

Scotland's Urban Past

YOUR TOWN YOUR STREET YOUR STORY

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Aims and objectives

- **60** community-led projects
- **190** events, exhibitions and activities
- **1,500** people learning new skills
- **4,000** online contributors



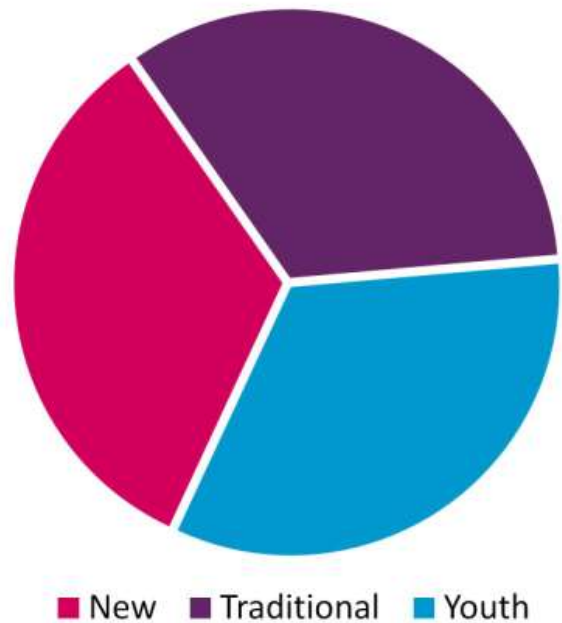
Delivery

- 7 full-time members of staff
- 5 year timeframe: 2014 - 2019
- **£1.65m funding** from the Heritage Lottery Fund
- **Does not directly fund** community-led projects



Audiences

- Project aims to work equally with three audience groups
- **Young people:** under the age of 25
- **New groups:** participants who have never worked on heritage projects
- **Traditional groups:** participants with experience of working on heritage projects



Training

- **125 training sessions** over 5 years
- **Special skills:** survey and recording, archival research, social media, oral history recording and more
- **Crowdsourcing workshops:** members of the public contributing to the National Record of the Historic Environment
- **CPD / CLP sessions:** supporting teachers to deliver the Curriculum for Excellence



Urban Detectives

- **Members of the public** contributing online
- **Crowdsourcing** to gather new sites, images and information
- **Participants of projects** contribute detailed research

Latest contributions from our Urban Detectives



Contributed by **Florance**

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family business

James B Rolinson was my grandfather. He set up the business there in 1935. My father and uncles joined the business after WW2. As a teenager I worked there on Saturdays and school holidays. I remember going up the spiral staircase at the back of what we now know was a coaching inn which is where they kept the safe. It was very dark and spooky. I used to take the takings in a leather pouch to the British Linen Bank one block away along the road. Many customers paid in cash and it's the only time I ever saw £100 notes. After 1977 the business moved to Mount Vernon and finally closed about 1980.

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Urban Detectives

- **Mobile-friendly** website
- All contributions are under **Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial 4.0 International**
- Contributions become part of the **National Record of the Historic Environment**
- All information is **publicly accessible**
- **Free training** on how to contribute



Youth Forum

- 16 – 24 year olds based anywhere in Scotland
- Advise **Historic Environment Scotland** on their activities for young people



Youth Forum

- Opportunity to **gain skills and experiences** for the future
- **Lead projects and events** that engage other young people
- Organised event on **Scottish youth culture 1920 – 2020**



YOUTH FORUM
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Rosyth Garden City

- Four **primary schools** and local **history society**
- **Centenary celebrations** of Rosyth
- Pupils investigated and recorded the town's **past, present and future**
- **Four months of activities** with the Scotland's Urban Past team
- Produced **3D models**, recorded **oral histories** and took **photographs**



Rosyth Garden City

- Outputs from pupils displayed at **community-curated exhibition**
- **High-profile event**
- Attended by **Scotland's First Minister** and the **Princess Royal**



The Vennie Youth Club

- **Youth club** wanted to record their **skate park**
- Trained in **film production, camerawork** and surveying a site for **measured drawings**
- **Produced a film** about its creation, its use and **skateboarding culture**



The Vennie Youth Club

- **First skate park recorded in National Record of the Historic Environment**
- **Film screening event for the local community**
- **Attended by over 200 people including Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs**



Granton Castle Walled Garden

- **Local community** championing their **historical greenspace**
- **Ongoing planning issue** with the garden **under threat** from development
- Group requested **support to highlight importance** of the garden
- Scotland's Urban Past team provided **training in surveying** and reading the urban landscape



Granton Castle Walled Garden

- **Sharing garden's history** through publications and community events
- Community group is **empowered to engage in the planning process**
- Currently **working with the developers** to gain access to the garden



Glasgow Disability Alliance

- **New group** documenting experiences of Glasgow's built environment for **people with disabilities**
- **Collecting memories** of favourite places
- Investigating **Glasgow's history** and historical maps



Glasgow Disability Alliance

- Produced **short interviews** with film training
- Created **interpretative collage** and map of **their important places**
- Next steps to compare life for **people with disabilities** in Scotland, **then and now**



Friends of St John's Tower, Ayr

- **Neighbours** formed a Friends group
- Addressing **antisocial behaviour** through promotion of **local landmark**
- Aimed to **raise public awareness** of tower
- Tackling issues of **accessibility**



Friends of St John's Tower, Ayr

- Created **short video** with training in film production
- **Rewriting local guidebook** to reflect new research
- **Doors Open Day**



Legacies

- **Empowering communities** in the planning process
- **Mentoring** other community-led heritage projects
- **Gaining recognition** through conferences, publications and contributions
- **Giving a voice to young people** through Advisory Committee and Youth Forum

