

Government Updates

First Minister announcement

The First Minister yesterday confirmed that, for now, Scotland must remain in Phase 3 of lockdown. Here are some headline changes for tourism, leisure and hospitality.

- 24 August – reopening of some outdoor live events - with physical distancing, enhanced hygiene and restricted numbers. Reopening should only happen when the appropriate guidance covering that activity or setting has been implemented.
- 31 August - reopening of gyms, swimming pools, and indoor sports courts has been brought forward - subject to guidance being in place.
- Indicative dates were also highlighted of 14 September for sports stadia, theatres and live music venues to reopen with limited numbers and strict physical distancing.
[Read more.](#)

Conventions and Events

Grassroots Music Venues Stabilisation Fund

Back in July the Scottish Government announced the £2.2m Grassroots Music Venues Stabilisation Fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide grassroots live music venues in Scotland that were financially sustainable before COVID-19, with the funds to prevent closure and stabilise them as agreed between The Music Venues Trust and The Scottish Government. Applications can be made for between £5,000 and £50,000.

Who can apply?

- Owners or tenants of venues that:
 - are indoor, permanent venues in Scotland whose main function is to present all-year- round live grassroots music events for a public audience
 - have a capacity of less than 600, however, will consider applications from venues with capacities up to 1,000 on an exceptional basis if a significant grassroots focus can be demonstrated

Timeline for funding:

- Wednesday 19 August – publication of guidance and application questions and required additional information
- Wednesday 26 August (noon) – online application portal goes live
- Thursday 3 September (noon) – Deadline for applications
- Wednesday 16 September – Eligibility checking and assessment
- Friday 18 September – Decision making panel
- Tuesday 22 September – Notify all applicants of their decision

[More information and guidance can be found here.](#)

2020 'UK Conference & Meeting Survey' (UKCAMS)

2020 'UK Conference & Meeting Survey' (UKCAMS) survey is now live with an industry report on findings due by the end of September. UKCAMS establishes the baseline against which future growth (or decline) can be measured. It is against the backdrop of the unprecedented changes posed by COVID-19 for our industry that the report will be published, which will provide vitally important market intelligence for our industry, as well as for government and for businesses. The link to the questionnaire is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/UKCAMS2020> and the deadline for responses is 4 September.

Industry updates

Grand Central Hotel in multi-million pound makeover as Scotland's first voco hotel



There are big things happening at the 137-year-old hotel beloved to so many Glaswegians - starting with a brand new tapas-style kitchen at Champagne Central. The hotel is due to reopen in early 2021 - but Champagne Central will open its doors on 3 September. [Read more.](#)

Campanile hotel Glasgow is the proud winner of Customer Review Award

The hotel scored a rating of 8.6, generated from customer reviews of service, safety and hygiene, value, comfort and general enjoyment of the stay. Congratulations to all of the team at Campanile!

The Hebridean makes way for new gastropub The Loveable Rogue

The Hebridean, a sister spot to the Six by Nico of Glasgow, is closing at the end of August - but we're already excited about its replacement. The Loveable Rogue is the first venture for Glasgow restaurateurs Joe Lazzarini and Amalia Colaluca, set to introduce the new gastropub concept in autumn. [Read more.](#)

Greenlight for Hidden Lane Finnieston restaurant plans

Plans for a 60-seater restaurant in Finnieston's Hidden Lane, which is home to studios used by bands including Franz Ferdinand, Belle and Sebastian and Snow Patrol, were given the go ahead. [Read more.](#)

National Trust for Scotland awarded funding boost to save jobs

The money is designed to help the charity recover from the impact of COVID-19. The NTS says the new funding, combined with £2.5 million raised by donors and members, has saved 197 jobs. [Read more.](#)

Campaign to rescue Scotland's crisis-hit visual arts

A new campaign has been launched to help find emergency funding for Scotland's hallowed visual art scene being put "at risk" by the coronavirus pandemic in the wake of growing concern about the future of venues and programmes. [Read more.](#)

Decision over Holiday Inn hotel on banks of River Clyde delayed

Proposals are being made to build a Holiday Inn on the former Glasgow Garden Festival site at Pacific Quay. Flooding concerns have been previously raised by SEPA and council officers have advised that the land is protected open space. [Read more.](#)



Business support and funding

Last chance to sign up for free to the Glasgow Gift Card scheme

The Glasgow Gift Card, supported by Experienced Glasgow, generated £100,000 for the city's economy last year. Join over 100 city favourites like Sprigg, Anchor Line, The Gate, Pinkston Watersports and The Spanish Butcher to name a few. With no fees the scheme is

free to join until the end of August. [Read more](#) or email Nicola to sign up nicola@iamatomic10.com.

Phase 2 of #GlasgowIsOpen campaign activity goes live next week

The #GlasgowIsOpen has been achieving excellent industry and consumer engagement to date, and the campaign is about to extend to phase 2 - targeting the wider west central Scotland market. From w/c 24 Aug there will be a series of promotions across Capital Radio, Radio Clyde and Heart Radio as well as digital activity focussing on the 18-35 audience within a 30 mile radius. New content creation across People Make Glasgow channels will present relevant and compelling reasons to visit. Media outreach will continue, to generate features and articles in lifestyle and travel titles and blogs. [You can download the social media assets and find out how to support the campaign here.](#)

Self-isolating after returning to the UK: Employment rights and guidance for employers

Guidance is available for [employees and employers on self-isolating after returning to the UK](#). A person's employment rights will depend on their employment status and specific circumstances. Some key guidance:

- Where possible people should work from home during their self-isolation period. Employees should talk to their employer about working from home before they travel.
- Employees can agree with their employer to take leave to cover the period of their self-isolation, providing they have enough leave remaining.
- Employers can also tell employees to take leave as long as they give them enough notice. [Find out about notice periods.](#)
- Employees may be able to take unpaid leave if they're forced to travel to deal with an emergency involving a family member or dependent. [Find out about time off for family and dependents.](#)
- If you're out of the country when a quarantine is announced, employees should talk to their employer as soon as possible to discuss options.

Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) Survey – Wave 2

DCMS is inviting businesses to take part in a second round of a survey to understand the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on organisations in the digital, culture, media, sport, gambling, telecoms and tourism sectors. Answers will remain anonymous and will be used to inform DCMS' preparedness efforts. The survey should take around 10-20 minutes and can be [completed here](#). The deadline for responses is 8 September.

Updated regulations for collecting customer contact details in Scotland

[Regulations have been introduced](#) to make it mandatory for hospitality settings to collect the contact details of visitors to their premises in support of Test and Protect. The new regulations apply to restaurants, cafes, pubs and hotels in which food or drink are sold for consumption on the premises. These businesses must now record:

- Name and contact number of an individual – or lead member of each household in a group – that visits the premises
- Record the date of the visit, the time of arrival, and where possible the departure time

The new regulations include customers, staff working on a particular day and visitors such as delivery drivers or cleaners. Premises must store the information for 21 days and share it when requested to do so by public health officers within 24 hours.

New statutory guidance for the hospitality sector has also been published which explains how to keep a record of customer and visitor contact details securely ensuring data

protection principles are upheld. The Scottish Government has also published updated guidance for hospitality customers to reinforce key safety measures, including physical distancing and the strict limits on the number of households that can meet at a time – 8 people from up to 3 households indoors and 15 people from up to 5 households outdoors.

Skills Development Scotland employment and redundancy advice

Skills Development Scotland has a comprehensive range of FAQs relating to employment and redundancy to help you if you have entered into a period of consultation with your employer, have lost your job or have questions about your employment. [Click here to view](#). You can also call their helpline on 0800 917 8000 for advice.