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Flo Skatepark opens world-class skateboarding hub at Derby



Image: Flo Skatepark at Derby

Community sports charity, Flo Skatepark, opened the doors to its world-class indoor skateboarding hub at Derby this week.

Following its official opening on 8 April 2026, Flo Skatepark's 20,828 sq ft hub brings a brand-new skateboarding experience to the East Midlands, offering locals of all ages and abilities the chance to enjoy lessons, events and meet-ups to help inspire the next generation of skaters. Plus, the skatepark will soon open to more wheels including skateboards, scooters, inline and quads, and serve as a venue for exhibitions, community gatherings and collaborations with brands such as Vans.

Flo's initial launch timetable offers a variety of limited group sessions and classes that require pre-booking, before expanding with additional sessions in the coming weeks. Bookings are available online via www.flo skatepark.org.

Celebrating the launch, Flo Skatepark will host the grand opening of its famous Vert ramp – sponsored by Subway – on Saturday 18 April, where visitors can enjoy live demonstrations and much more. Tickets will be available to book soon.

Flo Skatepark worked closely with the UK's oldest Skateboard store, Derby-based Rollersnakes, to design a world class Skateboarding facility smack bang in the city centre. Supported by Rollersnakes' expertise, Flo Skatepark is set to host industry-leading skateboarding events to bring skaters from all over the UK into the city.

Supported by Sport England and accredited by Skateboard GB, Flo Skatepark hopes its new regional hub at Derby will bring a high-quality skateboarding experience to both new and established skaters.

Together, Flo Skatepark and the recently launched indoor padel venue, Social Sports Society, have transformed part of Derby's former Eagle Market space, introducing an all-new leisure hub in the heart of the city centre.

The opening follows the completion of Derby's Eastern Gateway development, which has transformed the area with the introduction of a new entrance to the shopping centre and a new public boulevard for the local community.

Beth McDonald, Managing Director of Derby, said: "The arrival of Flo Skatepark will not only provide new and experienced skaters with a world-class indoor hub to enjoy, but it will also unite sport, culture and community. Flo Skatepark will be a great addition to Derby and to the city centre, so we're proud to have supported them with significant investment and financial support throughout the build and beyond.

"Alongside the recent arrival of Social Sports Society, these new venues offer an exciting new experience for visitors and significantly expand our leisure offering, ensuring that Derby remains the go-to day out destination for people across the region.

"We can't wait to officially welcome Flo Skatepark to Derby, and we're confident that the inclusive space will be popular with locals of all ages."

Mark Deans, Chairman, Flo Charitable Trust, said: "Being part of Derby is an incredible opportunity for the Flo Charitable Trust and for skateboarding in Derby and the Midlands. Since our volunteers dismantled the old Flo Skatepark in December 2024, we have been working hard to create something truly special, and this is a skatepark we could only ever have dreamed of.

"An indoor vert ramp, an amazing bowl, a street plaza and a beginners' area – all in the heart of the city. It means we can open skateboarding up to as many people as possible, of all ages and abilities, whether they've never set foot on a board or they're already pushing their limits. We will also welcome inline/quad skaters and scooter riders in their own sessions, so there really is something for everyone and we look forward to welcoming Derby in."

Councillor Nadine Peatfield, Leader of Derby City Council and Cabinet Member for City Centre, Regeneration, Strategy and Policy added: "We are absolutely delighted to welcome Flo Skatepark to its new home at Derby. This is a brilliant addition to our city centre, providing a world-class space where people of all ages can come together to stay active and inspired.

"Derby City Council is incredibly proud to have supported this project financially. Investing in high-quality, inclusive facilities such as this is vital for the vibrancy of our city, and it is fantastic to see the newly transformed Eastern Gateway to our city become a central hub for sport and culture. This opening marks another milestone in the regeneration of our city centre, and I can't wait to see the positive impact it will have on our local community."

Flo Skatepark opened to the public on 8 April 2026, with sessions, lessons and more available to book online via www.floskatepark.org.

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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.

With the introduction of 10 indoor Padel courts at Social Sports Society, alongside Showcase Cinema de Lux, Paradise Island Adventure Golf, Hollywood Bowl and the 640 seat Derby Theatre, Derbion has an extensive leisure offer for visitors to enjoy. 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.

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