

Derbion celebrates 30 years of Tomb Raider with pop-up Gaming Hub



A new Tomb Raider Gaming Hub is arriving at Derbion this month to mark 30 years of the iconic video games franchise and its iconic heroine Lara Croft, created by Derby-based studio Core Design.

Running from Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October in Derbion's Community Hub, the free event will transport fans back to the early days of the action-adventure game, with the original 1996 release available to play alongside new and classic titles.

The event forms part of the wider 30th anniversary celebrations taking place in Derby this month, including a new exhibition co-curated by Derby Museums and collector Luke Earle, which will transform Pickford's House into Croft Manor and showcase memorabilia from private collections.

Beth McDonald, Managing Director at Derbion, said: "Lara Croft is one of the most recognisable and iconic characters in gaming history, and her connection to Derby makes this anniversary particularly special.

"We're delighted to be giving visitors the opportunity to celebrate 30 years of Tomb Raider, revisit these much-loved titles and discover the home-grown gaming talent that helped make Lara Croft a global icon.

"Whether you're a long-time Tomb Raider fan or experiencing the original game for the first time, we're looking forward to welcoming visitors to what promises to be a fantastic week of gaming."

Luke Earle, Mobile Game Producer at Tactile Games, added: "We've got over 400 Tomb Raider fans in Derby already interested in celebrating, so it's great to see an organisation like Derbion getting involved and marking the occasion with the Tomb Raider Gaming Hub. Derby is where Tomb Raider started 30 years ago, and we should be proud of that."

Free tickets for the Tomb Raider Gaming Hub are now available to book online, with each session lasting one hour. Tickets are available for fans aged 14+, and all under 16s need to be accompanied by an adult.

To book, visit <https://www.derbion.com/events/derbion-celebrates-30-years-of-tomb-raider-with-pop-up-gaming-hub/>

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About Derbion

Derbion is the East Midlands' premier retail and leisure destination, offering a full family-day out within a contemporary and safe environment.

The centre has an attractive lineup of famous brands with over 200 household names, including Next, Zara, Mango, H&M, M&S, Pandora, Hugo Boss and JD, with new additions in the last 12 months including Victoria's Secret, Seasalt and Crew Clothing. We're proud to also be home to a 127,000 sq. ft department store for Frasers, Sports Direct, USC and GAME.

Home to a skatepark and indoor padel courts alongside leisure attractions including Showcase Cinema de Lux, Paradise Island Adventure Golf, Hollywood Bowl and the 640-seat Derby Theatre, Derbion is one of the UK's most extensive and distinctive retail and leisure destinations. Plus, the venue's Food Terrace offers a wide variety of grab and go options for visitors to choose from, with seven further standalone restaurants and many more cafes and eateries throughout the centre.

The scheme is supported by an integrated, secure car park facility, offering 2,700 spaces in the heart of Derby city centre.

Find out more at <http://www.derbion.com>.