

## RevitHar Programme - Artwork adds Colour to Buchan Landmark



'RevitHar Programme' - Peterhead Community and Leisure Centre

Artist-designed light panels have been installed at Peterhead Community and Leisure Centre.

The building has been described as one of the biggest eyesores in the town and in recent months has been the subject of landscaping improvements. Artist Christina McBride was commissioned to design an original artwork that would make the building more welcoming and give it a renewed identity.

Six beaming wall panels have been sited along the front of the building to maximise the impact of the installation to passers by. They will add much-needed light and colour in the evenings, giving the impression of windows that the building never had.

Subtle light changes will run through a series of colour. The effect of the gradual movement through the spectrum will disrupt the harsh lines of the imposing red brick and soften the aesthetic of the building.

Local arts development officer, Saskia Gibbon, coordinated the project on behalf of the RevitHar programme, a European initiative involving six towns in Germany, Holland and NE Scotland to improve negative image and reinvigorate communities. Saskia said, "Christina's idea developed over several months as she spent time in and around the building and talking to staff and users."

She added, "The work has also been informed by the effect of light, and the lack of it, on a community that is further north than places like Moscow and which impacts the amount of light the town gets at certain times of the year."

The artist's work is part of overall landscape improvements to the community centre grounds, which will be completed in coming weeks.

Christina McBride, a lecturer at Glasgow's School of Art, has exhibited her work throughout Britain and the US. She also taught at the California Institute of Arts in Los Angeles and the Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia.

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