

# The David Livingstone Centre for Schools

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## ● education programme

The David Livingstone Centre offers the following education programmes, delivered to suit the specific needs of individual groups from primary to tertiary education. David Livingstone is undoubtedly Scotland's greatest missionary and explorer. Born in the wake of the Industrial Revolution he grew up working in a cotton mill and attended school each evening. He studied medicine at Anderson College in Glasgow and then joined the London Missionary Society. He left for Africa as a medical-missionary in 1840. During the next thirty years Livingstone travelled extensively throughout Central Africa, making only two short visits home. The scale of Livingstone's treks into uncharted Africa made him a National hero and his experiences captured the popular imagination. Livingstone died in Africa in 1873, aged 60, whilst attempting to unravel the mystery of the source of the Nile.

The museum is housed in the 18<sup>th</sup> century tenement where Livingstone was born and grew up. It follows Livingstone's life from his childhood in Blantyre to his explorations into the heart of Africa. The museum is dramatically illustrated with many of Livingstone's personal belongings and reflects his extensive range of interests. We have a popular schools programme as outlined below.

### a site visit offers

- **Museum Tour:** Costumed guides will lead groups around the museum. Themes include Famous Scots the Victorians, the Industrial Revolution, Africa, the Slave Trade, Missionaries and Exploration. The tour includes some object handling. Suitable for all levels.
- **A Victorian Childhood:** This is a unique set of workshops designed to offer insight into the day-to-day life of a child growing up during the industrial revolution. Through four hands on workshops pupils will explore what it was like working in a cotton mill, helping round the house, going to school and pastimes familiar to a Victorian Child. Suitable for levels C/D.
- **Traditional Games:** Classes can take part in a traditional games workshop. Pupils can try their hand at *the gird and cleek*, *whip and peerie*, *peever*, *stilts*, *marbles*, *skipping* and other street games. Our guides will be on hand to demonstrate and help out.

### classroom resources

- **Teachers Pack:** There are teachers packs for both the Museum Tour and the Victorian Childhood with essential pre visits information and ideas and resources for the classroom. A Teachers Pack will be sent out once you have booked your visit.

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## ● practical information

### planning your visit

- pre-booking is essential, a booking form is available and will be followed by a teachers pack on confirmation of your visit
- maximum class size: 60 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 children
- access: unlimited access for wheelchair users
- cost for school parties:  
Museum Tour: £2 per child, Free with NTS Educational Membership  
Victorian Childhood: £2 per child, £1.50 with NTS Educational Membership  
Traditional Games: £10 per group (please note this charge is not included in the Victorian Childhood option)
- accompanying adults admitted free of charge
- preparation: we welcome a free preparatory visit by the teacher

### during your visit

- please note: visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- on arrival: please report to the reception desk in the shop
- wet weather accommodation: wet weather accommodation is available, please book in advance
- shop: open all day - please visit in small numbers to avoid overcrowding
- toilets: available at the property/accessible for wheelchair users

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