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A sneak peek at City Quay's creative hub



From left: Bigbst4tz2, lbxtoycat, Eckosoldier, Sqaishey, Stampy Cat, Chris van der Kuyl, Paddy Burns and Stewart Clark. Picture: Kim Cessford.

WATERFRONT:
Hub will have a
200-cover restaurant
and offices for
300 people

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A prominent waterfront creative hub was unveiled in Dundee on Friday evening.

Members of the public, YouTube vloggers and Dundee's business community were given a sneak peek of Water's Edge, the City of Discovery's newest creative space.

The venue is operated by game designers and business partners Chris van der Kuyl and Paddy Burns, the developers of hugely successful strategy game Minecraft.

The venue will include a new 200-plus cover restaurant and bar facing on to City Quay, which itself is being reinvented as a new marina area by Dundee City Council.

Around 300 people are expected to work within the venue's 11 offices.

A delighted Mr Van Der Kuyl said: "I think people were quite sceptical initially when this was a completely derelict site with almost no roof on it and dirt floors."

“There is going to be great energy in this building. It's a fantastic destination for the regeneration of Dundee.”

CHRIS VANDER KUYL

"So to see it completely floored and with all the main structure in place, I think people will get a real surprise at how good it is looking."

"It's only when you get down to this location you realise how amazing it is."

"It's a really exciting location."

"We've designed this with any modern, forward-looking business in mind."

"There is going to be great energy in this building."

"It's a fantastic destination for the commercial regeneration of Dundee."

Among those being given a guided tour of the facility was YouTube vlogger Joseph Garrett, or Stampy Cat, as he is more commonly known.

Stampy, or Joseph, last visited Dundee in November 2015 to deliver the Royal Society of Edinburgh's (RSE) Christmas lecture.

Hundreds of young fans flocked to the Caird Hall to see the lecture.

During his second visit to the City of Discovery, Stampy told The Courier: "It's exciting."

"We'd heard tales of this building, but this is my first time seeing and getting an idea of what it's going to end up like."

"It was an amazing experience last time (during Stampy's first visit to Dundee) and it's nice to be back."

"We had a tour of the V&A building in its current state and that was incredible to be able to see what it's looking like in there and hear about the process they have been creating."

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