

Glasgow Life Museums: Bringing Learning to Life

Nursery, Primary
and Secondary
Programmes

2025-26



Welcome

to Glasgow Life Museums' 2025-26 programme for schools

We have an exciting and varied offer for nursery, primary and secondary school groups. Our workshops are designed to extend and enhance classroom learning.

Workshops are available at the following venues:

The Burrell Collection
The Gallery of Modern Art
Glasgow Museums Resource Centre
Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum
Provand's Lordship
Riverside Museum
St Mungo Museum of Religious Life & Art

Nursery and Primary sessions are listed under each venue – see pages 4 to 16
Our secondary offer is categorised by subject or theme – see pages 17 to 19.

Glasgow is fortunate to have world-class museum collections and our learning team uses these objects and artworks to create unique learning experiences.

Our programme is planned in consultation with teachers and other colleagues within Education Services. This ensures we continue to meet key educational priorities whilst creating inclusive experiences that meet the needs of all learners. As well as evaluating each of our workshops on an on-going basis we also meet regularly with teachers to keep abreast of developments in education.

FREE Travel opportunities

THE
WILLIAM SYSON
FOUNDATION

We have secured funding for Glasgow City Council schools to access free travel to GoMA and the Burrell Collection to take part in a workshop (primary schools only to the Burrell Collection).

We are also delighted to extend the William Syson Travel Fund for another term. This provides free travel and an artist-led workshop for secondary art and design departments. More info on page 17.

Continuing Professional Development

CREATE
CREATIVITY AND EXPRESSIVE ARTS TRANSFORMING EDUCATION

We offer teachers' CPD on a range of topics. These use our wonderful collections to enhance teachers' knowledge and understanding, whilst providing ideas to develop teaching practice.

For dates and further information please get in touch or follow us on Instagram @glasgowmuseumslearning. All sessions are listed on Glasgow CPD Manager; limited places may be available for teachers outwith Glasgow.

Session Charges 2025-26

Reduced charges are for Glasgow City Council educational establishments only. All non-Glasgow, independent and home educated groups pay standard charges.

ASN school workshops are free of charge.

Invoices will be sent after your visit. Glasgow City Council establishments pay through intercompany billing and will be asked for budget codes at the time of booking.

Remember all visits, whether facilitated or self-led, must be booked in advance. Please call us on **0141 276 9505 / 9506** or e-mail museums.schoolbookings@glasgowlife.org.uk

Cancellations

We have limited capacity for facilitated sessions. Please provide us with as much notice as possible if you can no longer attend. Sessions cancelled at less than 24 hours' notice will be charged.



We aim to keep abreast of thematic priorities at a local and national level and ensure our sessions help to put topics into context.

Legacies of Slavery & Empire: Glasgow's Connection

As part of Glasgow Life Museums' ongoing commitment to disseminate Scotland's role in the British Empire, we offer a number of workshops, trails and teachers' resources aimed at both primary and secondary schools focusing on colonialism, resulting migration and transatlantic slavery. See the following workshops and resources:

- Glasgow's Stories in Architecture (page 7)
- Glasgow City of Empire tours at Kelvingrove Museum (page 11)
- New resource for secondary schools which uses museum collections to explore the topics of empire, colonialism and racism. Available on our website www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/learning/learning-resources

Glasgow 850

As the city marks its 850th anniversary, why not learn more about our city's heritage and art through the wonderful collections and buildings. Here's just a selection of Glasgow-themed workshops:

- Glasgow's Stories in Architecture at GoMA
- Glasgow: Step Back in Time at Riverside Museum
- Romans and The Great War at GMRC
- Glasgow: City of Empire, Charles Rennie Mackintosh and the Glasgow Style, RSPB Urban Nature Defenders at Kelvingrove Museum
- Back in Time and The Amazing Time-Travelling House at Provands Lordship
- World Religions and Pride Without Prejudice - Challenging Sectarianism in Glasgow at St Mungo's

Skills for Work & Life

Museums and Galleries offer different ways for young people to familiarise themselves with the possibility of a career within the creative industries:

- Our Employability Tours at GoMA, Riverside Museum and the Burrell Collection offer a unique opportunity for young people to expand their employability skills whilst developing an understanding of career choices in museums and the wider heritage sector (page 18)
- Creative Industries at GoMA focuses on different career paths in museums while also engaging learners in creative tasks and challenges (page 17)





The Burrell Collection

2060 Pollokshaws Road, Glasgow G43 1AT

The recently refurbished Burrell Collection, in the heart of Pollok Park, has been awarded the accolade of Art Fund Museum of the Year and Museum of the Year 2023. With more of our collections on display than ever before and lots of immersive, interactive displays, it's a great place for an educational visit. Facilities include packed lunch areas, changing places toilet and outdoor play areas. A comprehensive suite of self-led trails is available for visiting school groups.

To book a visit phone 0141 276 9505 / 9506 or email museums.schoolbookings@glasgowlife.org.uk

Most workshops can be adapted for ASL/BSL – please see back page for details.

NURSERY

Nature Everywhere

Early level, Pre-5s

Per group: £18 (Glasgow) or £25

Nature is all around us, and it can be found in the museum too! Children will explore and handle nature-inspired museum objects and visit our interactive flower gallery where they will get the opportunity to create 3d paper artwork inspired by what they have seen.

EXA 0-02a; SOC 0-08a; SOC 0-12a; LIT 0-01a

Who's in the Castle?

Early level, Pre-5s

Per group: £18 (Glasgow) or £25

Join us on this interactive journey inspired by the knights, princes and princesses who feature in our wonderful collection here at The Burrell Collection. Try on a gauntlet from a suit of armour, join in with a story in our storytelling gallery, visit the Hutton Castle room and pass through the Hornby Portal from Hornby Castle in Yorkshire.

EXA 0-02a; SOC 0-04a; LIT 0-01c



Lunar New Year

Early level, Pre-5s

Per group: £18 (Glasgow) or £25

Available January and February only.

Every year the moon goes through 12 phases. What is a phase? We are going to answer that question, tell some stories and go on a journey to find out how lunar new year has been traditionally celebrated in different parts of the world.

EXA 0-14a; EXA 0-16a; MNU 0-02a

Welcome to the Burrell – familiarisation visit

This gentle introduction to the Burrell will allow your pupils to become familiar with the museum. This is ideal for pupils with additional support needs. The class will see the spaces that their next workshop will take place in, meet museum staff and get used to the facilities in the venue.

PRIMARY

Journey on The Silk Road

First/Second level, P4–7

Free (Glasgow) or £50

Find out why the Silk Road was such an important route for so many people from different cultures and countries across the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Europe. See our wonderful Camel Caravan tapestry and hear a tale about the discovery of silk. Handle objects from the collection and smell spices associated with this ancient trade route.

EXA 1-02a; 2-02a; MNU 1-09a; SOC 1-04a; 2-04a; LIT 1-07a; LIT 2-07a

Nature in Art and Design

First/Second level, P1–5

Free (Glasgow) or £50

Nature has inspired artists and designers throughout history. Learners will have the opportunity to get up close to works by artists such as Cézanne and Manet and try some of the techniques they used while compiling their own artist's sketchbook. They will visit the beautiful flower gallery and discover one of the oldest Persian garden carpets while developing practical skills such as drawing, sketching and leaf rubbing.

LIT 1-07a; LIT 2-07a; EXA 1-02a; EXA 2-02a; EXA 1-03a; SOC 1-08a

Life in the Castle

Early/First level P1–3

Free (Glasgow) or £50

Learn new words while identifying and handling pieces of armour. Find out all about life at Hutton Castle and play a game of 'Find The Object' in the Hutton room. Pass through the Hornby Portal from Hornby Castle in Yorkshire and go back to the Learning Room for some fun medieval activities.

EXA 0-02a; SOC 0-04a; LIT 0-01c

Express Yourself! – Our Identities Past and Present

Second level, P6–7

Free (Glasgow) or £50

Humans throughout history have expressed their personality in different ways – through adornment, symbols, objects and trends. While exploring the concept of stereotype, handling museum objects, solving riddles in the galleries and making art using different materials and techniques, we will discuss the power of objects in telling stories and why we all need to embrace our identity, differences and uniqueness.

HWB 2-10a; SOC 2-04a; SOC 2-06a

Why not try out our new Burrell trails as part of your self-led visit?

They can all be found here:

www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/learning/learning-resources





Gallery of Modern Art

Royal Exchange Square, Glasgow G1 3AH

The Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA) uses its collections, exhibitions and learning programmes to inspire vibrant conversations and creative outcomes. It offers thought-provoking displays of paintings, sculptures, prints and installations. The Learning & Access team encourages active participation through a range of engaging activities, both within the studio and on the gallery floor.

GoMA is at the heart of the city, alongside excellent public transport links – why not travel by public transport?

**To book a visit phone 0141 276 9505 / 9506
or email
museums.schoolbookings@glasgowlife.org.uk**

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NURSERY

Materials!

Early Level, Pre-5s

Per group: £18 (Glasgow) or £25

In this active and thought-provoking workshop, children will go on an exciting journey of discovery in the gallery. They will explore and recognise different materials, colours and shapes in GoMA's artworks. They will then be encouraged to express their findings and develop their communication skills.

MTH 0-16a; EXA 0-07a; LIT 0-14a

Mini Pop Art and Colour Prints

Early Level, Pre-5s

Per group: £18 (Glasgow) or £25

Inspired by our pop art on display, learners will experiment with colour and mark making to discover their effect. They will then develop their fine motor skills by designing and making their own print.

TCH 0-11a; EXA 0-05a; HWB 0-21a

Tiny Creatures

Early Level, Pre-5s

Per group: £18 (Glasgow) or £25

What animals are hidden in the galleries? Learners will explore GoMA to find representations of wildlife in the artworks and use a combination of sound and movement to communicate their discoveries. Concludes with learners making their own tiny clay creature.

MNU 0-01a; MTH 0-16a; HWB 0-21a



PRIMARY

Pop Art and Colour Prints

First/Second Level, Primary 1–7

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

Taking inspiration from artists Eduardo Paolozzi and Nicola L, learners will explore colour, design and composition and will then print their own pop art masterpiece to take home with them.

EXA 2-02a; EXA 2-06a; LIT 1-02a

Modern Art Explorers

First/Second Level, Primary 1–7

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

In this dynamic workshop learners will go on a treasure hunt in the galleries, giving them an insight into different artworks and mediums used in contemporary art. Working in groups, they will express and communicate their observations, thoughts and feelings in response to the displays and create their own colourful artwork to take away.

EXA 1-04a; EXA 1-07a; LIT 1-02ad

Clay-tastic Sculpture

First/Second Level, Primary 1–7

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

Pupils will compare and contrast scale, materials and style of contemporary sculptures and 3D objects. Inspired by the exhibitions, they will focus on the use of clay, exploring their creativity to produce personalised clay objects.

MTH 1-16a; EXA 2-03a; LIT 1-14a



Glasgow's Stories in Architecture – walking and sketching tour

Second Level, Primary 5–7

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

This session will use the architecture of Glasgow's buildings to find out about the city's past. Taking the form of a sketching tour, we start at GoMA, once the home of tobacco merchant and enslaver Lord Cunninghame, and then move to Merchant City where we'll look at some of the buildings representing Glasgow's history. We'll be exploring themes such as trade, empire, enslavement and the abolitionist movement. Please dress for walking and being out of doors.

SOC 2-04a, SOC 2-06a, EXA 1-05a



Glasgow Museums Resource Centre

200 Woodhead Road, Nitshill
Glasgow G53 7NN

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at Glasgow Museums? Bring your class to explore Glasgow Museums Resource Centre. This museum storage facility in the south of Glasgow holds hundreds of thousands of objects, including paintings, sculpture, arms and armour, natural history, transport, and Ancient Egyptian treasures.

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or email
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NURSERY

By the Sea

Early Level, Pre–5s

Per group: £18 (Glasgow) or £25

Explore our stores to learn about some of the wild and wonderful creatures that live in the oceans around the world. Play our active learning sea game and build a seaside themed collage using real shells.

EXA 0-07a



PRIMARY

Ancient Egypt: Passport to the Afterlife

First Level, Primary 3–4

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

Pupils will handle real Ancient Egyptian objects and learn about mummification. They'll find out about some of the rituals the Ancient Egyptians believed led to the afterlife and take part in a drama about the Weighing of the Heart Ceremony.

SOC 1-04a

Ancient Egyptian Maths and Science

First Level, Primary 3–4

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

Ancient Egyptians needed to use maths and science to build pyramids, make mummies and move huge statues across hundreds of miles. Work in groups to solve problems faced by these people thousands of years ago, handle objects they made and learn to measure and weigh like the Ancient Egyptians did.

MTH 1-12a; SOC 1-04a

Why not make a day of it and book both of our Egypt-themed workshops? Combined price for both is £75.

Romans: The Final Frontier

First/Second Level, Primary 3–5

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

Nearly 2,000 years ago, after the Roman military conquered southern Britannia, they began incursions into Caledonia (Scotland). What legacy did they leave? Using real Roman artefacts and replica costumes and weaponry, learners will deepen their understanding of Glasgow's connections to the Romans, including Rome's final frontier – the Antonine Wall. Lots of STEM activities, including firing a ballista!

[SOC 1-01a](#); [SOC 1-02a](#)

The Great War

Second Level, Primary 5–7

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

This workshop provides an opportunity to explore WW I through primary source material. Pupils will listen to personal Glaswegian letters from the Western Front, experiment with trench technology, pose in uniform like the soldiers did and find out why you can't spend a Dead Man's Penny. Supports the novel *Private Peaceful*.

[SOC 2-01a](#)

Materials of our Planet

First, Second Level Primary 4–7

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

Everything we use comes from planet Earth! Investigate and understand where we get the materials to make the everyday things that surround us. Learn about the forces and processes involved in the creation and evolution of our planet through scientific observation of different rocks and minerals from lava to meteorites, petrified trees and purple amethysts.

[SCN 2-17a](#)



Loan Kits for Schools

Romans: we have four different themed kits containing high quality replicas. Choose from Legionary Soldier, Off Duty Soldier, Food & Cooking or Occupation and Exchange.

Vikings: a new kit exploring everyday life in the time of the Vikings.

Loan period is approx. 2 weeks.

Collect and drop off from GMRC.



Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

Argyle Street, Glasgow G3 8AG

An exciting range of displays and exhibits awaits learners at Kelvingrove, including objects from Ancient Egypt, wildlife specimens, fossils and world-famous art. Facilities include an education suite, packed lunch areas and shop. Kelvingrove Park is on the doorstep, so why not make a day of it and spend some time in the park? The RSPB offer field teaching sessions in the park each Wednesday – see page 12 for more info.

To book a visit phone 0141 276 9505 / 9506 or email museums.schoolbookings@glasgowlife.org.uk

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NURSERY

Tracks, Trails & Dinosaur Tales

Early Level, Pre-5s

Per group: £18 (Glasgow) or £25

Wearing dinosaur explorer outfits, pupils will join us in our Creatures of the Past gallery. Here they can see a Ceratosaur's skeleton, the flying Pterosaur, and a giant dinosaur footprint.

[SOC 0-19](#); [MNU 0-01a](#)

Expressions and Emotions

Early Level, Pre-5s

Per group: £18 (Glasgow) or £25

See workshop description under Primary.



PRIMARY

Expressions & Emotions

Early/First Level, Primary 1-2

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

Our facial expressions can tell a lot about our mood and how we are feeling. Pupils will explore the emotions and characters of those featured in our portraits and sculptures. It also includes a practical activity, making a head from clay.

[EXA 0-05a](#); [EXA 0-07a](#)

Fossils of the Dinosaur Age

First Level, Primary 2-4

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

Learners will find out what fossils are and what they can tell us about dinosaurs and other creatures that lived in the past. This workshop includes handling fossils and exploring our Creatures of the Past gallery.

[SOC 1-03a](#)

Life & Death in Ancient Egypt

First/Second Level, Primary 3-5

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

What was life like in Ancient Egypt? How did they prepare for death and the afterlife? Learners will examine the evidence through exploration of gallery displays, object handling and museum interactives, and discuss what it tells us about the Ancient Egyptians.

[SOC 2-01a](#)

Glasgow: City of Empire

Second Level, Primary 6–7

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

This workshop explores Glasgow's historic connection to empire and transatlantic slavery, and how this impacted the city's development. Pupils will explore how this legacy is found in our galleries asking critical questions of our displays. They will then visit the Glasgow City of Empire display and participate in a series of group-based tasks involving maps and handling objects.

[SOC 2-02a](#), [2-03a](#)

Action Stations! Discover WWII

Second Level, Primary 5–7

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

Pupils will work in teams to complete tasks and activities relating to a range of themes connected to the war. Displays visited include the Spitfire, the Home Front and a statue of Sir Winston Churchill. The emphasis of this session is for pupils to be independent learners, following instructions, handling objects and gathering information at each activity station.

[SOC 2-01a](#); [SOC 2-03a](#)

Practical Art for Primary

First/Second Level, Primary 2–7

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

We offer three different practical art sessions for First and Second Level learners. All sessions include an interactive tour of the galleries to have a closer look at artworks on display. Pupils will then participate in a practical art activity to explore the artists' styles and techniques in more depth.

[EXA 1-02A & 2-02A](#); [EXA 1-07A & 2-07A](#)

Our Planet: Endangered and Extinct Wildlife

Second Level, Primary 5–7

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

What are the human and environmental impacts which lead to wildlife extinction? Starting in our Creatures of the Past gallery we'll explore why dinosaurs became extinct. We'll then look at a range of animals from around the world which are currently endangered, and through practical activities investigate the impact humans are having on their survival.

[SOC 2-08a](#); [SCN 2-01a](#)

Self-led Glasgow-themed Trail (Book Creator App)

Second Level, Primary 6–7

Per class: Free of charge, 1 hour

Bring your ipads and explore the galleries with our new interactive resource on Book Creator. Ideal for classes studying Glasgow as a topic, the trail also helps to make the museum accessible for pupils who require additional support in literacy. Please contact our bookings team to request a link and instructions for downloading.



Practical Art Topics

French Art – From Impressionism to Cubism

Discover art created by some of the most famous French artists of the 20th century, including Vincent Van Gogh, Mary Cassatt and Paul Signac.

Glasgow Art and Artists

A close look at three very different artworks by Glasgow artists, including 'Windows in the West' by Avril Patton and 'The Two Children' by Joan Eardley

Charles Rennie Mackintosh and the Glasgow Style

Discover a range of items designed by Mackintosh and his contemporaries – including furniture, light fittings, table ware etc



RSPB at Kelvingrove

The RSPB are offering an exciting programme of workshops based both inside the museum and outside in Kelvingrove Park. RSPB Scotland is part of the RSPB, the UK-wide charity working to secure a healthy environment for birds and other wildlife.

Available Wednesdays during term time.

All sessions are FREE



Outdoor Sessions in Kelvingrove Park

Minibeast Safari

Early & First Level, Nursery – P4

Learn about minibeasts in Glasgow through bug hunts, using pots, magnifying glasses and sweep nets. This session is designed to upskill teachers to take their learning back to the classroom and continue to inspire their class about nature and wildlife. **Not available to book in Autumn/Winter.**

Beginner Birders

Early & First Level, Nursery – P4

Join us to learn about bird identification and behaviour. The session is designed to upskill teachers to take their learning back to the classroom and continue to inspire their class about nature and wildlife. We will be using ID guides and binoculars.

Resources / Trails

We have a beautifully illustrated trail of Kelvingrove Park for groups to use on a self-led basis. Copies can be emailed on request for printing in school.

LEGO® Build the Change:

These activities have been made possible through the partnership between the Natural History Museum and the LEGO Group as part of their Build the Change programme.

Wildlife Friendly Schools

Second Level, Primary 5–7

How would you make your school more nature friendly? Explore how to improve biodiversity and support wildlife in your city. We will become conservation planners for the day, using LEGO bricks to redesign your school grounds.

Urban Nature Defenders

Second Level, Primary 5–7

Learn about five key species that need our help in Glasgow. Looking at specimens from the museum collection, we will discuss the challenges these animals are facing and what actions we can take to support them. Using LEGO bricks, you'll get a chance to create your own climate and nature friendly solutions.

Build the Change is supported by the LEGO Foundation.



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Provand's Lordship

3 Castle Street, Glasgow, G4 ORB

A visit to Provand's Lordship gives children the chance to learn about Glasgow's medieval past. Provand's Lordship was built over 500 years ago and is Glasgow's oldest house. Why not extend your visit to explore the beautiful St Nicholas' Gardens, the Necropolis and the Cathedral, taking in this area steeped in medieval history!

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NURSERY

The Amazing Time-Travelling House

Early Level, Pre-5s

Per group: £18 (Glasgow) or £25

Explore the history of Glasgow's oldest house through a multisensory and interactive adventure. Role play and costumes help bring history to life in this imaginative workshop. Make a Tussie-Mussie to take home!

Soc 0-Ola

Nature's Treasures

Early level, Pre-5s

Per group: £18 (Glasgow) or £25

In this hands-on and multi-sensory workshop children will explore the natural world in our very own healing herb garden. Learn about the harmony between plants and animals and discover how our everyday lives depend on them.

SCN 0-Ola, SOC 0-07a, SOC 0-08a

Cinderella

Early Level, Pre-5s

Per group: £18 (Glasgow) or £25

Children are transported into the enchanting world of Cinderella! They will dress up as characters from the classic fairy tale as we explore Glasgow's oldest house, retelling the story. Help the fairy godmother use her magic to help Cinderella go to the ball.

SOC 0-04a

PRIMARY

Back in Time

Early Level, Primary 1

Per group: FREE (Glasgow) or £50

The class will explore the history of Glasgow's oldest house through a multi-sensory and interactive adventure. Role play and costumes help bring history to life in this imaginative workshop.

SOC 0-04a





Riverside Museum

100 Pointhouse Place, Glasgow G3 8RS

Riverside Museum is the award-winning venue for Glasgow Museums' transport and technology collections, located where the River Kelvin meets the Clyde. Exhibits include recreations of Glasgow streets from past times, with shops that children can go in and explore. The museum celebrates the people who shaped Glasgow's role in shipbuilding, train manufacturing and engineering.

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NURSERY

People Who Help Us

Early Level, Pre-5s

Per group: £18 (Glasgow) or £25

This workshop introduces children to the people who help us in our community – the police, ambulance, fire services and school crossing patrol workers. Children will explore the emergency vehicles of all three services, look at what makes them useful and identifiable, and learn through object handling, activities, and play.

SOC 0-07a

PRIMARY

People Who Help Us

Early Level, Primary 1

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

See workshop description under Nursery.



Toys and Games in the Past

Early Level, Primary 1–2

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

This session explores traditional street games and supports children to compare and contrast old toys with those of today. By experiencing our old street, learners will discover how children in the past used to play; and by exploring our 50s' and 80s' toy shop displays, they will learn about different materials used in the manufacturing of toys.

SOC 0-04a; SCN 0-04a

Powerful Stuff

First Level, Primary 2–7

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

How does a tram move without electricity? How can a subway operate on steam? How did we fly before aeroplanes? Find all this out and more as we take an interactive look at some of the most exciting and innovative types of transport from over 100 years ago and discover how they shaped the transport we use today.

SOC 1-02a

New

Glasgow: Step Back in Time

First/Second Level, Primary 3–5

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

Available from January

Take a journey back in time around the city of Glasgow through displays, activities and object handling. Walk down a Victorian street to see the houses, shops and transport Glaswegians would have used. Discover Glasgow's reputation for fun and entertainment and why it was named Cinema City. Concludes with architecture-inspired printmaking and collage. Available from January 2026.

SOC 1-04a, 2-04a, 1-02a



All at Sea

Second Level, Primary 5–7

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

How do you build a big ship? What would passengers find on their journeys? What happens when things go wrong? Learners will discover the jobs within a shipyard, analyse the impact that passengers' class would have had on their journey and explore the challenges that could be faced at sea. Concludes with creating a poster or model inspired by their learning.

SOC 2-01a



St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art

2 Castle Street, Glasgow G4 0RH

The Museum of Religious Life and Art aims to promote respect and understanding between people of different faiths and of none. The museum is a unique resource which encourages children to engage with both world faiths and contemporary issues affecting society today.

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World Religions

Second Level, Primary 4–7

Per class: Free for all schools

This interactive workshop offers an introduction to St Mungo Museum and world faiths, including Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism. We can also facilitate sessions where individual world religions are looked at through group work in more depth. This offers a primer for classes beginning to explore religion while reflecting the diversity of belief in Glasgow.

RME 2-06a

The Holocaust and Acts of Genocide

Second Level, Primary 5–7

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

Through the use of objects and personal stories, this workshop will examine the survival and tragic deaths of Holocaust victims in an immersive experience. With group activities including object stories, focused investigations and discussion, pupils will deepen their understanding of human rights and persecution of people around the world while building on personal attributes such as empathy, respect, and openness.

SOC 2-01a

Pride without Prejudice – Challenging Sectarianism in Glasgow

Second Level, Primary 6–7

Per class: Free (Glasgow) or £50

This workshop uses handling objects and the collections in our galleries to support Divided City and other SOS values-based education work in schools. Through exploring sectarian language, reflecting on assumptions, and deepening understanding of prejudice and discrimination, learners build on personal attributes of empathy, respect, and openness.

RME 2-09b



SECONDARY PROGRAMME

ART AND DESIGN

How to talk about Modern and Contemporary Art

GoMA

National 5/Higher/Advanced higher

Per group: £35 (Glasgow) or £50

Pupils will have chance to see and take a critical approach on works created in an array of techniques and materials, ranging from traditional to more contemporary ones. By the end of the session, they will be equipped with the skills to discuss and describe art, looking at the ideas and connections behind them – and given the freedom to like or dislike modern and contemporary artworks.

Express Yourself! Our Identities Past and Present

Burrell Collection

BGE S1–3

Per group: £40 (Glasgow) or £60

Humans throughout history have expressed their personality in different ways – through adornment, symbols, objects and trends. While exploring the concept of stereotype, handling museum objects, solving riddles in the galleries and making art using different materials and techniques, we will discuss the power of objects in telling stories and why we all need to embrace our identity, differences and uniqueness.

Practical Print Making

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

National 4/5, Higher and Advanced Higher

Per group: £40 (Glasgow) or £60

Print making is an exciting and expressive art form. Explore Kelvingrove's collection of historic and contemporary prints, from Anna Atkins to Christine Borland. Then create your own set of prints ranging in technique and scale.

Design, Form, Function

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

National 5/Higher

Per group: £40 (Glasgow) or £60

Explore interior design, jewellery and textiles on display. Discover the works of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Timorous Beasties and Naa Densua Tordzro amongst others. The tour will be followed by an opportunity to design and make your own samples, prototypes and swatches, using a range of tools and materials.



Creative Industries: An Insight to the Industry

GoMA

National 4 & 5

Per group: £35 (Glasgow) or £50

GoMA can support your Creative Industries course by inviting your class to explore 'behind the scenes' in the gallery. Learners will be introduced to jobs and roles within a gallery setting and the skills needed for them; they will also be able to undertake their own research. Subject to availability, we can offer follow up sessions adapted to your Creative Industries classroom project.

Critical Studies in Art

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

National 5/Higher

Per group: £35 (Glasgow) or £50

We feel that the best way for learners to develop their skills in discussing and critiquing art is through seeing and exploring real works of art; identifying materials, techniques, processes and cultural context that have shaped the works viewed. During sessions learners will acquire art and design terminology. Choose from Portraiture or Still Life focus.

FREE travel and artist-led workshops focusing on critical studies in art available for schools in Glasgow, West Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire. This opportunity has been made available through funding from the William Syson Foundation.

SECONDARY PROGRAMME

SOCIAL SUBJECTS

The Holocaust and Acts of Genocide

St Mungo Museum

BGE S1–3

Per group: £35 (Glasgow) or £50

Using objects and personal stories, this workshop will examine the survival and tragic deaths of Holocaust victims in an immersive experience. With group activities including object stories, focused investigations and discussion, pupils will deepen their understanding of human rights.

The Great War – Exploring Primary Source Material

Glasgow Museums Resource Centre

BGE S1–3, National 4 & 5

Per group: £35 (Glasgow) or £50

World War I had a major impact on Scotland that affected all aspects of life, from the roles families had at home, to the duties women and men had serving at the battle front. In addition to a behind-the-scenes tour of objects in store, this workshop provides an opportunity to use and handle a varied range of primary source materials. Covers themes such as raising funds for the war effort, correspondence, rationing, nursing, bereavement, and recruitment.

NEW

LGBTQ+ History Workshop

Burrell Collection

S3–6

Per group: £35 (Glasgow) or £50

Both in the past, and even today, people who experience same-sex love or gender diversity have faced intense social stigma and discrimination. Museums have often 'hidden' the LGBTQ+ histories and stories of the objects in their collections. In this interactive workshop we will discover the LGBTQ+ stories that our objects tell, learn about relationships and identity through time, and find out how to use museum collections to discuss the past alongside contemporary experiences.

Glasgow City of Empire

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

Nat 5/Higher

Per group: £35 (Glasgow) or £50

What impact did Glasgow's connection to slavery and empire have on the development of the city? Pupils will explore how this legacy is found in our galleries, asking critical questions about our displays. They will then visit the Glasgow City of Empire display and participate in group tasks using maps and handling objects.

EMPLOYABILITY

Employability Tours @ Glasgow Museums

Choose from Riverside Museum, The Burrell Collection or GoMA

S4–6

Per group: £35 (Glasgow) or £50

Take part in one of our Museum Employability Tours and find out what jobs are involved in running a world-class museum service. Pupils will meet and chat to a range of museum staff, from those visible in the museum to others who work behind the scenes. They will find out about different career paths and the transferable skills staff need to do their jobs.

An opportunity for young people to expand their employability skills whilst developing an understanding of career choices available in museums and the wider heritage sector.

Max pupils per 90-minute tour: 20

Aim to give 3–4 weeks' notice

Trails and Resources

Teaching Glasgow's Connection to Transatlantic Slavery (classroom resource)

You can find these resources and many more here www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/learning/learning-resources

SECONDARY PROGRAMME

SCIENCE



SCOTLAND

RSPB at Kelvingrove

The RSPB are continuing their successful partnership with Glasgow Museums by offering an exciting programme of workshops based both inside the museum and outside in Kelvingrove Park.

LEGO® Build the Change:

These activities have been made possible through the partnership between the Natural History Museum and the LEGO Group as part of their Build the Change programme.

Wildlife Friendly Schools

Secondary 1–3

How would you make your school more nature friendly? Explore how to improve biodiversity and support wildlife in your city. We will become conservation planners for the day, using LEGO bricks to redesign your school grounds.

RSPB Scotland is part of the RSPB, the UK-wide charity working to secure a healthy environment for birds and wildlife.

Available Wednesdays during term time. All sessions are FREE.

Workshop durations

Secondary classes: 1 hour

Additional Support Needs (ASN) groups: sessions can be adapted to meet the needs of the group.

Urban Nature Defenders

Secondary 1–3

Learn about five key species that need our help in Glasgow. Looking at specimens from the museum collection, we will discuss the challenges these animals are facing and what actions we can take to support them. Build the Change with LEGO bricks to create your own climate and nature friendly solutions.

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RELIGIOUS AND MORAL EDUCATION

Pride without Prejudice – Challenging Sectarianism

St Mungo Museum

BGE S1–3

Per group: £35 (Glasgow) or £50

This workshop uses handling objects and the collections in our galleries to support 'Scarred for Life' and other SOS values-based education work in schools. Through exploring sectarian language, reflecting on assumptions, and deepening understanding of prejudice and discrimination, learners build on personal attributes of empathy, respect, and openness.

World Religions

St Mungo Museum

National 4 & 5 and Higher

Per group: £35 (Glasgow) or £50

Our magnificent objects can enable pupils to deepen classroom-based learning through object handling and facilitated discussions. Think about visiting a place of worship followed by a workshop in St Mungo Museum.



Before Your Visit

Remember to book – even if you're coming self-led. Call **0141 276 9505 / 9506** or e-mail museums.schoolbookings@glasgowlife.org.uk and we will send you a booking request form to complete.

Pre-visit information for the venue you are visiting will be emailed along with your confirmation. Copies are also available on our website: www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/learning/pre-visit-information

All our venues, and the educational activities that take place within them, have been risk-assessed. As teachers know their pupils best, we advise them to do their own risk assessment of their visit. A health and safety summary document will be emailed with your confirmation to support this process.

We can arrange for a BSL interpreter to attend your session, free of charge.

Please let us know if any of your pupils have additional needs that we need to take into consideration when planning your visit. For ASN schools we try to contact teachers in advance to discuss the content of the session. We also have visual storyboards for all of our venues which can be downloaded from our website and used to prepare your pupils for their trip.

Cancellations

We have limited capacity for facilitated sessions. Please provide us with as much notice as possible if you can no longer attend. Sessions cancelled at less than 24 hours' notice will be charged.

Travelling to our venues

Why not keep costs down by bringing your group by public or community transport? Please get in touch if you wish assistance in planning your journey by public transport to one of our venues.

Morning snack break

If you have booked a morning workshop and wish your pupils to have a quick snack on arrival, please highlight this when booking. We will try to accommodate this within our workshop schedule where possible.



After Your Visit

Find out more about our collections by visiting the Teachers Topics section of Collections Navigator

www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/collections

Check out our comprehensive suite of learning resources:

www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums/learning/learning-resources

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