

# Garnethill

## Kids Trail

Tenement House,  
Synagogue, Garnethill Park  
& much more!



### Stop 1

## Garnethill Park

The park was designed by German environmental artist Dieter Magnus to tie in with Glasgow being European Capital of Culture in 1990.

It features a children's play area and stone steps where people can sit and relax. It also contains the 'Garnethill Pyramid', **can you spot it?**

A plaque at the corner of Rose Street and Hill Street commemorates the official opening.

**Can you find which famous person visited the park in December 1991?**



### Stop 2

## The Tenement House

(Category B-Listed)



This traditional Glasgow tenement was built in 1892.

A lady called Miss Toward lived in it from 1911 until 1965. Miss Toward didn't change much about her home and she also liked to collect things. The house still has original features such as a cast iron kitchen range and gas lights. There's also lots of Miss Toward's own belongings, including clothes, magazines, postcards, items from World War II and even a pot of jam from 1929!

**You can visit the Tenement House.**

### Stop 3

## Garnethill Synagogue

(Category A-listed)



A Synagogue is a place where people of the Jewish faith worship.

Garnethill Synagogue was Scotland's first purpose built synagogue. It was built 1879-81 in response to the growing number of Jews living in the city. During World War Two Garnethill was a focus of refugee activity. The Synagogue congregation helped young refugees, providing a hostel in the grounds for boys. Nearby was a hostel for refugee girls and women and a centre for refugees to meet.

Many of the refugee children attended Garnetbank Primary School nearby.

### Stop 4

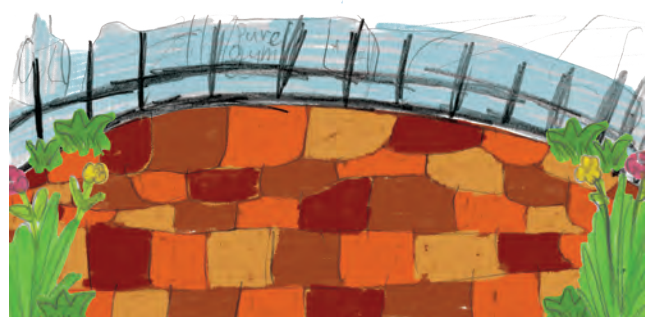
## Garnethill Viewpoint

From here you can overlook Charing Cross and see across to the West End of the city and the hills that surround it.

If you look down at the pavement you will notice some words engraved in the stone. It is the same word in many different languages.

**Can you work out what the word is?**

**How many of the languages do you know?**



### Stop 5

## Beethoven bust

(Category B-Listed)

This building used to be a piano showroom owned by Thomas Ewing.

Thomas asked his brother, a well known sculptor called James Ewing, to make a bust of German composer and pianist Ludwig van Beethoven to be placed over the back entrance of the shop. A bust is a sculpture of the top part of a person's body, normally their head and neck and a part of their shoulders and chest.

The story goes that Thomas wanted every musical instrument entering or exiting the warehouse to pass beneath the statue of the great man.

Beethoven is regarded as one of the greatest composers of all time. He is said to have often dipped his head in cold water before working!



### Stop 6

## Mackintosh Building

Glasgow School of Art (Category B-Listed)



The Mackintosh building was designed by famous Glasgow architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh and is regarded as his masterpiece.

It was built 1897-1909. In 2014 it was damaged by a fire and a project to restore it to its condition before the fire began. Sadly, as this trail was being made in 2018 there was another fire.

**We wonder what will have happened to the building by the time you are reading this?**

### Stop 7

## St. Aloysius Church

(Category A-Listed)

This Roman Catholic Church was designed by Belgian architect Charles Jean Menart. At the time of opening in 1910 it was the only Catholic Church in Glasgow to have a tower.

**Draw the church in the space below.**



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"I liked the Tenement House because we got to see what they did when they didn't have electricity. There was a strange smell, it was gas lights. These are the things we saw: bedroom, toilet, kitchen and living room." Alaa

**The Tenement House**  
(Category B-Listed)

**Wing Hong Chinese Elderly Centre**

This house from the 1800's is one of few surviving in the area. Since 2005 it has been the home of the Wing Hong Elderly Group and provides a range of activities and services. The 1960s saw Garnethill's first settled Chinese community, mostly Cantonese speakers who had emigrated from Hong Kong to England before moving to Scotland.

**Chookie Burdies!**

If you take a look at the lampposts in Garnethill you'll notice some of the birds perched on top of them aren't quite what they seem! They are actually part of an art project by sculptor Shona Kinloch. They are pigeons, because pigeons are city birds. There are 150 lampposts, each with two birds. Each bird was individually positioned so no two lampposts are the same!



These lampposts are found throughout Garnethill. How many can you see?

**Former Royal Hospital for Sick Children**

This hospital was opened in 1882 in response to Glasgow's high child death rate. Its operating theatre was lit by gas! It was funded entirely by donations. It soon got too big for these premises and moved to a purpose built hospital in Yorkhill in 1914. This building is now part of St. Aloysius College.

"I recommend Garnethill Park because it has activities for younger and older people" Isla

"I like looking from a high place over a city" Seyd

**Garnethill Viewpoint**

**Beethoven bust**  
(Category B-Listed)



'Refugee boys outside the Garnethill Hostel, 1939'

**Garnethill Synagogue**

"I like the Synagogue because it is very beautiful and has lots of nice colours. There are stories hidden behind it." Mariam

**Incorporated Dental Hospital** (Category B-Listed)

This building is in the Art Deco style. This design style was popular in the 1920s and 1930s. It featured bold regular lines and shapes and strong colours.



**St. Aloysius Church**  
(Category A-Listed)

**Garnetbank Primary School** (Category B-Listed)

This school was built in 1905. The architect was Thomas L Watson, who had studied at the Glasgow School of Art. Like many schools built at this time, there was separate entrances for girls and boys.

**Mackintosh Building**  
Glasgow School of Art  
(Category B-Listed)

**Garnethill Multicultural Centre**

Garnethill Multicultural Centre is an active Community Centre, serving inclusively the social, educational & welfare needs of Garnethill's multiple cultures. All for Unity in the Community!

**Glasgow Film Theatre**  
(Category B-Listed)

Originally called the Cosmo, the GFT was built in 1939, when Glaswegians went to the cinema on average once a week! It was the last cinema to be built in Glasgow before the outbreak of World War II.

Stay safe  
crossing roads!

**STOP  
LOOK  
LISTEN**