

Grants Awarded - Delegated Decisions meeting of 26 May 2009
Number of awards 3. Total value of awards - £130,300

Local Authority	Project Title	Description	Award / grant Programme
Aberdeen			
	Enlightened Burns	<p>The Robert Burns World Federation North East Scotland has been awarded a grant to research the lives and legacies of key Scottish Enlightenment figures. Aberdeen produced many significant contributors to the Enlightenment such as Hugh Mercer, James Beattie and Thomas Reid. The project will research these figures and also look at how Robert Burns was influenced by the Enlightenment.</p> <p>As part of the Homecoming celebrations the project will engage with schools, young people, heritage and community groups, to research and celebrate the heritage of these significant figures, in particular focussing on the notion of liberty. Activities planned during the course of the project include drama workshops, a story telling session and puppetry workshops. Volunteers will be involved in the re-creation of a Burns Supper, and the development of an exhibition, book and DVD. The project will culminate in a community concert as part of the city's Homecoming Celebrations.</p>	<p>£50,000</p> <p>Your Heritage</p>
	Aberdeen City Woodlands In and Around Town	<p>Aberdeen City Council has been awarded a grant to encourage people to learn about their local woodlands. The project will be based around 12 woodland areas, some of which are long established and contain old and veteran trees. All the woodlands in this project are situated in the heart of the urban areas of Aberdeen. These areas are important locally for their significant associations with the industrial heritage of the area and are also home to red squirrels and other important wildlife.</p> <p>A Community Woodlands Ranger will be employed to create new volunteer groups and work with the local communities, schools and youth groups. Volunteers will be encouraged to take part in practical woodland management and to learn traditional crafts. Aberdeen City Council will also work in partnership with the NHS Health</p>	<p>£30,300</p> <p>Your Heritage</p>

		<p>Walks programme to include the woodlands as part of their programme. The Community Woodlands Ranger will work with the Criminal Justice Service to provide work opportunities for individuals serving sentences at HMP Craiginches Aberdeen at Kincorth Hill Local Nature Reserve. Placements will involve those who are close to release and will continue once they are back in their own community. These people will be given the opportunity to put this work towards gaining the John Muir Award.</p>	
Moray			
	<p>Moray Firth Coastal Classroom</p>	<p>Wild Things! have been awarded a grant to encourage young people to learn about natural coastal heritage and the traditions associated with it including traditional crafts, storytelling and oral histories. The Coastal sites of Moray and Inner Moray Firth will be explored; this will increase awareness and understanding of coastal heritage and local traditions once part of daily life, which are in danger of being lost.</p> <p>Wild Things! will run a programme of half-day nature clubs and 'Coastal Classroom' events will be delivered throughout the spring and autumn school terms. The young people will also have the opportunity to go camping and carry out some conservation work to the coastline and will learn a wide range of traditional skills such as making netting, creels, fishing lines and hooks from natural materials. Other courses on offer will include: making a coracle from willow, canvas and bitumen; celestial navigation; identifying medicinal and edible plants; the principles of sustainable harvesting and shore fishing; building a smokery and smoking fish.</p>	<p>£50,000</p> <p>Your Heritage</p>

Townscape Heritage Initiative in Scotland

Through our Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) programme, we make grants that help communities to regenerate conservation areas that display particular social and economic need. It encourages partnerships to carry out repairs and other works to a number of historic properties within those areas, and improve the quality of life for all those who live, work or visit there.

In 2009 we have awarded Stage two awards to five Local Authorities to deliver a Townscape Heritage Initiative in the following towns:

- Orkney Islands Council was awarded £1,440,000.00 for a scheme in **Stromness** in March
- Midlothian Council was awarded £991,000.00 in April for **Dalkeith**
- Argyll and Bute Council was awarded £700,000.00 for **Campbeltown** in April
- Renfrewshire Council was awarded £1,500,000.00 in June for a scheme in **Paisley**
- Glasgow City Council was awarded £939,000.00 in June for a scheme at **Govan** Cross

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