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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **£2 MILLION REBUILD FOR ST LUKE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The St Luke's Trust community centre in Central Street, EC1, is about to start work on a major £2 million modernisation programme which will include a radical restructure and refurbishment, which will eventually lead to a new façade for the building and a brand new community café.

The project is funded by the St Luke's Trust and the EC1 New Deal for Communities (NDC). Work commences at the end of January and should be completed by the end of 2011 at the latest. In the meantime, it's business as usual, with all facilities and services, including the café, classes, computer room and advice sessions continuing to run.

Says St Luke's Chief Executive, Martyn Craddock, "This is a really exciting project for us and it's been in the planning since 2004. Here in our Victorian building we've been looking after the local community, particularly the elderly, for the last thirty years and we're now in a position to bring it up to date and create a modern, accessible and welcoming centre for all. Hopefully, disruption will be minimal. We know it's all going to be well worth it and we're hugely grateful to the contribution from EC1 New Deal."

Kirby Swales, Chief Executive, EC1 NDC said: "The St Luke's Centre is greatly used and loved by many residents. The refurbishment will ensure it continues to deliver its popular service for many years to come as well as adapt to the changing needs of local people – young and old alike."

The St Luke's centre welcomes around 200 regular users a day and when the project is finished, they will have access to new services and rooms including a new activity lounge for the elderly, a cookery classroom, multi-use spaces, and an office suite with affordable space for local social enterprises and artists' studios.

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*St Luke's Trust is an old and well-established charity dating back centuries serving the community which lives in the ancient parish of St Luke, Old Street. St Luke's Community Centre provides a space for local people to gather and socialise, and for other organisations to deliver their own services to the local community.*