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Glasgow 2024 - A Worldcon for our Futures August 8th-12th, 2024

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Glasgow 2024 To Open One Year From Today

The 82nd World Science Fiction Convention (“Worldcon”) will open its doors to the public exactly one year from today. Glasgow 2024 will host over 5,000 fans of science fiction books, films, TV shows, games and other media and is expected to inject over £5m into the local economy. The one year milestone was marked by a live-streamed announcement <<https://glasgow2024.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=130ac29b547a74bf4af5a7825&id=4c0c75147a&e=4637f09510>> from convention chair Esther MacCallum-Stewart.

This is the third time that Worldcon has been held in Glasgow, following successful conventions in 1995 and 2005, and in a notable coincidence Glasgow 2024 will open 19 years to the day after the gavel was brought down on the 2005 event. Next year’s celebration of science fiction is already proving very popular with SF fans and professionals around the world, with over 3,000 members from 30 countries registered to date.

Glasgow 2024 will be held at the Scottish Events Campus <<https://glasgow2024.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=130ac29b547a74bf4af5a7825&id=07d4baf21b&e=4637f09510>> (SEC), widely recognised as a leading international convention and events venue. The SEC has been significantly upgraded since 2005, with additional conference spaces and a greatly expanded range of on-site hotels. The Glasgow 2024 team has had fantastic support from Glasgow Life throughout the bidding process and in preparing for the convention.

Glasgow 2024’s Guests of Honour <<https://glasgow2024.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=130ac29b547a74bf4af5a7825&id=99104b1e33&e=4637f09510>> include writers, editors, artists and fans – Chris Baker (Fangorn), Claire Brialey and Mark Plummer, Ken MacLeod, Nnedi Okorafor, and Terri Windling. These Guests will be joined by a range of Special Guests, professionals and fans from across the field and the world, with over 600 hours of programming and over 500 speakers planned for the five days of the convention.

Worldcon is, however, not just an extraordinarily engaging and diverse conference, but a celebration of all aspects of the SF genre, and the team will be making regular announcements over the coming months as plans are finalised. This will start this week with a look at the major events, ranging from the traditional Hugo Award Ceremony and costume Masquerade to an orchestral concert, the world premiere of an original opera, theatrical performances, dances, and live action video games. Subsequent announcements will cover Special Guests, spectacular themed exhibits, a substantial Art Show and Dealers’ Room, and arrangements for virtual participation and attendance for those who cannot come to Glasgow in person.

Glasgow 2024 Chair, Esther MacCallum-Stewart said, "I'm hugely proud of the whole team for the dedication and hard work that have brought us to this point, and excited to start sharing our plans with both members and the wider community. It's a rare privilege to host the Worldcon and we are committed to our vision of being imaginative, caring and inclusive."

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The 82nd World Science Fiction Convention, Glasgow 2024, will take place in Glasgow, UK from 8-12 August 2024. For more information about the convention, including current membership rates, visit <https://glasgow2024.org/> <<https://glasgow2024.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=130ac29b547a74bf4af5a7825&id=fc0cb1b5fb&e=4637f09510>> . Find us on social media at @Glasgowin2024.