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# What I Wish I Knew Before I Started or The (Hopefully!) Reassuring Reflections of a Recovering Archivist

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# The First Thing to Know...

I actually got into this  
on purpose!



# A Brief History of Me

## 1997-2008 - The University of Glasgow Years

- 1997-2001 - MA History of Art and Film & Television Studies
- 2002-2003 - MSc Information Technology
- 2002-2006 - Library Assistant, Glasgow University Library
- 2005-2008 - MSc Information Management and Preservation

2006-2011 - Digital Archivist, RCAHMS

2011-Now - Senior Project Officer, DPC



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# 5 Years a Digital Archivist

- Almost didn't go for the interview.....
- Original job description:
  - Cataloguing, Accessions, Search room cover
- Soon expanded:
  - Creation of Digital Repository Programme
  - Working with Internal and External Stakeholders
  - Contributed to development of Collections section

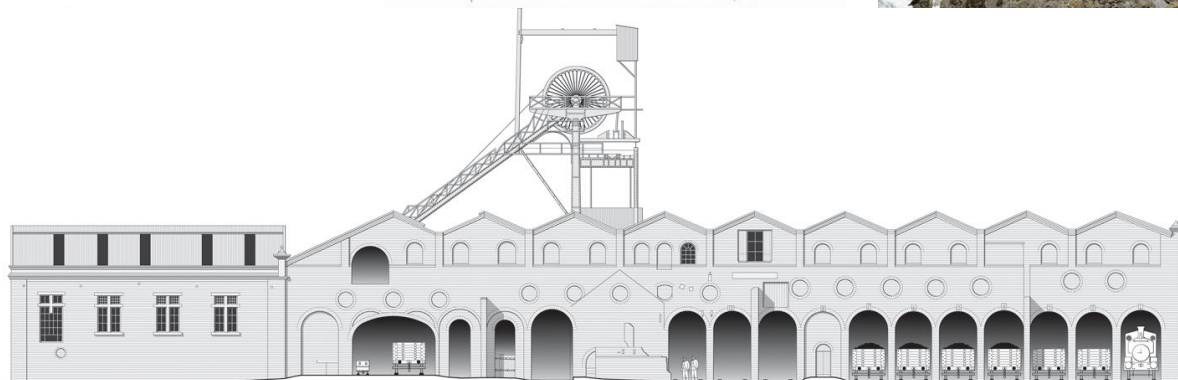
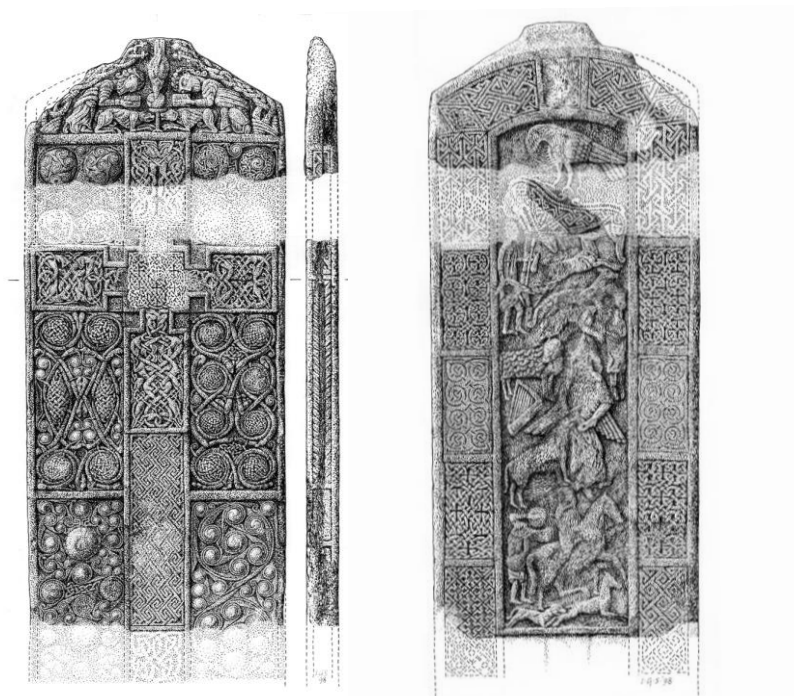


# A Different Direction

- Manage DPC Contribution to APARSEN project
- Focus on some of my interests
  - Develop and deliver training content
  - Communication and engagement
- Workforce Development and Capacity Building
  - Training and education
  - Professional development
  - Course accreditation

# A few of my favourite things.....

# Beautiful Things



North elevation

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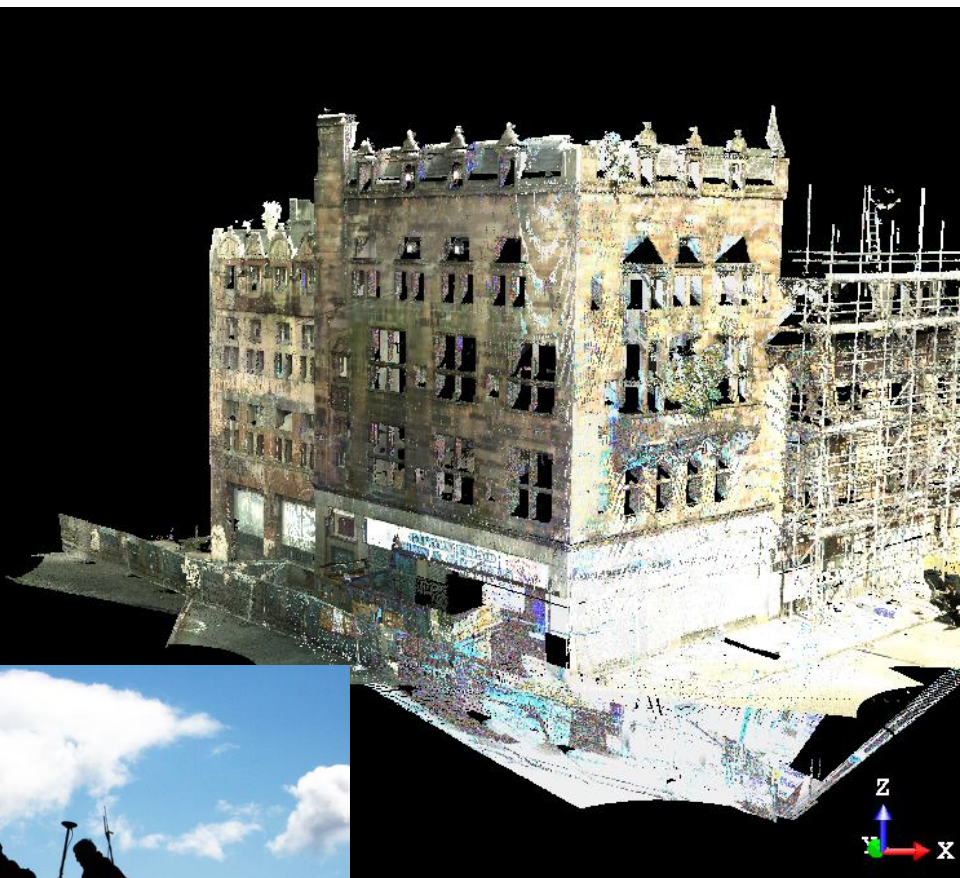
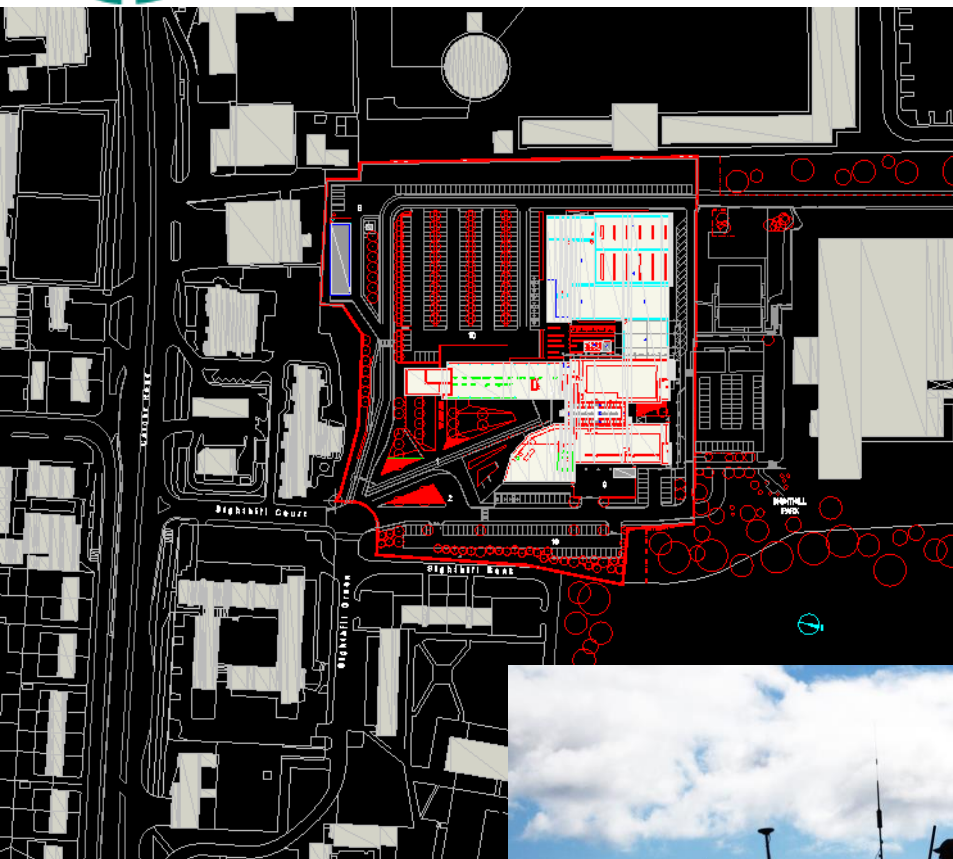
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# Cutting Edge Technologies



Our digital memory access

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# Interesting People



# Become a Digital Archivist: See the World!

- Lisbon
- Brussels
- Vienna
- Frascati
- Pisa
- Amsterdam
- Florence
- Frankfurt
- The Hague
- Dublin
- Belfast

# Some lessons I've learned.....



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# It's Not All About Digital Preservation

- Might only be one aspect of your job
- A wide range of skills are required
  - Project Management
  - Risk Management
  - Communication
  - User Analysis
- DigCurV Curriculum Framework
  - <http://www.digcurv.gla.ac.uk/>



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# Nobody Has All the Answers

- Collaboration is key
  - Lots of relevant disciplines
  - Learn to talk the talk
- Learn from others
  - Social media, especially Twitter
  - Ask to visit like-minded organisations
  - Networking at events





# Get Your Hands Dirty

- Don't be put off by job adverts
- Digital preservation is an active process
- There are no perfect solutions, they're still evolving
- We learn as much from our failures as our successes



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