



Schools Programme: Cultural History

At Kilmartin Museum we offer educational experiences for pre-school, primary and secondary school pupils. We provide interactive, interdisciplinary, hands-on activities aimed at giving pupils a greater understanding of Argyll's place within the wider world.

Our cultural programme ranges from prehistory through to the Highland Clearances, and our natural history programme interprets the National Nature Reserves at Mòine Mhór and Taynish.

We are keen to work with all nurseries and schools in Argyll, therefore if you have a specific project in mind, contact us to see how we can develop activities with you.

Primary Schools

Interactive Activities

Early People

Stone Age Survival School

Do you have what it takes to survive as a Hunter Gatherer in Mesolithic Argyll? Discover the ingenuity of Early People through this interactive workshop, which includes an investigative museum tour, handling session and an opportunity to create your own Mesolithic tool and miniature shelter.

Simulated Dig

How do archaeologists discover the past? Become an archaeologist for the day and take part in a simulated dig, and learn how to find, record and process your finds.

Kilmartin Glen Site Visit

Explore the Nether Largie Standing Stones, Linear cemetery and Temple Wood.

Early Farmers

Crofting Connections

Discover how people began to settle in Kilmartin Glen as they started to farm the land. Discover whether the crops and animals you decide to farm on your land will sustain you through a harsh Neolithic winter and try your hand at fleece carding, using a drop spindle and weaving on a peg loom. Find out how Neolithic people discovered how to form and bake the earth to create pottery, and create your own pot to take home.

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Bronze Age

Bronze Age Detectives

Discover the cairn of the unknown craftsman, and investigate the clues to find out why this person was so important to the people of Kilmartin Glen. Explore the museum to find out how bronze is created and how the discovery of this amazing process affected Kilmartin Glen. Create your own Bronze Age beaker pot.

Iron Age and Early Historic

Dunadd

Take part in a drama activity at Dunadd Fort to discover why this site is so important to the birth of Scotland. Explore the museum to discover the history of the Picts and the Scots and create an Iron Age pottery vessel.

Vikings

Viking Explorers

Explore Dunadd and take part in an exploratory trail, take part in a handling session, create your own runic inscriptions in a clay tablet and create your own Viking feast on an open fire.

Highland Clearances

Deserted Settlements

Explore the deserted settlements of Kilmory Oib and Arichonan and discover more about life in a pre-clearance township. Take part in a walk over survey and learn how to measure and record key structural features.

Costs:

Travel subsidies are available for many of these visits, please contact us for details.

Workshops are charged at £5 per day per pupil (£3.25 per pupil for half a day).

There is an additional charge of £1 per pupil for clay activities.

Loans Boxes

We have six loans boxes available containing replica artefacts, hands-on activities, resources and teacher's pack. These boxes are available for schools to borrow for up to six weeks.

We have the following loans boxes available:

- Mesolithic
- Neolithic
- Bronze Age
- Dunadd
- Vikings
- Iron Age

Please contact us to arrange to borrow one of our loans boxes. There is a £10 deposit to pay, but no cost.

For further information and bookings, please contact Julia or Madeleine at

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