



Study Tour 2024 Glasgow
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Report

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After an enforced break due to Covid, the 2024 study tour took 12 members and partners to Glasgow.

The first day included a tour of **Glasgow Central Station**, where we were given a behind the scenes look at the station, walking in subterranean passageways beneath Glasgow's streets and visiting railway vaults that drove Glasgow's industrial expansion. Our tour guide Paul Lyons was a fantastic storyteller, with superb knowledge of the station and a very obvious passion for it. A highly recommended tour for anyone!





The second day started with a visit to the site of the **Govan to Partick Bridge**, on which Farrans are the lead contractor delivering on behalf of Glasgow City Council. This £29.5 million project funded by Glasgow City Region City Deal includes the construction of a new pedestrian/cycle bridge over the River Clyde between Water Row in Govan and Pointhouse Quay in Partick, a connection that will re-establish the historic link between the two areas. The bridge will be economically, environmentally and socially important as it will create a link between communities, visitor attractions and institutions of national economic importance, and is a key part of the active travel route between the University of Glasgow's campus at Gilmorehill and the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital.

David Buchanan, Project Manager from Farrans provided a presentation on the project and also took the party on a tour of the site to view some of the elements of the bridge construction.





Our next stop was the site of the **Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside**, which is being delivered by GRAHAM on behalf of Renfrewshire Council. Funded through the Glasgow City Region City Deal the project is creating an attractive waterfront area and connecting communities through construction of an opening road bridge over the River Clyde at Renfrew. The two-lane bridge will accommodate vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists and open for passing ships, spanning 184-metres from Renfrew to the boundary between Glasgow and West Dunbartonshire.

Construction also includes a connecting road between the bridge and the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District Scotland (AMIDS) and new walking and cycling routes through Renfrew and across the bridge, connecting to Yoker train station and the national cycling network.

Jim Armour, Contracts Manager from GRAHAM provided an overview of the project and also took the party on a tour of the site to view some of the elements of the bridge construction.





Finally, in the afternoon we were taken on a cycle ride of **Glasgow's South City Way** by Kevin Argue and his team from Glasgow City Council to view some of the recently completed and some currently under construction active travel schemes aimed at improving facilities for walking and cycling. We also heard about the overarching strategy for Glasgow and the development of 'liveable neighbourhoods' and how the plans are contributing to the regeneration of the city. Thankfully the weather was kind to us all day!





CIHT Northern Ireland would like to thank Farrans, GRAHAM and Glasgow City Council for their hospitality and taking the time out of busy schedules to host us on our visit and also to CIHT Scotland for helping us with connections.

The annual CIHT NI Study Tour would not be possible without the support we continue to receive from local industry and we would very much like to thank our sponsors Northstone, Farrans and GRAHAM for their generous contributions in support of this year's event.