



John Gray Centre  
Primary Schools  
Programme 2015/16  
Where past and present meet

# Welcome to the John Gray Centre, where a world of discovery awaits

The John Gray Centre houses the Haddington Branch Library, a five-star Museum, a temporary exhibitions gallery and the East Lothian Archive and Local History Centre. Our collections range from fine art to farming, and from Mary Queen of Scots to ancient charters. This diversity offers something for all interests and areas of the curriculum.

Let your imagination lead the way...

## Here's how to get started:

Take a look through our 2015/16 schools programme.

## Choose from:

- Free self-directed visits
- Free downloadable resources
- Free loan boxes
- Expert-led workshops (cost £50)

## Pick a date for your visit

To book your workshop please email us: [history@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:history@eastlothian.gov.uk)

Or telephone our direct line to the archive on **01620 820 695**.

## How much does it cost?

All self-directed visits to the Centre, loan boxes, downloadable resources are free of charge. Our workshops cost just £50 per session for a maximum of 33 pupils. Our Archive sessions are free of charge.

All of our workshops can be adapted for secondary schools.

## Please provide the following information when you email or phone to book:

- Preferred date/time for your visit
- Name of teacher or group leader and contact number
- Name of your school, school address and telephone number
- Primary year and size of your group
- Details of any pupils with special needs

# Tell us about it

We hope that you enjoy your visit to the John Gray Centre. If you attend a workshop, please fill in an evaluation form before you leave. Or you can find the form on our website [www.johngraycentre.org/?attachment\\_id=17221](http://www.johngraycentre.org/?attachment_id=17221). Please email the form to [history@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:history@eastlothian.gov.uk) or post it (address below).

## Important notes

- Please book your workshop at least two weeks in advance
- Self-guided visits are encouraged at the John Gray Centre, but please contact our museum main line to advise of your plans at least one week in advance: **01620 820 690**
- Please allow 1.5 hours for workshops
- We regret, we will have to charge you if you cancel an expert-led workshop with less than 48 hours' notice
- We do not have the resources to deliver loan boxes to schools, but you are welcome to collect them from our Museums & Libraries HQ. Contact the museum service at [elms@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:elms@eastlothian.gov.uk) or **01620 820625** to arrange.

## Learning through objects

By developing links with schools we can enrich the work you do by offering learning opportunities outside the classroom. Our fun and educational workshops encourage children's creativity and curiosity, while engaging them in practical activities can help develop skills and experiences.

For more information contact:

**The John Gray Centre**  
**15 Lodge Street**  
**Haddington**  
**EH41 3DX**  
**01620 820695**  
**[history@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:history@eastlothian.gov.uk)**



# Mary Queen of Scots

Early, Levels 1 & 2 (P1-P7)

SOC 1-06a, SOC 2-03a, SOC 2-06a

Mary Queen of Scots is a fascinating figure who has captured imaginations for hundreds of years. What was Mary's childhood like growing up in France?

What might it have been like in the Royal Court of Scotland at the height of the Renaissance, and why did Mary eventually have to flee Scotland?

You will be our guest at the royal court.

You will learn about Mary's life and how to behave in a royal household. This is a great privilege; please remember that you are in the presence of your Queen!

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This seal was on  
letters sent by  
Mary Queen  
of Scots in 1562

# Jacobites

Early, Levels 1 & 2 (P1-P7)

SOC 1-06a, SOC 2-03a, SOC 2-06a

## Prince or Pretender?

Meet Charles Edward Stuart, better known as Bonnie Prince Charlie. Hear Charlie's version of the Jacobite Uprising of 1745, which ultimately led to the rebels' defeat at the Battle of Culloden.

What was the bonnie prince really like? What motivated him to the cause and why was he defeated? Find out at our very own uprising!

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The Battle of Prestonpans took place at 4am on 21 September 1745.

The Jacobite army was led by Charles Edward Stuart

# Impressionist Adventure: From Farming to Fashion

Early, Levels 1 & 2 (P1-7)

EXA 0-05a, EXA 1-05a, EXA 2-05a

Come with us on a colourful journey through East Lothian at the time of the Impressionist painters in Scotland. Imagine it's a hot summer's day and all you want to do is go for a bike ride or play with your friends, but you can't because there is work to be done in the fields.

Learn about how one of East Lothian's most famous painters, William Marshall Brown, captured the lives of the people working on the land. Dress up and recreate the scene of the painting, learn about farming at the time and create your own impressionist artwork.

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William Marshall Brown was captivated by the landscape of East Lothian. He spent many years working in the county, fisher girls and farmworkers feature strongly in his paintings.



# First World War in East Lothian: Life on the Front Line

Level 2 (P5-P7)

SOC 2-01a



You've just volunteered to serve in the Great War; life will never be the same again for you or your family. You are about to meet your recruiting officer who will take you through your papers and make sure everything is all present and correct for your departure. You will need a uniform and you'll also need to learn a patriotic song for when times get tough. Life will not be easy, but you have an important part to play. Report sharp at your allotted time!

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80,000 women served  
in the Forces during  
World War One.



# Archive sessions

Thursday mornings

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10-11am

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Free

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## Super Spies

Level 2 (P5-P7)

Imagine you are a super spy during the Second World War. Supported by our Super Spies resource box you will learn the story of East Lothian's radio spies and decipher Morse Code messages. Being a spy is not easy, be prepared!



## Evacuees and Propaganda

Level 2 (P5-P7)

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Relive the real-life experiences of Scottish school children who were evacuated. Supported by our 1940s Wartime Life resource box you will learn about what the children packed in their evacuee suitcase, what it feels like to wear a gas mask and how to create your own propaganda messages.

## Jigsaws and Maps

Level 1 (P1-4)

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Learn all about East Lothian at this fun and interactive session. Look at our map collection, examine old photographs to see if you recognise places and make jigsaws.

*Our archive sessions are delivered by our archive and local history team. We can only offer the session regularly at this time as we also operate a public service. However, we would love to welcome you so please contact us and we will do our best to accommodate your class at another time.*



# Museum

## Loan Boxes

The Museum Service offer a free loan box service to all East Lothian schools. Boxes include objects, photographs and a selection of other resources. Schools can borrow loan boxes for up to 3 weeks. Contact [elms@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:elms@eastlothian.gov.uk) for availability and to book. We regret we cannot guarantee delivery and collection of loan boxes, but you can pick them up from Museums and Libraries Headquarters on Dunbar Road, Haddington.

### Topics covered include:

World War Two	John Muir
Victorians	World War One
Fossils and Dinosaurs	Fossil boxes
Working Life in East Lothian	Anglo-Saxons and Vikings
Romans	Transatlantic Slave Trade
Outer Space	Toys
1930s-50s	Seaside Holidays
Prestongrange	



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# Library resources for schools

The library at the John Gray Centre has a lively programme of activities for pre-school and primary school children. We also offer organised visits for primary and Pre-school classes, please contact us for more information on **01620 820680**.

## **Bookbug sessions (0-4 years)**

Wednesdays 10.30-10.50 & 11.15-11.35am

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Songs and rhymes for wee ones.

## **Storytimes (3-5 years)**

Thursdays 10.30-11am and 2.30-3pm

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Settle in and enjoy hearing a wonderful story with our library staff.

## **After-School Activities:**

### **Chatterbooks book group (8-12 years)**

Takes place on Thursdays fortnightly from September 3rd 3.45-4.45

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Come along to our brilliant book-related activities. Discover new books to read, get busy at our creative crafts sessions and make new friends.

### **Homework club P4-7**

Every Wednesday (term time) 3.30pm-4.30pm.

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Take advantage of our resources and volunteer tutors to help get your projects in on time. This is a supportive, lively and popular group and everyone is welcome. Membership of East Lothian libraries is free as well as all of our school groups and activities. You can download a membership form from the library website or join up at any library in East Lothian: **[www.eastlothian.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/libraries)**.

To find out more about what's on at our other museums see

**[www.eastlothianmuseums.org](http://www.eastlothianmuseums.org)**

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## *Thank you*

The John Gray Centre (JGC) gratefully acknowledges support from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), whose generous funding allows us to deliver a high-quality learning and activity programme.

East Lothian Council is committed to making our heritage accessible to everyone.





## Resources

We have a fantastic variety of resources including activity sheets, our Museum Passport Challenge and our collections search facility on our website. Find more details at [www.johngraycentre.org](http://www.johngraycentre.org)

## What's on

Keep up to date with the latest news from the John Gray Centre on our website. Visit our learning section to find out more.

[www.johngraycentre.org](http://www.johngraycentre.org)



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