

26 May 2020

Conservation charity creates online resources on Scotland's heritage

The resources are now available on Google Classroom to support online teaching during Covid-19

Resources on the Jacobite rising, Mary Queen of Scots and the Battle of Bannockburn have been made available to school teachers and pupils on Google Classroom by conservation charity, the National Trust for Scotland.

The online resources for primary and secondary learners have been put together by members of the charity's learning teams and are in-line with Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence. They give teachers and pupils access to stories they'd discover at significant heritage sites, which are owned and cared for by the National Trust for Scotland, such as Culloden Battlefield and Bannockburn.

New resources will be uploaded to the online platform weekly and will cover a range of topics, including the Battle of Culloden and amazing Scottish women as well as important worksheets on protecting animal and plant species in Scotland.

Katey Boal, Visitor Services Manager (Engagement) for the National Trust for Scotland, said: "The National Trust for Scotland plays an important role in children's education and we welcome thousands of school pupils every year as part of our educational programme. We wanted to make sure that young learners didn't miss out on the fascinating stories that they'd uncover during a visit to our properties.

"We work extremely hard to protect sites of significant importance in Scotland so that we can continue to tell their stories for years to come and we're excited to make these resources available to teachers and hope they can help at this difficult time.

"Our Google Classroom resources have been curated to cover a wide range of topics. For older children there are resources on the impact of war on communities, which encourage critical thinking and we have quizzes and fact sheets centred around numeracy and literacy. This is the first time we've adapted our programme for online-learning and we'll be reviewing feedback from teachers and evolving the topics where we can."

Teachers can access these resources at www.classroom.google.com. For further information on the work of the National Trust for Scotland or to become a member or make a donation visit www.nts.org.uk.

ENDS

Issued on behalf of National Trust for Scotland by Frame PR. For media enquiries contact:

Mamta Kakaiya, 07876 835 744, Mamta.Kakaiya@framecreates.co.uk

Editor's Notes:

The National Trust for Scotland is the charity that celebrates and protects Scotland's heritage. It relies on the support of its members and donors to carry out its important work of caring for the natural and built heritage of Scotland for everyone to enjoy.

From coastlines to castles, art to architecture, wildlife to wildernesses, the National Trust for Scotland exists to protect the national and natural treasures we all love. To plan your visit today, enter your postcode at www.nts.org.uk.

