

SPORT COME AND TRY

Dates: 26 June – 25 September
Location: Various Glasgow Life sport venues

A series of free family fun days across the city for everyone to get involved. Come along to try a variety of sports and games, take part in fitness challenges, play on inflatables and even get your face painted!

CONNECT. DEVELOP. CHAMPION.

Dates: June–August
Location: Various locations across Glasgow

Scottish ClubSport has teamed up with ClubSport Glasgow to deliver an exciting programme of free, inclusive, come-and-try activity in local community settings. Choose from Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cycling, Handball, Judo, Netball, Pickleball and Table Tennis!



MERCHANT CITY FESTIVAL

Dates: 24 July – 2 August
Location: Merchant City

Merchant City Festival is Scotland's leading outdoor arts festival, bringing exciting Scottish and international performances to the heart of Glasgow, delighting audiences from near and far.

Welcoming you to watch, listen, learn, and make, the festival is bigger than ever this year with more performance, music, food, and hands-on fun for all ages. Catch us at The Briggait, Merchant Square, The Old Fruitmarket, and beyond over two action packed weekends. Visit our Candleriggs Festival Village mid-week to watch the sport and join in with free family activities.

Merchant City Festival is also supported by Creative Scotland and VisitScotland.



GLASGOW MELA

Date: 5 July
Location: Kelvingrove Park

Join over 20,000 people in Kelvingrove Park for Scotland's largest South Asian festival. An annual celebration of culture and togetherness, as the South Asian community's most recognisable performers take to the stage with breathtaking dance and street performances and incredible live music.

Glasgow Mela is also supported by Creative Scotland



JASLEEN KAUR SUPERSTRUCTURE

Date: From 18 June
Location: Along the River Clyde

This major new public artwork commissioned from Glasgow-born, Turner Prize-winning artist Jasleen Kaur sees a trail of eight sculptures sited along the River Clyde. Each bears a colloquial phrase which turns in the wind, continually pointing to the city's infrastructure and material legacies of Commonwealth as well as looking to the future.

JASMINE TOGO-BRISBY LIQUID LAND

Dates: 5 June – 6 September
Location: GoMA

The debut European solo exhibition by Australian South Sea Islander artist Jasmine Togo-Brisby, Liquid Land presents new site-specific installations and sculptural works. Exploring histories of enslavement and domestic labour whilst tracing relationships across the Pacific, Australia, and wider dialogues about the transatlantic slave trade. These works illuminate the global scope of industries and exploitation.

Part of Glasgow International Festival of Contemporary Art – 5–21 June.

Commissioned and presented by Glasgow International with Gallery of Modern Art, Glasgow, with additional support from Henry Moore Foundation.



ABOUT GLASGOW 2026 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Glasgow 2026 promises an altogether brilliant Commonwealth Games, taking place from 23 July to 2 August and combining world-class sport with a future-focused vision delivered through the vibrant spirit of the city. Set within a concentrated eight-mile corridor, the Games will feature 10 sports and six Para sports, across four iconic venues, including Scotstoun Stadium, the Scottish Event Campus (SEC), the Glasgow International Arena and Tollcross International Swimming Centre.

Book your Games tickets now: [Glasgow2026.com](https://glasgow2026.com)



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There's only one place to be this summer. Glasgow.

Glasgow 2026 Festival is a ten-week, city-wide invitation to gather, featuring spectacular new artworks and major cultural events. With loads of exciting opportunities to take part in sport, physical activity and fun workshops across every corner of the city, celebrating the return of the Commonwealth Games this summer. There'll be moments of joy, wonder and collective celebration.

This is what Glasgow does best – be part of it.

"Glasgow 2026 Festival is a living showcase of culture, sport and public participation, set to create memorable experiences that will stay with people long after the Games."

– Chris Ansell, Head of Public Engagement, Glasgow 2026

"We're buzzing for the Glasgow 2026 Festival to get underway and to bring on a huge summer of culture, sport and celebration like no other."

– Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader, Glasgow City Council



MORE REASONS TO GATHER

Bike for Good: Cycle Training, Led Rides & Dr Bike

June – July | [Bike for Good South](#) / [West Hubs & other locations](#)

Extensive programme of one-to-one bike riding lessons, led group rides and Dr Bike repair sessions.

Souhrudam: The Circle of Heritage

20 June | [Penilee Community Centre](#)

Join in a lively celebration of Kerala's culture through dance, food and art.

Women of Colour Scotland: Windrush Day Gathering – Come What May, We Are Here To Stay: Our Journey to Belonging

20 June | [Garnethill Multicultural Centre](#) / [Glasgow Film Theatre](#)

Celebrate the strength, culture and stories of the Windrush generation and their families, with music, film and conversation.



Piping Live!: Piping Pop-ups

20 June, 1 & 8 August | Various locations

Try Scotland's national instrument with the National Piping Centre. Pop-up sessions, games and music-making for all ages.

Aerial Edge: Circus For All Pop-up

4 & 25 July | [Silverburn Shopping Centre](#) / [Aerial Edge Circus School, Ibrox](#)

See amazing aerial feats, jaw-dropping acrobatics and joyful circus performance – then have a go yourself. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

Plant Up CIC: Anderston Green Spaces – Festival of Community

10 July & 1 August | [Anderston Green Space Community Orchard](#)

Three festival events shining a light on an overlooked city centre neighbourhood, with community-led cultural, environmental and wellbeing activities and workshops.

Glasgow School of Art: Commonwealth Games Medals

10 July – 8 August | [Reid Building](#), The Glasgow School of Art

Glasgow 2014 and 2026 medals on show, with a short film on the design process and exhibition tours.



Glasgow School of Art: Afterlives - The Weaver, A Score, An Archipelago

10 July – 8 August | [Reid Gallery](#), The Glasgow School of Art

A group exhibition engaging with Southeast Asian legacies of the Commonwealth, reframing inherited narratives.

Jhankar Beats: Commonwealth Celebration

16 June & 19 July | [Darnley Community Centre](#) / [Woodside Halls](#)

Community arts, dance and wellbeing activities to bring local people together.

Scottish Archery: Soft Archery Festival

14 July, 4 & 6 August | [Easterhouse Phoenix Community Centre](#)

Have a go at archery in a fun, welcoming setting with qualified instructors.

Rosemount Lifelong Learning: Northeast Glasgow Celebrations!

16, 26 July & 3 August | [Rosemount Lifelong Learning Community Learning Space](#) | [Glenconner Park](#) | [Roystonhill Community Hub](#)

Three themed festivals in Royston for families, young people and local residents – Food, Street Games & Carnival of Play.

Scottish BMX School: Female BMX Rider Jam

18 July | [Clyde Cycle Park](#)

Introductory coaching session created for women and non-binary riders, delivered in collaboration with Women on Wheels.

Soundplay Projects: Playspace Programme

18 & 19 July, 8 & 9 August | [Soundplay Projects Playspace](#)

A series of inclusive, multi-sensory play and wellbeing events for disabled and non-disabled people.

My3 Dance Academy

18 July | [Woodside Halls](#)

Discover the exciting variety of South Asian dance through lively performances and hands-on participation.

The Commonwealth Resounds: Commonwealth Dance Relay Community Gala Performance

21 July | [Queen's Park Govanhill Parish Church](#)

Celebrate culture, movement and togetherness through this dance event, bringing communities together from Glasgow and the wider Commonwealth.



Scottish Opera: Be A Sport, Spike!

22 & 31 July, 1 August | Various locations

Scottish Opera's pop-up tour: Spike is the world's greatest sportsman – but the one thing he can't do is sing! For families.

Garrowhill Bowling Club: Bowling Through The Ages Pageant & Tournament

25 July | [Garrowhill Bowling Club](#)

Step back in time at this celebration of the history of bowls, plus a friendly tournament for all abilities and ages 10+ years.

Glasgow Frontrunners: Celebrating Inclusive Running – Parkruns

25 July | [Cuningar Loop Park](#) | [Elder Park](#) | [Queen's Park](#)

City-wide celebration of inclusive running and community spirit. Under 11 years must be accompanied for Parkruns.

Door in the Wall Arts Access: Neuk Presents – Made in Glasgow

25 July | [The Glad Cafe](#)

Day-long celebration of neurodivergent creativity, bringing together visual art, spoken word, music and live performance.

Drumchapel Lawn Tennis Club: Summer Children's Camp

27–31 July & 3–7 August | [Drumchapel Lawn Tennis Club](#)

Free summer tennis coaching camps for 5 to 15 year olds.

Hillwood Community Trust: Commonwealth in our Community

27–29 July | [Hillwood Community Sports Hub](#)

Free sports skills development activities for local primary school children, culminating in a community celebration.

Deafblind Scotland: Summer of Sport

29 July | [The Burrell Collection](#)

Accessible sessions for deafblind people to come and try sport and cultural activities. Includes a BSL Choir.

Edinburgh Festival Carnival: Our Commonwealth

31 July | [Merchant City](#)

A bold, joyful carnival celebration at the Merchant City Festival, reflecting Glasgow's rich cultures and Commonwealth connections.

Halo Arts & Victoria Park Community Trust: Commonwealth Community Gala

31 July & 1 August | [Victoria Park, Glasgow](#)

A free weekend of outdoor family fun, featuring live music, street performers, sports activities, creative workshops and colourful stalls.

Govanhill Baths Community Trust: International Festival and Carnival

1 August | [Govanhill Park](#)

A community festival that aims to strengthen the civic life of Govanhill through joy, solidarity and collective imagination.

BAMILEK: Where it's at

1 August | [The Poetry Club, SWG3](#)

Inspired by early 2000's dance films, an immersive dance experience where the line between dancer and audience disappears.

Glasgow City Cup Youth Football Festivals

1, 2, 8, 9 Aug | [Glasgow Green Football Centre](#)

Youth Football Festivals for players aged 6-16 years old and family fun activities.

The Bangla Centre SCIO: South Asian Community Celebration

2 August | [Balgrayhill Community Centre](#)

Enjoy a family-friendly celebration of South Asian culture through music, dance, sport and creativity.

Paragon Music: Jam46 Summer Festival

5–7 August | [The Boardwalk](#)

Move, groove and have fun at a three-day festival of music, movement and theatre – 10+ years.

Indepen-dance: Wheel See

8 & 9 August | [McLennan Arch, Glasgow Green](#)

Join disabled and non-disabled performers travelling as a "flock" through Glasgow Green using a range of wheeled transport, to celebrate access, movement and shared experience.

SiMY's Commonwealth Family Fun Day

8 August | [SiMY's Grassroots Garden and Greenspace](#)

A free community celebration with sports, arts, music and cultural food.



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