



The Glasgow Grannies dancing away in the Merchant City

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“Glasgow grannies” want to dance their way to new Community Centre

The famous Glasgow Grannies danced their way into people’s hearts across the world recently with an impromptu shimmy in the Merchant City. And just when you thought it couldn’t get any better, the dancing group are from North Glasgow.

ng homes tenant Edith McAtear and dance partners Sadie Henderon, Sadie Henderson and Flora McFadyen have received local celebrity status since the video of them dancing went viral.

“We’ve been getting noticed everywhere!” said Edith. “We never expected anything like this. We were just having fun. And that’s just it. It’s all about having fun.”



The ladies, who run a dance class in Possilpoint Community Centre called The Rockers, want to use their newfound fame to do something good for the community.

The Community Centre where they come together every week is a little dilapidated, and they want to help raise funds for a new one.

“The Community Centre is a looking a little run down,” explains Sadie Henderson. “There’s 25 of us who use it for our dance class, but it’s not just about us. Kids use the facilities. So do the other men’s groups and things like that. There’s such a vibrant community in North Glasgow and we think this centre is due an upgrade.”

A JustGiving campaign has been set up and you can access it [here](#). Any donations will completely go to the centre and contribute to building a new hub where ladies like the Glasgow Grannies, and other local people, can meet and socialise. It's huge for community spirit.

“When we first started getting together, there was only 8 of us – now there's 25!” said Sadie. “It's just about having fun, getting out the house, socialising and doing some exercise. When you get to our age, you can't do anything too strenuous.”



The group is also always looking for new members, with the ages of the women involved ranging from 50-90! They invite anyone to join but acknowledge how difficult it can be to take that first step.

“A lot of people find it difficult to take that step through the doors when they don't know anyone,” explains Edith. “But we try to make it as welcoming as possible, include everyone, and make everyone feel at home”.

It was hard to wipe the smile off the ladies faces. They've been very pleased the video has made so many people smile, if a little embarrassed when they're noticed out on the street, but it's only ignited their love of dancing even more.

Now, they hope to dance their way into raising some funds for a much-needed upgrade on the Possilpoint Community Centre.

We are sure you'll agree that is something we can all jive along to.

You can watch the video [here](#).

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