

Re-discovery and Re-imagination

# .....taking advantage of adversity

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#### My appointment.

Role of Senior Project Manger

- To bring the Mack back into full, functioning and flourishing use
- To act as the point of contact between the design team and the School
- To ensure that we get the best people working together as a team on the restoration

#### My background.

Conservation Building preservation Regeneration Urban Design

## the fire



May 23rd **2014** Fire took hold in the west wing of the Mack destroying completely the Library and rooms directly above- including major damage to the Hen Run.

May – July: Emergency decant and salvaging of contents,.

June – September: making safe and structural propping/down takings on the West side

October : Temporary Roof hoisted into place

Nov-Feb **2015** :Forensic Archaeology begins, to grid off, sift and catalogue charred remains of the library.

March: Appointment of **Design Team** 





The Glasgow School of Art, based on Honeyman, Kepple & Mackintosh plans of 1907



Air movement depended on the increased pressure created by the air supply and by natural convection. Stale air was expelled along a separate duct system and discharged through grilles in the external walls, or through louvred boxes on the roof.

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Diagrammatic view from south-east showing heating ductwork

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## the triage system - metal

Some of the recognisably Mackintosh original fittings - 'finds'.







## the brief



#### **Programme of Works**

Selection of the Design Team- European Procurement

- Pre Qualification Questionnaire has been returned 14
  respondents
  - Shortlisted to 5 of for interview in March

• Looking to appoint an architectural practice as design team leader- with depth of experience in conservation, rescue of fire damaged buildings, working with an educational and cultural establishments and a commitment to creativity and design.





The project will enable both a detailed reconstruction of the original, magnificent Art Nouveau design to be brought back to life AND equip the School with a robust, functioning, safe and compliant 21st Century educational building fit for the study, teaching and practice of the creative arts.

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"How would the Design Team phase their approach to the restoration of the Mackintosh Building and what areas – both physical and philosophical - offer the greatest opportunity for creative change".

## Philosophy





















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## Opportunities



### **Opportunities**



- Exemplary conservation project for new crafts people and designers
  - Integration of the most advanced new technology especially in regard of fire detection and suppression, but also wi-fi, lighting, humidity controls,
- Lest we forget ...we want to bring this back as a Library for academic use,
  - our client is the library and the students of the GSA
    - can we integrate art in to the project?
- can we make it also a space more capable of uses by other parts of
  the school for related events



















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### **Building Learning**

This period is therefore the ideal opportunity to engage in the kinds of debate that will be essential to inform the process of re-building

- debate

- research
- feedbackvisits



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