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RED ROAD TAKES CENTRE STAGE AT GALLERY OF MODERN ART

An arts project capturing residents' memories of the Red Road flats is taking centre stage at an exhibition in Glasgow's renowned Gallery of Modern Art.

The Multi-story exhibition, featuring photographs and video, including the product of a Camera Obscura project and Tall Stories short video animations, is on show at one of Scotland's leading art venues, Glasgow's Gallery of Modern Art between February 20 and June 24.

'Multi-story' was launched in 2004 and brings together artists, local residents and community groups to celebrate the changing face of Red Road. Multi-story forms part of a wider Red Road Cultural Project, which is being driven by Culture and Sport Glasgow and Glasgow Housing Association.

The exhibition is being led by Street Level Photoworks, an innovative arts project based in Trongate 103 that provides artists and members of the public with opportunities to participate in photography and lens-based media.

Director Malcolm Dickson said: "Multi-story has been a flagship outreach project for us and helped establish our track record in social art practices. It has encouraged participants to engage with the arts and offers opportunities for celebrating and reflecting on cultural and social change.

"This unique exhibition showcases artworks created in the last two years by local residents from over 15 countries, with a number of community organisations, and artists Lindsay Perth and Iseult Timmermans.

“Using traditional and contemporary art practices in photography and digital video, the work documents residents views and memories as well as explore issues around regeneration and the creation of new communities.”

Culture & Sport Glasgow Project Co-ordinator, Martin Wright, who is managing the Red Road Cultural Project, said: "High-rise living in Red Road is coming to an end and it's important that the past and present residents have an opportunity to share their memories, experiences and views through art in a very personal way, which will contribute to the lasting story of Red Road Flats for generations to come."

Richie Carroll, community housing manager of Red Road Balornock Local Housing Organisation, which manages the properties in the area on behalf of GHA, said: "The Red Road flats are such a well-known landmark and have been home to many people in Glasgow over the years. We hope many residents past and present will take the opportunity to share their memories.”

Red Road is known across the world, regularly making the headlines and playing leading roles in TV shows and films. In 2006, Red Road was the setting and title of an award-winning film further enhancing the area's iconic status.

The Red Road flats were built in the 1960s and were intended to be a fast and cost effective solution to overcrowding in Glasgow's slums. However, with the regeneration of the area now underway the area's 8 imposing tower blocks are to be demolished by Glasgow Housing Association over the next six years.

For more information on the Red Road Cultural Project, please visit www.redroadflats.org.uk

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