A new era dawns for Scotland’s National Museum

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Looking down on the new galleries

The National Museum of Scotland has cemented its reputation as a world class institution with the opening of 10 new galleries showcasing science, technology, art, design and fashion.

The transformation has been made possible thanks to a grant of almost £5million from HLF. The imposing Edinburgh repository of Scotland’s impressive heritage ranks as the most popular museum in the UK outside London.

This week’s official opening marks the latest phase in an ongoing £80m transformation programme to which HLF has contributed more than £23m. The new gallery openings co-incide with the museum’s 150th anniversary and also Scotland’s Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design.

Lucy Casot, Head of HLF Scotland, said: “HLF is delighted that, thanks to National Lottery players, we have helped fund the transformation of the National Museum that began 10 years ago. Today, the doors open to an amazing world of science and art that is sure to thrill the senses of visitors of all ages. The National Museum just keeps getting better and better!”

Dr Gordon Rintoul, Director of National Museums Scotland said: “We are extremely grateful for the generous funding from HLF which has allowed us to continue to realise our vision for the National

Museum of Scotland. The ten new galleries explore the excitement of discovery and innovation in science and technology, and the creativity of applied arts, fashion and design. We look forward to welcoming many thousands of new visitors to the galleries and hope that they will be inspired by the exceptional objects and engaging displays.”

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The displays are backed up by an extensive programme of activities and events providing learning opportunities for all age groups but with a special emphasis on young people.

From Aberdeen to Stirling - Glasgow to Shetland museums large and small have benefited from over £242m investment thanks to National Lottery players since 1994.

Efallai y bydd gennych chi ddiddordeb hefyd mewn ...

The new galleries have allowed the display of some rather large objects!

Major new galleries open at the National Museum of Scotland