

**Press Release**

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## **Six Months Left for Canolfan Gorseinon Centre Build**

JUST six months remain until a flagship new community facility in Gorseinon is completed

Works on the Canolfan Gorseinon Centre on the former Bryngwyn Steelworks site in the town are scheduled for completion in the middle of June.

This iconic building will include a multi-purpose meeting hall, training rooms, office space for small businesses, a child day care facility and healthy living juice bar/cafe.

The Gorseinon Development Trust (GDT) will be running the centre upon its completion and following a period of shake down intend to open the building in late summer early autumn 2008.

As a prelude to the trust running the facility a site visit is being undertaken by its directors on Wednesday (January 23).

Its roof is now in place and internal works are ongoing as the project remains on track for its summer completion.

Swansea Council in partnership with Gorseinon College, local town councils, and the Gorseinon Development Trust are developing this exciting scheme.

Construction works currently being undertaken by the WRW Group follow on from a five-year period of consultation, strategy development and regeneration investment in the Gorseinon area.

GDT Chairman Andrew Donald said: "for the trust the completion of the building is not the end of the regeneration program but the beginning. This

stunning building will be the hub from where the trust will carry out our function of providing opportunities for all people living in the Gorseinon and surrounding areas."

Swansea Council's Cabinet Member for Community Regeneration, Cllr Joan Peters, said: "Excitement is starting to build in Gorseinon with just six months left until the building work is complete.

"The building has now really started to take shape and it won't be long until the people of the town see the benefit of having such a first-class facility on their doorstep.

"This is what the community wanted and effective partnership is leading to the realisation of their aspirations."

for up to date information and pictures of the build check out the gdt web site at [www.gdt.org.uk](http://www.gdt.org.uk).

## **Information to editors**

**The Gorseinon Development Trust is a community owned and voluntary run company limited by guarantee that aims to play a key role in regeneration initiatives in the Gorseinon area.**

**The trust was formed in 2003 and has been a key player in attracting monies to the area after the closure of the Bryngwyn Corus works announced in 2001**

**Funding for the trust has been secured from and with help from Welsh Assembly Government, Department of Enterprise Innovation and Networks (DEIN), City and County of Swansea and the Gorseinon Town Council**

**PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: The Gorseinon Development Trust directors will be on site at the Canolfan Gorseinon Centre on Wednesday January 23 at 2.00pm. This will allow an opportunity to photograph the building as it nears its final construction stages.**

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