

Gladstone's Land for schools

Gladstone's Land is a typical example of a 17th-century Edinburgh 'Land' or tenement building of the overcrowded Old Town which grew up along the ridge between Edinburgh Castle and the Palace of Holyrood - The Royal Mile. A visit provides a unique opportunity to experience how people lived in 17th-century Edinburgh. The merchant's home features a remarkable painted ceiling, magnificent four-poster bed and a rat in the fascinating kitchen! On the ground floor shop booths have been recreated in their original setting, complete with merchandise. The original arcaded front, forestair and pig give an authentic welcome to visitors and passers-by.

● education programme

Gladstone's Land is an important primary resource that offers cross-curricular learning opportunities for key areas of the 5-14 Curriculum

a site visit offers

- a special tour of the property by an education guide (allow 1 hour)
- 17th-century style clothing for children to dress-up in
- replica objects for handling

classroom resources

- illustrated guidebook (available on request)

● practical information

planning your visit

- open for school visits: between 1 April and 31 October only. (From November to March restoration work and conservation cleaning excludes the possibility of admitting school groups.)
- pre-booking is essential
- maximum class size: 33 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 children
- cost for school parties: children £1 - accompanying adults admitted free of charge
- Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland allows free entry to all NTS properties
- preparation: we welcome a free preparatory visit by the teacher
- children should be made aware that they are going to see an old house furnished in 17th-century style to find out about the past. Locating it on a map of The Royal Mile is useful

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