

- Sets out key principles to help planners, designers and communities create safer, more welcoming child-friendly spaces
- Engagement delivered with 101 young people across Glasgow, including 88 girls and non-binary young people



International Day of Play City Centre Activation

Theme: Engagement, Child-Friendly City, Mud Pie Economy

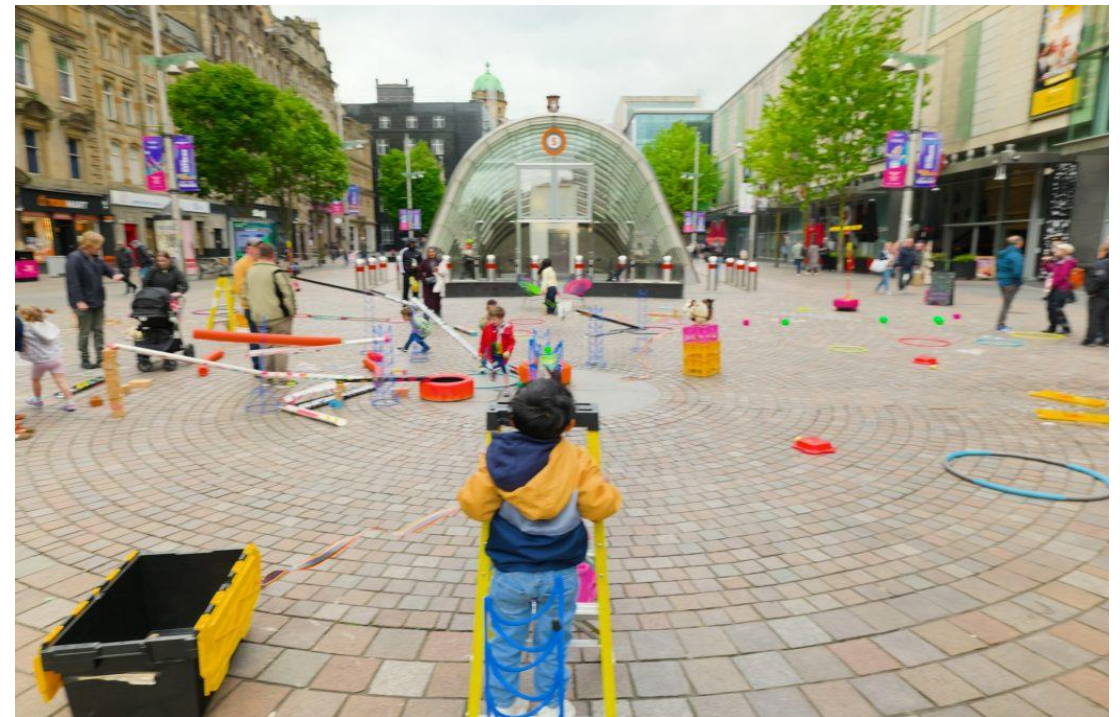
Project lead: NRS Spatial Planning

Research and development

Date: 13 June 2026

To mark the International Day of Play, the Council unveiled a temporary play box at St Enoch's Square with activities such as loose play materials, chalk play, table tennis, and creative areas. More than 150 children and 230 parents and carers took part, demonstrating wellbeing and community cohesion benefits of play. This contributed to increased footfall for local businesses, whilst discouraging anti-social behaviour.

The Feminist Action Fund supported delivery of the event.



International Day of Play St. Enoch's Square Activation