

Behind the kettle

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Monthly update on life at Glasgow Life

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Ramadan: A time for reflection, community, and joy



This month many around the world celebrate Ramadan.

Ramadan may conjure images of fasting from dawn to dusk, but the holy month is about so much more for those who observe it. It's a time of spiritual renewal, deep connection, and vibrant community traditions.

To get a closer, more personal perspective, we spoke with **Amna Giurgiu, Recruitment and Equalities Manager**, who shared her experiences of observing Ramadan while balancing work, family, and faith. Visit Colleague Updates to hear from Amna and find tips on how you can support colleagues and customers at this special time.

Shettleston Library is 100!



Shettleston Library recently celebrated a remarkable milestone – the building's centenary anniversary!

The library has been a warm and welcoming space since it first opened its doors on 20 February 1925. Over the years, it has been a place for reading, learning, and connecting—a true heart of the community. Congratulations to all at Shettleston Library.

View all our latest colleague news on Colleague Updates.



Celebrating Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and tomorrow, Saturday 8 March, is International Women's Day.

55% of our roles are filled by incredible women who are committed to ensuring Glasgow Life fulfils its mission. To celebrate, we asked a few of our colleagues to share a piece of advice that has guided them in their careers. You can also find their quotes on Colleague Updates.



Aileen Crawford
Head of Tourism and Conventions
The best advice I was given: It's not that we win or lose, it's we win and learn.



Angela Massafra
Learning and Access Curator
Approach change with confidence—it might lead to something even better than you planned.



Hannah Wilson
Development Manager
Never underestimate your impact: You don't need to be the loudest voice in the room to shape the conversation.



Annmarie Galbraith
Health and Wellbeing Coordinator
Don't solve everyone's problems. Empower people with the skills and support they need to problem solve for themselves.



Katie Duffy
Arts and Music Projects and Programmes Manager
Invest in your skills to boost your confidence and credibility, and harness and celebrate expertise in others to build strong, creative teams and networks.



Lynda Campbell
Head of Business and Strategy
Relationships are very important to me. I invest a lot of time in building relationships. They are the currency of my success.



Diane Cunningham
Sport and Wellbeing Development Manager
Early in my career, I was told to 'toughen up,' thankfully a mentor showed me that great leaders can be empathetic—I just had to be myself!



Jenny Crowe
Tramway Manager
Stay true to your values but be willing to take risks, it's where you grow and creative thinking flourishes.



Isabel Brown
Head of Infrastructure Support
Keep innovating, breaking barriers, and take pride in shaping a safer, stronger, and more sustainable world.



Teresa MacPherson
Learning and Development Officer
Never be afraid to try new things or make mistakes. Every experience has something valuable to offer, even if we sometimes have to look for the lesson.



Alana Ward
Head of Libraries and Communities
Support grows communities. Strong relationships create opportunities – supporting others makes everyone stronger.