

Grants Awarded - Delegated Decisions meeting of 30 August 2007

Number of awards - 11. Total value of awards - £348,200

Local Authority	Project Title	Description	Award / grant Programme
Argyll and Bute			
	Loch Fyne Skiff Heritage	<p>Tarbert Conservation Initiative has been awarded a Young Roots grant to involve around 40 young people in researching the history of the Loch Fyne Skiffs. The vessels would have been common place in Tarbert harbour a century ago, but few original hulls exist now and none are in the original sailing and fishing configurations. These boats have a distinctive underwater shape and steeply raking stern post.</p> <p>With the help of a local boat builder, young people will prepare drawings and build a replica skiff which will then be moored in Tarbert harbour where it will be interpreted and used for further educational activity. The project will examine methods of fishing which resulted in the development of skiffs and research how the vessels were built. As fishing is still a large economic driver in the area, the project is aimed at providing the young people with a broader insight into their own local fishing heritage.</p>	<p>£25,000</p> <p>Young Roots</p>
East Renfrewshire			
	Giffnock Heritage Centre	<p>East Renfrewshire Council has received a grant to make improvements to Giffnock Heritage Centre. Since Barrhead Museum closed in 2000, Giffnock Heritage Centre has been the focal point for heritage in this area of East Renfrewshire. However, space is limited, and the collections are located in a single room within Giffnock Library. The project will enhance and re-brand the centre and provide further staffing to cope with the increased interest in local heritage collections.</p> <p>One of the key aims of the project is to increase the number of items on display. Storage facilities will also be improved to ensure long term care of the collections. The purchase of new flexible exhibition cases will allow collections to be toured around eight community libraries across East Renfrewshire. Temporary sessional staff will be employed to hold</p>	<p>£30,000</p> <p>Your Heritage</p>

		genealogy classes and reminiscence sessions and assist with new exhibitions and local history events.	
	Greenbank House and the Allason Legacy	<p>East Renfrewshire Council has been awarded a grant for a project focusing on the history of Greenbank House and the Glasgow merchant Robert Allason. In particular, the project will investigate connections they have with the transatlantic slave trade. The connection between East Renfrewshire and the slave trade has only recently been discovered. Literature about Robert Allason and Greenbank House makes no reference to this aspect of our history. The project is designed to mark this year's bicentenary of the abolition of transatlantic slave trade.</p> <p>The project will involve workshops in writing, photography, music and crafts. It is estimated that 400 school children will be able to participate in the project. Support will be provided from education officers at the National Trust for Scotland and the project will include a visit to the David Livingstone Centre and Greenbank House. Participants will research the different aspects of the slave trade, such as: the daily life of a slave and its differences to that of a merchant; music and original songs of slaves; crafts and textiles made at the time and also through visual arts. The research will be used to put together an exhibition which will tour a number of venues including Greenbank House, Eastwood Park Theatre, local schools and libraries. A supporting website will also be created.</p>	£49,000 Your Heritage
Glasgow			
	Glasgow's Built Heritage, Tobacco and the Slave Trade	<p>Glasgow Building Preservation Trust, in partnership with Glasgow Anti Racist Alliance, has been awarded a Your Heritage grant towards a project which will raise awareness about Glasgow's mercantile past, in particular the tobacco trade and associated slave trade. The project will focus on 20 key buildings and landmarks which have links to this part of Glasgow's heritage.</p> <p>The grant will allow the Trust to employ an intern who will carry out research into the historic connections between Glasgow's buildings and the transatlantic slave trade. This research will inform an exhibition, leaflet, slavery heritage trail, booklet and map. A high profile event will take place at St Andrews in the Square, including talks about Glasgow's</p>	£27,500 Your Heritage

		links with the slave trade, Afro/Scottish music and a drama performed by young people. All of the events will be advertised through the Doors Open Day programme.	
Inverclyde			
	The Bilin 'o' the Bell	<p>Inverclyde Community Development Trust has been awarded a grant towards a two year heritage oral history project focusing on the community of Port Glasgow in Inverclyde. Port Glasgow is in the midst of a significant regeneration programme and many areas of the town will be demolished over the next two years. This project will ensure that the local social history is preserved. It will celebrate the proud history of Port Glasgow from its small beginnings as the 16th Century castle stronghold of Newark, through its time as a vibrant seaport and trading post of Glasgow to its unparalleled shipbuilding glory days.</p> <p>The grant will enable the Trust to employ a part time Heritage Development Worker to train and co-ordinate volunteers. At least 25 volunteers will be involved in collecting the social histories, stories and songs from across Port Glasgow. Four exhibitions based on Port Glasgow's history will be held at the regeneration centre and toured to other community venues. Eight open events will take place and activities will include talks on historical events and dramatic performances or sessions using reminiscence materials. 'The Bilin O' the Bell' project takes its name from a local song about Port Glasgow.</p>	<p>£46,300</p> <p>Your Heritage</p>
Midlothian			
	The Big Cousland Dig	<p>Cousland Local History Project has been awarded a grant towards an archaeology project based in the village of Cousland. With the guidance of professionals and academics, the local community will undertake a series of archaeological investigations to uncover the true history of a number of local sites including Cousland Castle or Nunnery, Cousland Pottery and the site of a former windmill which dates back to the 18th century. The project will culminate in an exhibition, a publication and a series of lectures.</p> <p>The project will create a record of all items that are discovered and a report will be sent to the National Monuments Record, the local Sites and Monuments Record and the local History Centre. The grant will cover the cost of suitable tools for the project, the expenses of an amateur field society to undertake geophysical investigations and to archive</p>	<p>£6,300</p> <p>Your Heritage</p>

		the results for the community, county records and future historical studies.	
Orkney Islands			
	Orkney Boat Museum, Hall of Clestrain, Orphir, Orkney	<p>Orkney Boat Museum has been awarded a Project Planning Grant towards the development of a project to establish a new museum of small boats in Orkney. This will provide interpretation and education with a strong emphasis on boatbuilding traditions, incorporating a resident boat builder and apprenticeship programme. It is proposed to house the museum at the A-listed but derelict Hall of Clestrain, the birthplace of Arctic explorer Dr John Rae.</p> <p>The Planning Grant will enable the museum to employ a Project Officer to co-ordinate the work of preparing an Access Plan, an Audience Development Plan, an Education and Training Plan and an outline Interpretation and Display Plan, with the support of specialist consultants. A Conservation Management Plan and the development of architectural designs to RIBA Stage B will also be prepared.</p>	<p>£46,400</p> <p>Project Planning Grant</p>
Perth and Kinross			
	Digital St Mags	<p>Artspace Scotland has been awarded a Young Roots grant to involve young people in exploring the heritage of St Magdalene's Hill, a local landmark located to the south of Perth. Young people will investigate the historic settlements on the site and examine the local wildlife and social history of the hill. The project outputs will be a drama production, a DVD, a photographic exhibition, a website and text for information panels.</p> <p>St Magdalene's Hill is well used by young people for recreation, however, the history of the site is not well known. In partnership with archaeologists working on St Magdalene's Hill the young people will investigate the historic settlements, distinctive wildlife and wealth of stories all of which relate a fascinating tale of Perth through the ages. As the old entrance to Perth from the South, St Magdalene's Hill is the site of the old drover's road, an old hospital and evidence of other settlements.</p>	<p>£25,000</p> <p>Young Roots</p>
Renfrewshire			
	Semple Trail	Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority has been awarded a grant to undertake planning work to	£28,000

		<p>inform the completion of a path network round Castle Semple Loch in Lochwinnoch. The grant will cover the costs of a conservation statement, interpretation proposals and detailed design work. This work will be used to develop the final phase of a path network around the loch.</p> <p>Castle Semple Loch is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and nearby woods are important for nature conservation. Although new paths have already been created, this phase of work will create a circular route around the Loch and improve access to the many heritage features within the area. Provision of signage and interpretation will improve visitors' understanding about the history of the Castle Semple Estate.</p>	<p>Project Planning Grant</p>
	<p>The Johnstone History Museum</p>	<p>The Johnstone History Society has been awarded a grant to purchase equipment for their new heritage facility, which is located in a newly built Morrison's supermarket. The Society has a collection of photographs, artefacts, oral history records and company archives relating to the industrial and social of Johnstone and the surrounding area. The project will allow them to exhibit the collections in a very accessible location and engage with a wide audience.</p> <p>Costs associated with the building work are being met by Morrison Plc and the HLF grant will cover the costs of purchasing display and storage units, exhibition panels and study group facilities. The project will be staffed by five volunteers. It is anticipated that new volunteers will be engaged in running the museum and this will allow an extension to opening times which will initially be two to three days per week. An education programme will also be delivered including guided tours, talks, schools workshops and student placements.</p>	<p>£29,100</p> <p>Your Heritage</p>
<p>Shetland Islands</p>			
	<p>Restoration of Brough Lodge</p>	<p>The Brough Lodge Trust has been awarded a grant to undertake essential planning work in support of a project to restore the historic Brough Lodge and its grounds. The Brough Lodge, which is on the island of Fetlar, is an A-listed building. It was originally built around 1820 by Arthur Nicholson, a Lerwick merchant, but the Brough Lodge complex also includes the Shetland Haa House built in the 17th century and an oval-shaped tower</p>	<p>£33,100</p> <p>Project Planning Grant</p>

		constructed on the site of an Iron Age Broch. The tower is an unusual and unique Shetland example of a 'folly-type' structure, and was used as an astronomical observatory in the 19th century. It has been unoccupied since the 1970s and is on the Buildings at Risk Register. The grant will allow the Trust to carry out a Conservation Management Plan, Access Plan and Audience Development Plan. The long term aim is to re-use the building for holiday accommodation. A programme of heritage workshops relating to local cultural traditions is proposed and the restored building would also provide space for community events and provide employment opportunities on the island.	
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Awards for All

Committee date of 6 August 2007.

Number of awards - 9. Total value of awards - £42,658.

Local Authority	Grantee	Description	Award / grant Programme
Angus			
	Ardler Village Trust Company	This grant will enable the group to carry out reminiscence workshops and produce a local history booklet and DVD capturing the forty year history of this rural area. A launch event will also be held for the wider community. The grant will cover the cost of printing, researcher's fees, editing/production of photo DVD, reminiscence workshops and launch event costs.	£4,500 Awards for All
Fife			
	Elie and Earlsferry History Society	This group aims to research and preserve the history of the Elie and Earlsferry area. The grant will enable the group to produce a book on the history of Elie Harbour. The project will involve the local community in collating historical and anecdotal information about the harbour. The grant will be used for printing costs for the book.	£1,000 Awards for All
Fife			

	Scape Trust	Based in St Andrews, the Scape Trust raises awareness of Scotland's coastal archaeology and the threat it faces from erosion and climate change. The grant awarded will enable the Trust to organise an archaeological excavation at Back Beach, Brora, working in partnership with Clyne Heritage Society. Local volunteers will have the opportunity to learn about modern archaeological practices and find out more about the history of the area. The site will also be open to the public and there will be tours and an open day, encouraging as many people as possible to participate. The grant will be used to fund research costs, professional archaeological fees, transport cost, and volunteer expenses.	£9,300 Awards for All
Highland			
	Clan Davidson Association	Based in Muir of Ord, the Association aims to provide a focal point for people belonging to or having an interest in Clan Davidson history. The grant awarded will enable them to clean and repair clan headstones and repair the boundary fencing at the Davidson burial ground at Millbank, close to Tulloch Castle, the Davidson Ancestral Home. The group will also produce leaflets and posters and erect three information boards about the Clan Davidson. The grant will contribute towards repairs and cleaning of headstones, repairs to boundary fence and gates, leaflet and information board costs.	£9,000 Awards for All
Highland			
	Golspie Heritage Society	This group promotes an interest in the beauty, history and character of Golspie. The grant will enable the Society to replace the windows at their premises which will make them more suitable and comfortable for meetings and lectures and also allow the group to hold meetings throughout the winter months. The group will also purchase a wooden store, allowing them to care for more items and artefacts.	£6,554 Awards for All
North Lanarkshire			
	Croy Historical Society	This group promotes and fosters the study of the history of the village of Croy. The grant will allow them to develop an exhibition of artefacts, photographs and other historical material relating to the local area. This will help local people of all ages learn more about their heritage. The grant will contribute to venue hire, transport costs, refreshments, video equipment hire and programme costs.	£1,546 Awards for All

North Lanarkshire			
	Kilsyth and District Horticultural Society	This group promotes horticultural activities and organises an annual show. The award will fund the production of a book covering 100 years of the society. It is hoped the book will encourage participation in future events. The grant will contribute to research and photography, printing, transport and administration costs.	£2,407 Awards for All
Orkney			
	Westray Heritage Trust	This group runs Westray Heritage Centre in the village of Pierowall. The Heritage Centre, which has recently been extended, has a collection of artefacts, photographs and family history archives relating to the Island of Westray. The grant will enable the group to purchase filing cabinets, a comb/wire binder, a laminator, tables, chairs and signage.	£3,351 Awards for All
South Ayrshire			
	No 25 Group Royal Observer Corps Association	This group provide social and recreational opportunities to members of the Royal Observer Corps in Ayr. The grant will enable them to purchase equipment and create a multimedia presentation, highlighting the work of the Royal Observer Corps through the years. This commemorative and informative presentation will form part of a road show which will visit schools, community groups and associations to help raise the profile of the work of the Corps. The grant will be spent on the purchase of a laptop computer, projector, screen and box trailer.	£5,000 Awards for All

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