

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **SENSORY GARDEN**

WORK is set to start on another of the popular pocket gardens at Dundee waterfront.

Scheduled to take a few weeks the sensory garden's design concept was created by pupils of Craigie High School inspired by enhanced provision at the school for people with visual impairment.

The idea was then developed with help from landscape architects working in collaboration with pupils and staff at Kingspark School to deliver an accessible garden with multi-sensory elements.

When it is complete the sensory garden will feature a range of containers to raise the planting above ground level and use plants to engage the senses of sight, hearing and touch.

Lynne Short convener of Dundee City Council's city development committee said: "The pocket-sized sites that were planted last year at Slessor Gardens have proved really popular with visitors and locals taking time out to enjoy the waterfront.

"This new sensory space will create an area that anyone can enjoy and use to stimulate all of their senses."

Physical works are expected to be complete in time for Slessor Gardens to stage the third of this summer's three outdoor gigs, the Olly Murs show on Thursday July 20. With planting occurring in July and August.

It will be officially opened later in the summer with a visit by pupils from Kingspark.

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

Dundee Waterfront is an award-winning £1 billion regeneration project that is transforming 240 acres of land along 8km of the River Tay. Dundee Waterfront is split into 5 distinct zones and the project has secured £750m of committed investment. Most infrastructure works have been completed and the 'build' phase is well underway, with a growing community of businesses and residents moving into the Waterfront area. More than 150,000 sq metres of 'shovel-ready' land is available for development. Major current projects include the construction of a new railway station, V&A Museum of Design Dundee, a new marina, port developments, offices, hotels, bars, shops, cafes and residential accommodation. Around 7000 new jobs will be created, providing a wide range of new opportunities for young people. Dundee is the UK's only UNESCO City of Design. Dundee Waterfront is a partnership between Dundee City Council and Scottish Enterprise.

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