



CULTURE, HERITAGE & ARTS

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About Heritage Horizons

Heritage Horizons will begin in May 2021, as a partnership project for Argyll and Bute including the in-kind support of the local authority. The project will enable empowering opportunities for young people to engage with museums and heritage venues. Creative placements will be designed to contribute to educational, archive, and visitor services. Key aims of the project are that engagement will lead to nationally recognised accreditation for participants, reduce inequalities and address current challenges presented by an ageing heritage volunteer workforce, whilst also building youth employability-skills.

The project will focus on developing opportunities for young people in the following geographic areas, working closely with members of Heritage Horizon Hubs, which will initially comprise:

South

1. Rothesay, Isle of Bute
2. Dunoon, Cowal Peninsula
3. Campbeltown, Kintyre

North

4. Oban
5. Isle of Mull
6. Tiree

Digital projects and communications will also take place linking participants across Argyll and Bute

Why Heritage Horizons is Needed Now

Heavily reliant on tourism economy, the heritage sector is currently at early stages of reimagining productivity and audience-interface, due to public-health crises. This project, operational across education, community and cultural networks, aims to maximise knowledge and resource.

Heritage Horizons will increase opportunities for young people and address critical skills and employment gaps against the regional demographics of an ageing population.

About Heritage Hubs

To assist the development of this project Heritage Hubs will be created to bring together heritage organisations and resources to maximise opportunities for young people. The Hubs will also explore the potential for sustained development between partners beyond the life of the project. Hubs will be supported by a strategic working group monitoring this project to maximise resource on behalf of the CHARTS & ABMHF partnership. This will include representation from partner organisations, Argyll and Bute Council and Gaelic support staff.

Project coordinators will be expected to work closely and flexibly with Heritage Hubs across participating areas to develop plans and build links to young people in schools and community groups for participating organisations.



Project Deliverables

Heritage Horizons is an ambitious project including the following deliverables, to be facilitated with the support of Project Coordinators and an attached project budget:

- 1) 250 young people will be directly engaged in the project – including individual placements (@ 12 weeks) and small groups via visits and workshops
- 2) 100 young people will be offered opportunities; towards gaining accreditations and support health and wellbeing
- 3) Activity plans will be developed for each participating area setting out the goals of each heritage venue
- 4) Learning agreements will be produced for each young person engaged in placements
- 5) Project meetings and events will take place in person and online to promote engagement and celebrate achievement
- 6) A suite of digital resources will be produced; by the young people themselves supported by a Youth Digital Coordinator and by each participating venue documenting learning pathway links to literacy, science, heritage mapping and digital skills building
- 7) A youth heritage-engagement sustainability plan will be developed as an outcome by CHARTS in partnership with Argyll & Bute Museums & Heritage Forum

Supporting information

Demanding cultural / heritage industry experience and independent initiative, these roles will be supported by the project working group and CHARTS communications and development staff as appropriate. This will include to liaise with Comms staff, engaging youth dialogue via social media and through online webinars.

These roles will be managed by CHARTS on behalf of the project partnership.

Please also see the following links:

[Argyll and Bute Museum and Heritage Forum](#)

[CHARTS](#)

[Economic Strategy \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](#)

[National Gaelic Language Plan 2018-2023](#)

[Skills Development Scotland](#)

[Argyll and Bute Local History and Heritage](#)

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