

David Livingstone Trust Newsletter

Welcome to our Newsletter!

The team has been really busy and the project is progressing well since our last newsletter as we've been busy packing the museum collection and our offices in time for our big move. The Birthplace Project team has been uncovering amazing personal items of David Livingstone as well as some wonderful taxidermy (amongst many other things). We are all really excited for the coming months.



Museums Galleries Scotland Learning Placements

The team is thrilled to have secured two Learning Placements through Museums Galleries Scotlands' Skills for Success programme. We will have one Learning and Outreach Trainee and a Curatorial and Community Engagement Trainee. You can apply through www.museumsgalleriesScotland.org.uk/jobs/skills-for-success-learning-placements/ if you have any queries please send us an email. Don't miss this chance to join the Birthplace Project team for a year-long placement supported by a bursary.

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Pilkington Jackson Tableaux

Those of you who have visited before will, no doubt, have seen the works of prominent 20th century sculptor Pilkington Jackson, in the Dark Gallery on the first floor of the museum. Our Conservator, Lesley Scott, has been working with award-winning Edinburgh-based Sculpture Conservators Graciela Ainsworth. This is in order to prepare the works to be moved off site for conservation. The conservators will be carefully cleaning, consolidating and repairing missing areas on the tableaux, so that we can re-display them in our new museum.

The process of unveiling the tableaux from their sturdy encasements (dating to the opening of the museum in 1929), has shown us the extent of the artist's mastery, the details and colours of the original scheme. We've uncovered sections on the right and left hand side that were previously covered by the casing. Visitors will be able to see it all and see them up close in the new display, exciting times!

Pop-Up Exhibition

We are very pleased to be working with Hamilton Design Ltd on our pop-up exhibition, which will be touring around Scotland over the next 12 months. If you'd be interested in hosting the exhibition and finding out more please get in touch. We are looking for venues including schools, community centres, libraries, cultural centres and events. info@dltrust.uk



Getting Involved

The Birthplace Project team have moved into offices in Rutherglen whilst the works are being carried out. We are continuing to look for volunteers who would be interested in helping with research and with other activities, including learning activities and help with invigilating our pop-up exhibition.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering or how to be involved please get in touch with info@dltrust.uk.





Why I Volunteer – Rose Lee

I've been a volunteer at David Livingstone Centre for a number of years. I've helped in the shop, the cafe, the museum and in the grounds too at times. I love arriving at the centre, being welcomed by my fellow volunteers and, more recently, the new Birthplace Project team. It's great to meet new people (visiting the centre) on a daily basis and sharing information about David Livingstone with the visitors to the centre and museum. I'm always pleased when visitors have researched and are able to share their knowledge. I learn more about David Livingstone almost on a daily basis. I'm proud to be part of the DLT team. I'm really looking forward to the new museum opening when all the works are done. More recently the volunteer team has been hard at work cleaning and helping to pack all the museum items. I've learned new skills in cleaning and care of precious items. I'm looking forward to working in the centre when it reopens after the works.



Community Meeting

We held our first Birthplace Project community meeting, which was very well attended. David Kirkwood, Project Lead, presented the plans for building works and answered questions from attendees. It was great to see so many people at the event, and the Birthplace Project team were very happy to re-ignite our relationships with our local community and members of the Malawian Diaspora in Scotland.

Donate

The David Livingstone Trust is a charity whose responsibility is to hold and maintain a memorial and museum on the site of David Livingstone's birth, and make it available to the public, providing an interesting, educational and enjoyable experience. The Birthplace Project is an exciting redevelopment opportunity but we also rely on the generous donations by our visitors and friends to ensure the Museum continues to prosper. By donating today, you could contribute to this. Please visit www.david-livingstone-trust.org for more information. Thank you.

