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East Lothian Museums Service

Schools Newsletter



Welcome to the East Lothian Museums Service schools newsletter. I'm Sarah Cowie and I've recently been appointed as the new Museums Education Officer.

Andrew James

Many of you will have known my predecessor, Andrew James, who was here for many years. Andrew has now taken up a new post with Scran, based in Edinburgh.

What We Do

ELMS provides schools with the following:

- * Loan Boxes
- * School Visits
- * Supported Museums Visits

* Museums on the Move

* Online Resources

What can we do for you?

Could we help you with your latest topic? Why not get in touch and find out? As well as helping you with 'history topics', in the past we have also taken part in school fundays, podcasting projects, enterprise schemes and art workshops.

Keep in Touch

To be added to our mailing list, please let us know your email address. You will hear about our latest projects, be invited to exhibition openings and receive information on topic resources.



Note my East Lothian maps in the background as I'm still finding my way around!

Contact Details

For all enquiries about Museums Service education activities and resources, contact

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Slave Trade Exhibition

From August 2008 the Museums Service is offering a unique opportunity for schools throughout East Lothian to be involved in their upcoming exhibition on the Slave Trade.

The exhibition, called Witness, looks at the people and places in Scotland who were witness to the slave trade. Classes will develop their own piece to add to the exhibition which will be presented at Prestongrange

Museum in April 2009.

Classes will have the opportunity to work with Indian dancers, musicians, artists and other professionals as part of the project. Teachers will also receive CPD training in researching local history and will be able to borrow one of our resource packs.

Remember that you don't just have to be looking at the slave trade in history for this topic, it can link to discrimination,

global citizenship, fair trade and enterprise, local studies and much more.



Spaces on the training courses and classes are limited so book your place now by contacting Sarah Cowie on the details above.

Museum Visits

Loan Boxes

We offer a free loan box service to all East Lothian schools. Topics covered include:

- World War Two
- Victorians
- Fossils and Dinosaurs
- Birds and Animals
- Working Life in East Lothian
- Archaeology
- 1950s - 1970s
- Romans
- Space
- Prestongrange
- John Muir
- Anglo-Saxons and Vikings



Boxes include objects, books, posters, teachers' notes & worksheets.

Borrow a Loan Box

Loan boxes are FREE to East Lothian schools and can be borrowed for up to a month. Book your loan box now for the new term!

Bringing a group to one of our museums? We can arrange a free tour, introductory guide, workshop or activity! We cater for groups of all ages and abilities.

John Muir's Birthplace Workshops

A typical school visit to John Muir's Birthplace includes a discussion on what the class already know or have been finding out about John Muir, followed by what they would like to find out, and the different learning approaches that can be used. A simple record sheet is provided so that pupils are encouraged to explore and discover for themselves. All information gathered is summarised on a timeline that is taken back to school for follow-up work.

Contact John Muir's Birthplace on 01368 865899 to book or to find out more.

New School Workshops

We are currently developing new school workshops for the 2008-2009 term, so please look out for our new 'Schools Programme' in August 2008!

Museums on the Move

Are you thinking of creating your own class museum?

We offer:

- * A session on museums with your classes (suitable for all abilities and age ranges, from nursery to S6)
- * Hire of museum glass case
- * Provision of display extras such as label holders, rests and mannequins
- * Museum objects for you to use in your display

Recent class museums we've assisted with include Pencaitland P1/2 1970s Museum, Musselburgh Burgh P1 Teddy Bear Museum and Cockenzie P4 Vikings Enterprise Display.