

# Carnegie Museum reopens after refurbishment

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The descendants of philanthropist Andrew Carnegie have gathered in his birthplace in Fife for the opening of the newly refurbished museum which honours his life.

The Kingdom's most celebrated son was born in Dunfermline in 1835 and now after two years of restoration work, his former family home has been given a makeover.

The Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum takes visitors on a journey through history reliving the legacy of the man who became a giant of the American steel industry.

Originally opened in June 1928, the renovated museum retains the original art deco architecture and panelling whilst incorporating state-of-the-art interactive audio-visual units and digital wall graphics which depict his story.

Lorna Owers, manager of the museum, said: "We are now offering visitors a much fuller interpretation of the Carnegie story and I hope this will attract a wider audience who can be as inspired by his story as I am. In this year of Homecoming we are honoured to showcase the legacy of Carnegie from his humble roots in Dunfermline to becoming the richest man in the world."

Vartan Gregorian, President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, whose foundation grant-aided the project, said: "I am honoured to witness the birth of the newest institution that not only embodies the remarkable range of Carnegie's contributions, but elegantly showcases his work for the entire world to see.

"The museum is a fitting tribute to a man whose vision and generosity have helped millions, long past the span of his own lifetime."

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