

Social Studies for schools at National Museums Scotland

History, Geography, Modern Studies & sessions for teachers

Photography: A Victorian Sensation

Location: National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh

Level: S1-S6

Cost: £3 per pupil, 1 adult free with every 5 pupils

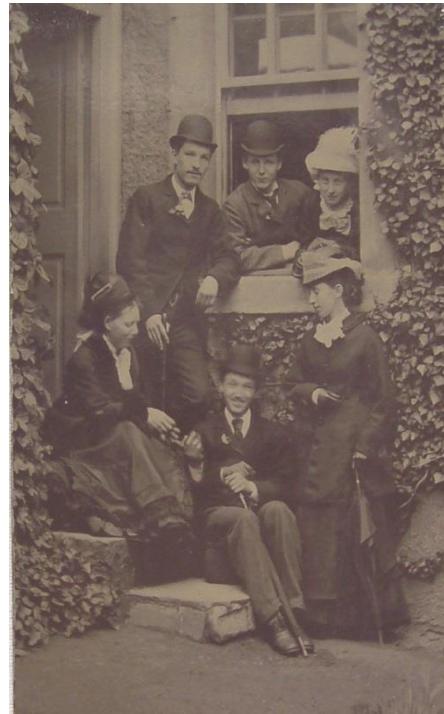
Length of session: 90 minute visit at

10:30/12:00/13:30

Pupil numbers: Max 30 pupils per group

Dates available: 17 Aug–22 Nov 2015

Visit *Photography: A Victorian Sensation* with your pupils to meet the pioneers of photography and discover how the Victorian craze for the photograph transformed the way we capture images today. Get swept up in the collecting craze of the carte-de-visite and discover the fascinating stories of the people behind the pictures, including Hill and Adamson's beautiful images of Victorian Edinburgh. Notes and suggested activities for teachers are available.



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Scotland and Britain 1830-1939: Emigration

Location: National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh

Level: S3–S6, National Qualification & Higher History

Cost: £70 per class

Length of workshop: 75 minutes

Pupil numbers: Max 33 pupils

Dates available: Available throughout the year

Use real and replica artefacts to find out what objects can tell us about why people left Scotland. Pupils will use a range of primary and secondary sources to answer a discussion question, working in groups.

Pupils will:

- Discuss the nature of evidence and the difference between primary and secondary sources.
- Work in small groups to investigate objects, pictures and written sources and discuss what evidence can reveal about the past.
- Handle and analyse sources relating to Scottish emigration to Canada through the 1800-1900s.
- Answer a 'To what extent' question using a range of sources and feedback their findings to the class.

Volcanoes: Investigating Montserrat

Location: National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh

Level: S1–S3

Cost: £70 per class

Length of workshop: 75 minutes

Pupil numbers: Max 33 pupils

Dates available: Available throughout the year

Pupils will be presented with a real-life natural disaster from Montserrat and will work in groups, using scientific evidence, to make decisions about how to survive. Each group will take on roles such as scientists, politicians and members of the public. Classes will also handle specimens such as lava bombs, meteorites, obsidian and pumice and discover more about the careers available in this field.

Teachers taking part in this workshop will receive a Volcanoes pack, created by Edinburgh University's Geoscience department, which gives advice about planning a field-trip to Arthur's Seat and provides class activities for our Restless Earth gallery, as well as pre or post visit in-class activities.

Self-Led Trail Sheets

Location: National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh

Level: S1–S4

Cost: Free

Dates available: Available throughout the year

We have a range of trail sheets available for Secondary classes to use to discover objects in the museum. Choose from:

- *A Matter of Life & Death:* discover how attitudes and practices towards death have changed in Scotland from pre-history to 1900s, includes Burke and Hare, First World War, and Mary Queen of Scots. Suitable for S1-S3 pupils.
- *Braw Scots:* discover top ten Scottish figures in the museum, then nominate your own top Scot! Suitable for S1-S4
- *Volcanoes:* find out more about Volcanoes in our Restless Earth Gallery. Comes with teachers pack with activities to complete in class. Can be used in conjunction with our Investigating Volcanoes workshop. Suitable for S1-S3 pupils.



More trails for History, Geography and Modern Studies pupils are being developed during the 2015-16 school year. Please get in touch with us at schools@nms.ac.uk if you would be interested in trialing these for us or have suggestions about future trails.

Adult Talks Programme: Free Entry for Teachers/Senior Pupils

Location: National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh

Level: Teachers & S5–S6 pupils

Cost: Free

Dates available: Available throughout the year

We now offer free tickets for teachers and senior pupils to our adult talks programme at the National Museum of Scotland. Tickets must be booked in advance and all pupil tickets must be reserved by their teacher. Senior pupils over age 16 can attend unaccompanied.

Upcoming talks include:

Spotlight on: Photography: A Victorian Sensation, Thu 9 Jul, 14:00–15:00

Curator Dr Alison Morrison-Low introduces the pioneers of photography and discusses how the Victorians craze for the photograph transformed the way we capture images today.

To request your free ticket, please email schools@nms.ac.uk

For details of the latest ticket offers for teachers visit www.nms.ac.uk/schools and select the 'Teachers' tab.

Ghosts of War

Location: National War Museum, Edinburgh

Level: S1–S6

Cost: £70 per class

Length of workshop: 4 hours

Pupil numbers: Max 25 pupils

Dates available: 9, 12, 16 & 17 Nov 2015

Explore the museum's powerful exhibits, share in an Act of Remembrance, and develop a knowledge and understanding of the world by writing poems of war and peace with the Scottish Poetry Library. Pupils will:

- Record personal responses to a range of primary sources including objects, photographs and gallery visits.
- Take part in an Act of Remembrance at the National War Memorial.
- With the help of professional poets, create their very own poems of war and peace.

Trench Warfare

Location: National War Museum, Edinburgh

Level: S1–S6

Cost: £70

Length of workshop: 2.5 hours (includes gallery visit)

Pupil numbers: Max 33 pupils (divided into two groups)

Dates available: Available throughout the year



Use real and replica artefacts to find out what objects can tell us about life in the First World War trenches. Pupils will use a range of primary and secondary sources as well as visit the museum's exhibits.

Pupils will:

- Discuss the nature of evidence and the difference between primary and secondary sources.
- Investigate first-hand accounts of wartime experiences, including letters, photographs and objects to discuss what evidence can reveal about the past.

Helmand Return

Location: National War Museum, Edinburgh

Level: S1–S6

Cost: Free

Length of session: 30 minute visit at 10:30/11:00/11:30/12:30/13:00/13:30

Pupil numbers: Max 15 pupils

Dates available: 17 Aug 2015–25 Mar 2016



A record of the British troops' final tour of duty in Afghanistan created by photographer Robert Wilson. Offering a unique perspective on a much documented conflict, these photographs allow a rare insight into the process of ending war, including the packing up and disposal of equipment. In a year of retrospective imagery surrounding the centenary of the First World War, these images provide a fresh perspective on the photography of conflict. An excellent exhibition to spark discussion and debate with classes.

Great War

Location: National Museum of Flight, East Lothian

Level: S1–S4

Cost: £70 per workshop

Length of workshop: 10:30–13:00

Pupil numbers: Max two classes

Dates available: Available throughout the year

Visit the National Museum of Flight with your pupils to discover more about how a farmer's field in East Lothian became an important First World War Airfield. What impact did new technologies have on the First World War? Explore the use of aircraft through our specially-assembled object handling collection. Visit our evocative *Fortunes of War* gallery to hear the personal stories of those involved.



Geography Fieldwork Equipment

Location: National Museum of Rural Life, East Kilbride

Level: S1–S6

Cost: Free

Dates available: Available throughout the year

A range of fieldwork equipment is available for use as part of your visit as well as on-site soil pits. Farm tours can also be arranged with farm staff to explore our 1950's farm and its land use.

More Information and Booking

Bookings for 2015-16 will open on 17 August 2015. Before then, you can complete an online booking request form by visiting www.nms.ac.uk/schoolbooking

Please note, your booking will not be confirmed until after 17 August 2015.

For further information or if you have any questions contact schools@nms.ac.uk

For further information and to access a range of resources visit www.nms.ac.uk/schools