



**Born in the Highlands. Powered by People.**



# The Highland Legacy



The Scottish Highlands hold a climbing tradition like no other.

In Glencoe and across Lochaber, unique rock, dramatic ridges, and fierce weather created the perfect conditions for every style of climbing – from bold rock routes to world-class ice.

These mountains forged generations of climbers who went on to make their mark globally.

Yet despite this legacy and ever increasing popularity of climbing worldwide, the area has no world-class centre where people can train, discover the sport, and grow into the next generation of champions.

A centre that can open the door to **adventure for all**, while turning that excitement into **lasting benefit for the local community and economy**.

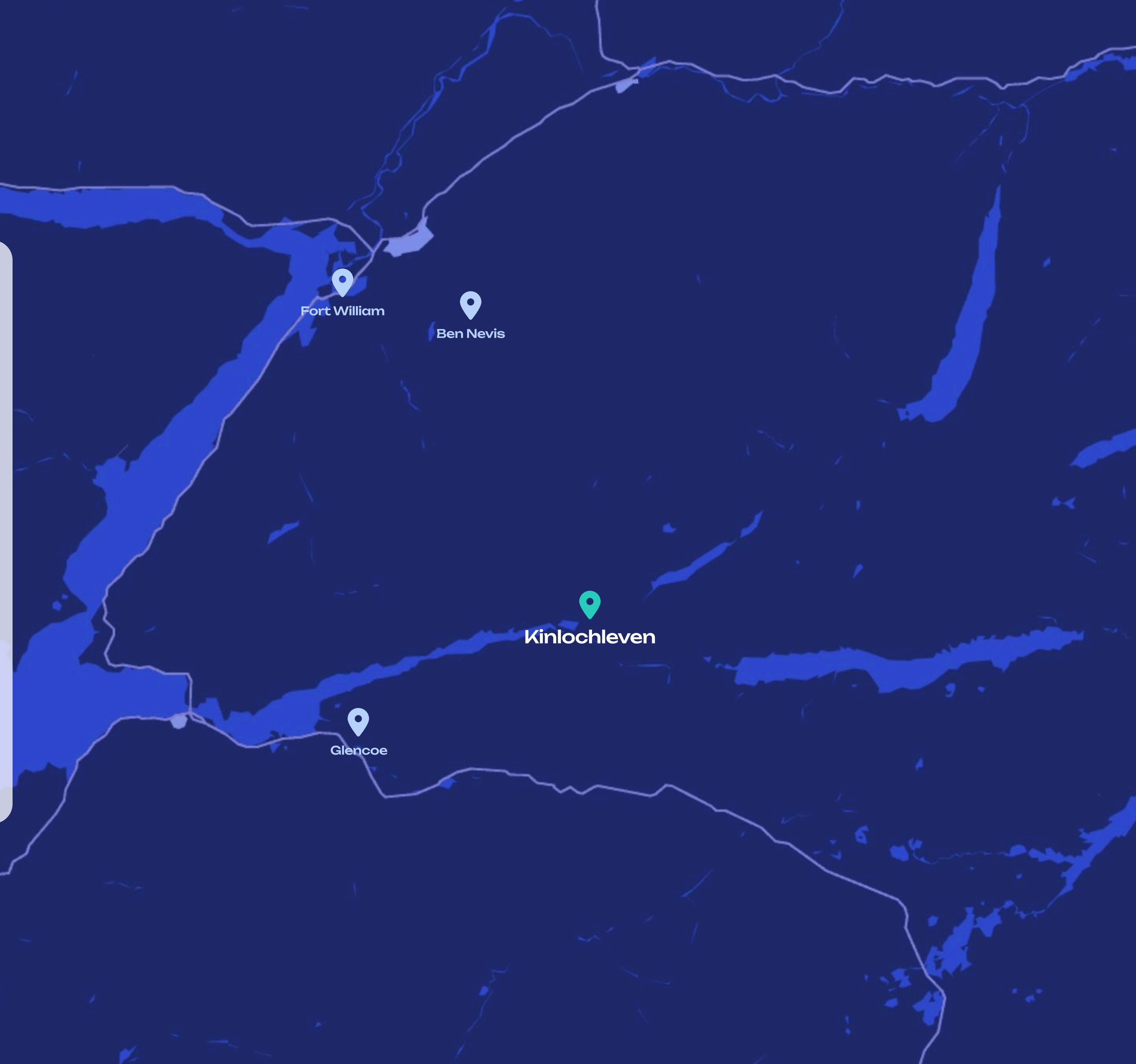
**This is what we aim to change with Point Five.**



## Kinlochleven: The heart of the Highlands

Nestled between Glencoe and Ben Nevis, Kinlochleven is a resilient Highland village with a proud history and a spirit shaped by the mountains.

As a key stop on the West Highland Way, and just minutes from Fort William, it sits at the crossroads of Scotland's adventure landscape.





# Born from tradition

Point Five takes its name from **Point Five Gully on Ben Nevis** – one of the world's most iconic ice climbs.

For climbers, it represents ambition, resilience, and the unique winter tradition that sets Lochaber and Glencoe apart.

The name also connects us to a landmark recognised far beyond the climbing community, grounding the centre in a place and story that locals, visitors, and adventurers alike can share.

Point Five is both a tribute to Scotland's climbing heritage and a symbol of what we're building for the future.





# Our Vision



# 4 disciplines under 1 roof



Point Five will be the only centre in the UK to bring together all four climbing disciplines in one world-class facility:

- **bouldering**
- **sport climbing**
- **ice climbing**
- **dry tooling**

Together, these disciplines offer year-round training, the chance to discover every side of climbing, and a pathway to grow the next generation of champions.

By housing them under one roof, Point Five will inspire newcomers, challenge experienced climbers, and bring fresh energy and visitors to Kinlochleven, **turning adventure into lasting community and economic benefit.**



# Hub for the community

The **Kinlochleven Local Place Plan** highlights a need for a welcoming space in the village for people to come together.

Point Five will provide just that:

- **a café**
- **soft play**
- **flexible community room** that can host everything from youth groups and school activities to workshops, film nights, and local events.

It will be more than a climbing centre: a place where the village can connect, grow, and celebrate its identity.

For visitors, it offers a chance to engage with Kinlochleven in a deeper way – not just passing through, but sharing in its community spirit.



**Why it matters**



# From industry to adventure

Kinlochleven's historic smelter has long been central to the village's history, culture, and community. In 2003, it was reborn as the Ice Factor, placing Kinlochleven on the international climbing map and providing a hub of pride and activity for twenty years.

Its closure in 2023 dealt a heavy blow, removing not only a unique attraction but also a vital source of jobs, visitors, and local energy. Today, redevelopment of the building is recognised in the Local Development Plan as the top placemaking priority for Kinlochleven.





# Revitalising the centre



This project is about more than just opening another centre in the middle of a climbing boom, or simply breathing new life into a historic building.

In line with the Kinlochleven Local Place Plan, this project will:

- **Create local jobs**, supporting families and livelihoods in Kinlochleven.
- **Provide vital community spaces** for events, youth programmes, and everyday connection.
- **Draw visitors** into Kinlochleven and the wider Glencoe and Lochaber area.
- **Contribute to Scottish tourism** and the local economy, strengthening the Highlands.
- **Establish a world-class climbing destination** that inspires adventure and nurtures the next generation of climbers.



# Powered by people

Point Five will operate as a **Community Interest Company** (CIC) – a not-for-profit model where every penny earned is reinvested back into people and place.

This means the centre isn't just for climbers, but for the whole community. Income from climbing, the café, events, and visitors will go directly into:

- Supporting local jobs and training
- Funding youth programmes and school initiatives
- Creating accessible opportunities for people to discover adventure
- Strengthening the social and economic fabric of Kinlochleven and the wider Highlands

By choosing this model, Point Five ensures that **the energy of sport is transformed into lasting community benefit** – building something that belongs to everyone.





# Project progress



# The journey so far

The Point Five project is already moving forward with real momentum – from funding applications and detailed plans, to community engagement and national awareness. Each step brings us closer to revitalising the centre and delivering a world-class facility for Kinlochleven and the Highlands.

- **Funding:** First-stage applications have been submitted to major funders, with additional opportunities actively being pursued.
- **Planning:** Detailed quotes for building works and climbing structures have been secured, strengthening the foundation for delivery.
- **Community Engagement:** Ongoing interviews, workshops, and a short film are capturing the voices and needs of local people.
- **Awareness:** Our new website and social channels are live, helping us share the vision and grow support.
- **Ambassadorship:** We're proud to have **Dave MacLeod** on board as our ambassador.

This is just the beginning. Point Five is building credibility, securing backing, and generating excitement, laying the groundwork for a centre that will put Kinlochleven back on the map.



# Dave Macleod



Our ambassador

We're proud to have **Dave Macleod** as Point Five's ambassador.

Dave has a long-standing connection to Glencoe and Lochaber, as well as with the centre we aim to revitalise.

His ties to the landscape - and to the climbing community here - make his support especially meaningful.

Having someone of Dave's calibre behind the project not only helps raise awareness on a national and international scale, but also brings invaluable expertise to guide the development of a truly world-class centre.



# Anna Wells



Our ambassador

**Anna Wells** joined us as a Point Five ambassador, bringing inspiration from the mountains to the community.

Anna is one of Scotland's most accomplished mountain athletes, widely respected for her remarkable Winter Munro Round.

Her achievements have made her a hugely popular and inspiring figure within Scotland's adventure community, connecting not just with climbers but with hillwalkers, runners, and outdoor enthusiasts across the country.

Anna's presence brings energy, visibility, and credibility to Point Five, helping us engage a broader audience, raise awareness of the project, and ensure the centre reflects the full spirit of Scotland's mountain culture.



**Let's talk**



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## How to get involved

Point Five is more than a climbing centre – it's a movement to revitalise Kinlochleven, celebrate Scotland's climbing heritage, and inspire future generations.

We're looking to connect with **partners, brands, media, and supporters** who share our vision.

Whether you want to collaborate, tell our story, or explore opportunities to get involved, we'd love to hear from you.

Let's start a conversation about how we can build something extraordinary together.

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