



YMCA
Tayside

EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE

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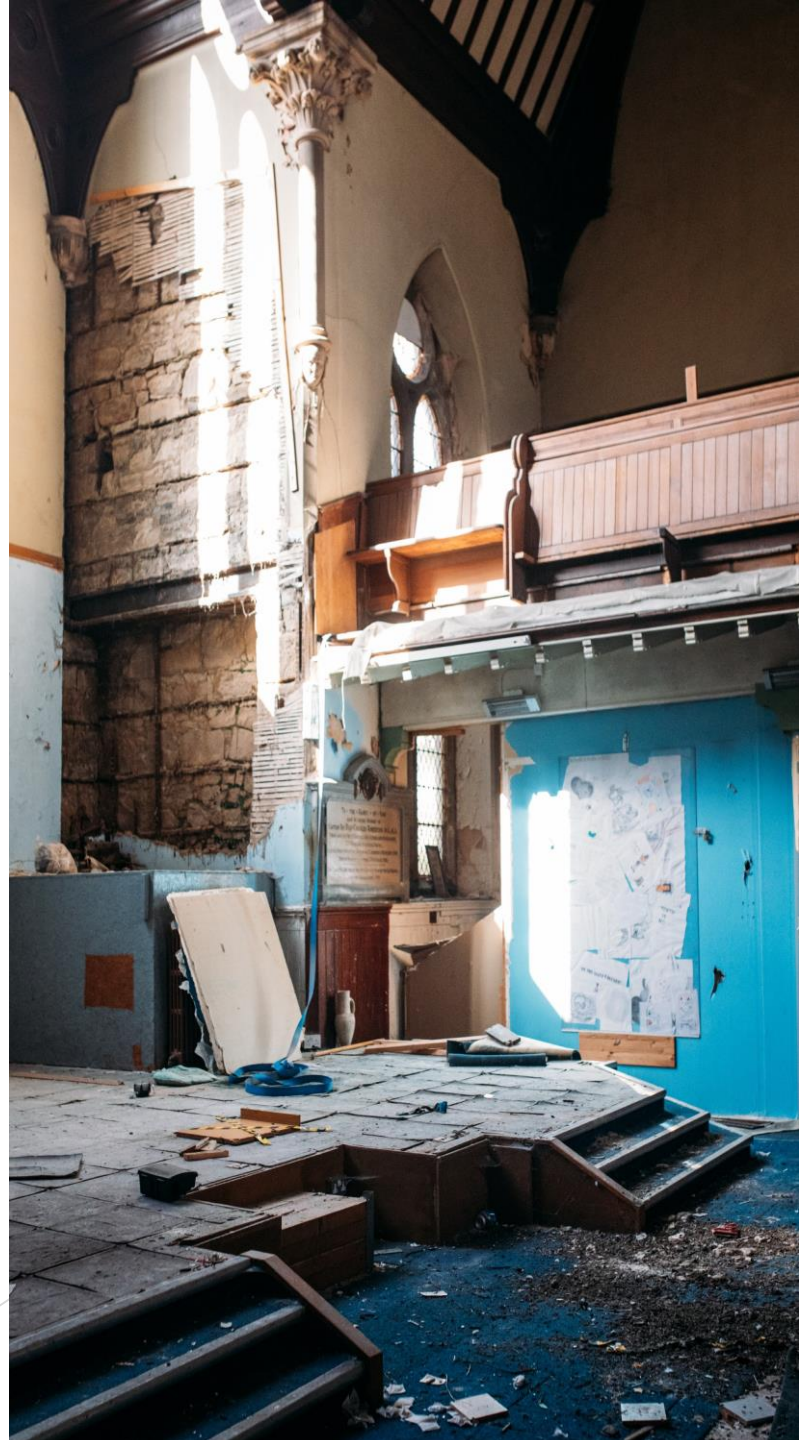
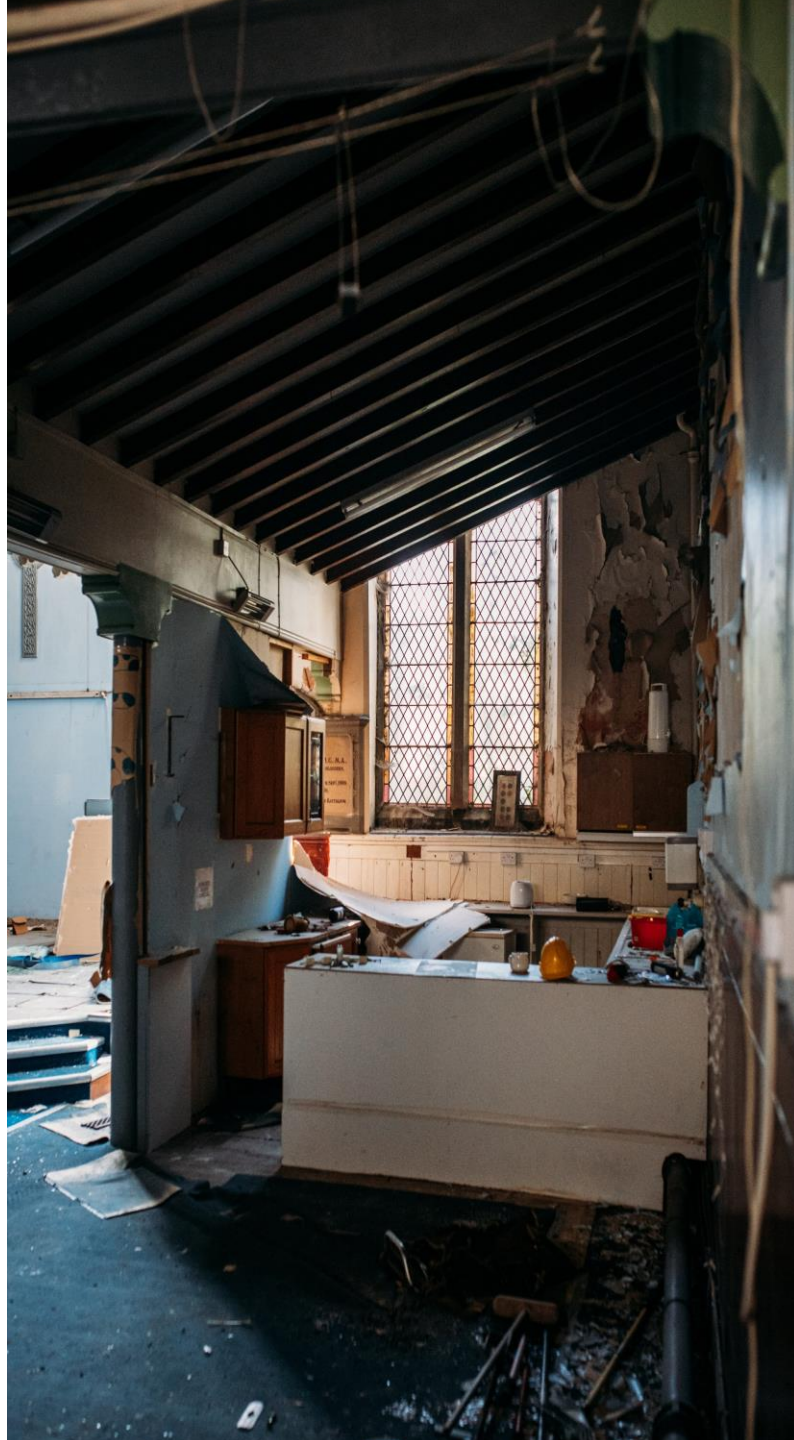
St Andrew's & St Stephen's Church Completed in 1885



Summary Background

- ▶ Bought in 2000 from Church of Scotland
- ▶ **Moved out in 2010**
- ▶ Several years exploring various options, even granted consent to demolish!
- ▶ What did we want?
- ▶ The list.....
- ▶ And so it began in 2019 with a presentation to The Gannochy Trust
- ▶ First 1 million secured, where to find the rest?
- ▶ **Moved back in 2024**



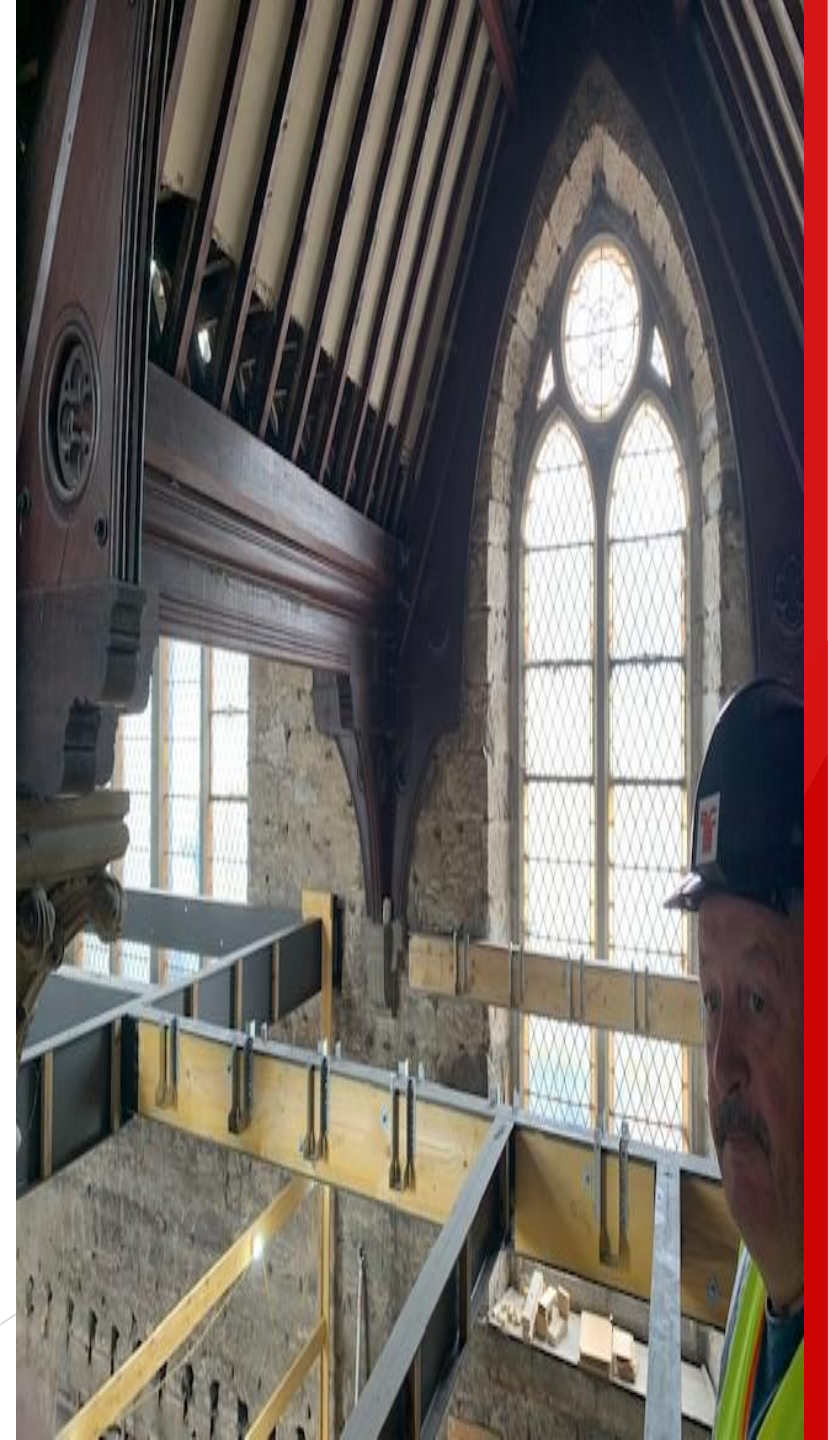


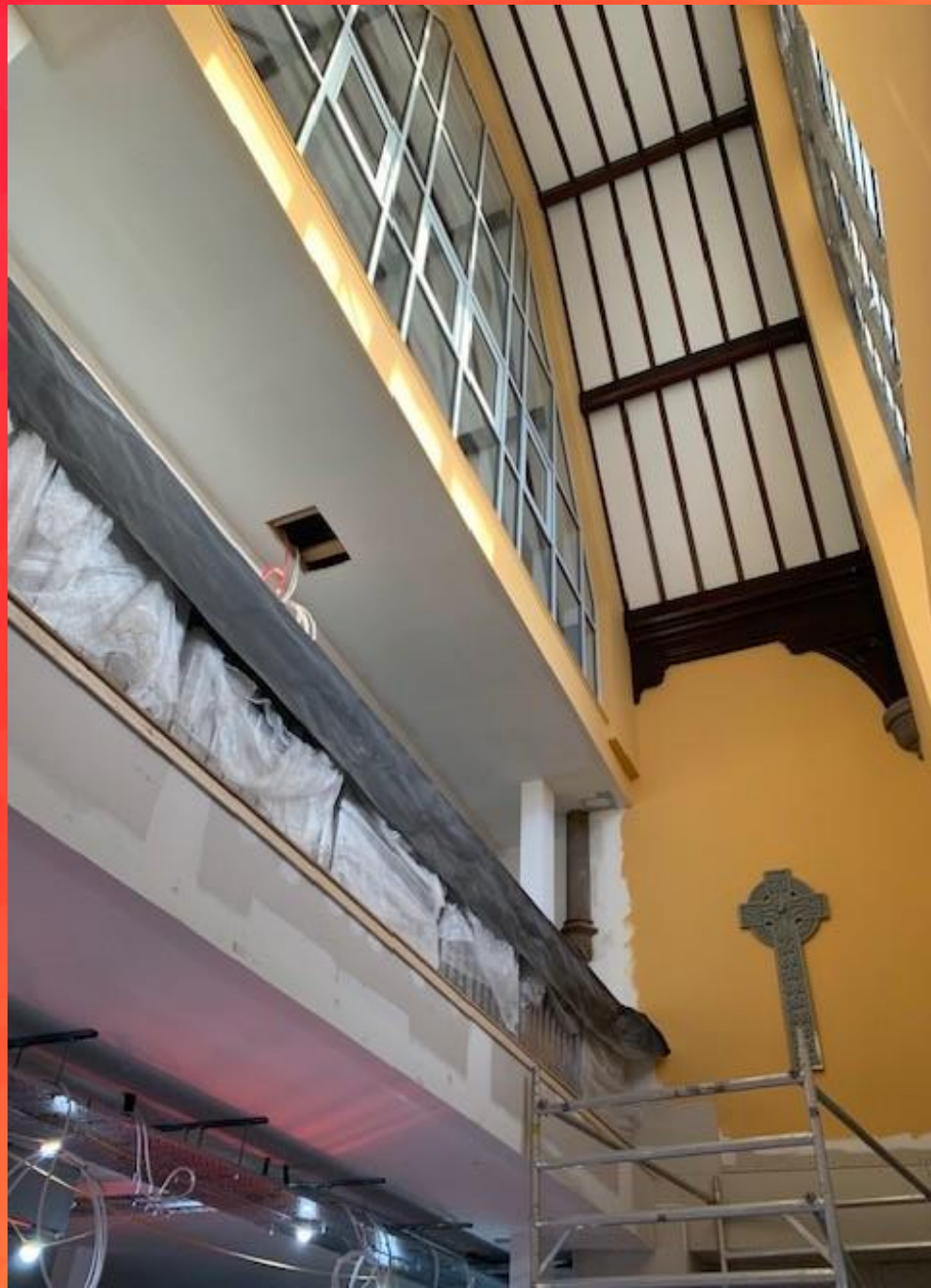
Youth Voice, our interior designers

- ▶ Youth Voice are at the heart of the organisation
- ▶ Direct connection to management and Board of Trustees
- ▶ Part of the Design Team for Y Centre



Construction Academy and Leaded Glass Restoration

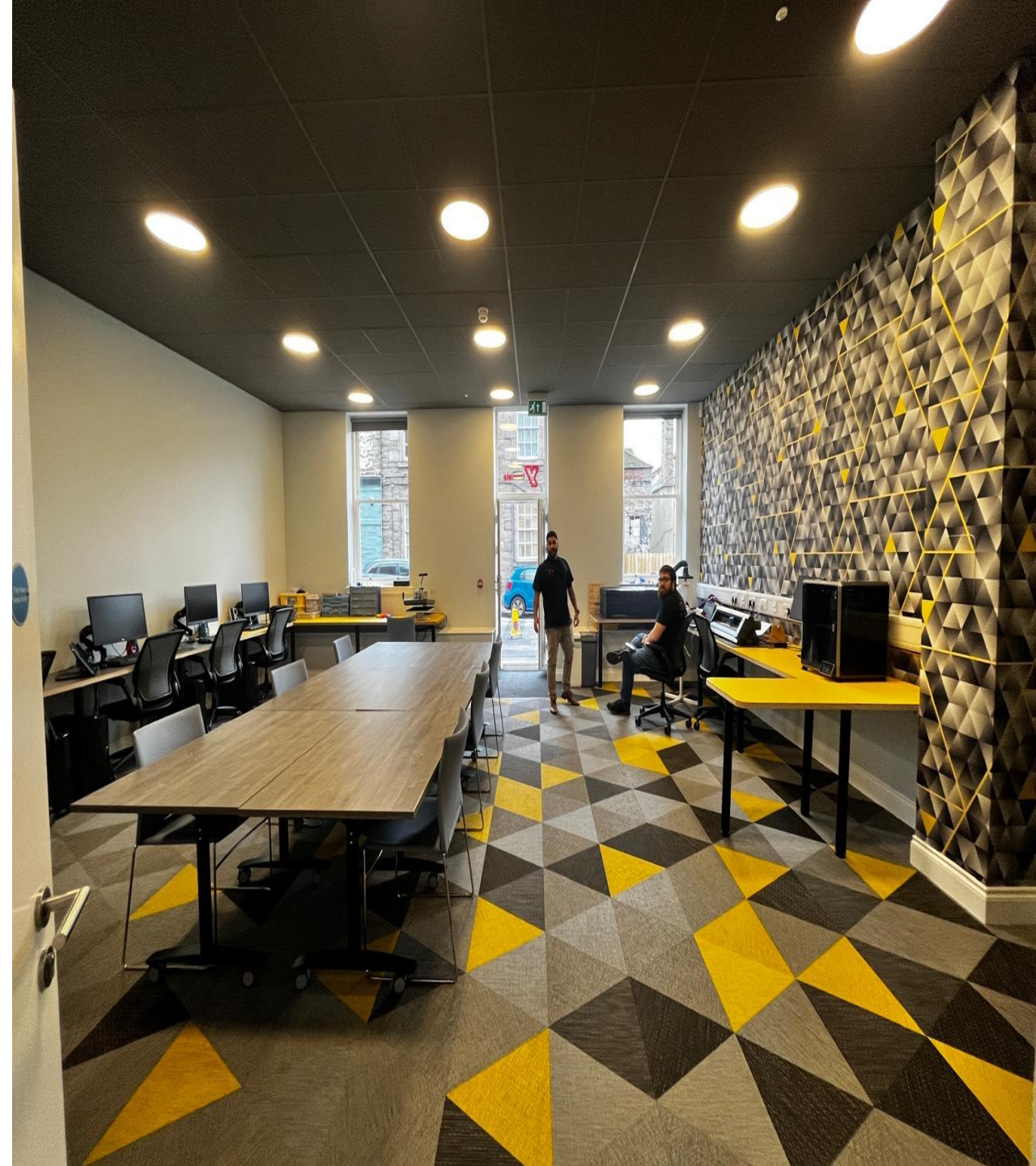












What did we learn

- ▶ Importance of robust real community engagement from the beginning.
- ▶ Have a clear vision and keep to it, where possible.
- ▶ **The team**, do they understand and appreciate your needs and are they equipped and have the capacity to do the job?
- ▶ Active communication with all partners including funders, you may need to call on them again!!!

What we achieved

- ▶ Brought back to life - a listed 140 year old vacant and derelict Church building, located on a prominent street within a conservation area in central Perth.
- ▶ Youth designed, multi functional Y Centre and Community Hub.
- ▶ Purchased and repaired the adjacent tenement which was on the dangerous building register.
- ▶ 7 transition flats for you young people, including care leavers.
- ▶ Generating an ongoing income for the charity, making us more financially stable.
- ▶ Significant regeneration in the City centre.
- ▶ Lasting legacy for generations to come.



Headline Statistics



We engaged with
1587
individuals



67%
of employability participants
progressed to a positive
destination

2000
hours of volunteering
by young people



3500
meals given out



69
young people achieved
accreditation for their
learning

Behind every number is a Story