

# East Lothian Council Museum Service Schools Programme 2010

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Workshops at Prestongrange Museum

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## Prestongrange Museum

Workshops available May-October 2010

### EARLY YEARS

**People Who Help Us: Museum Staff**

Nursery-P2

FREE

1 hour

Booking details  
for  
Prestongrange  
Workshops on  
back page!

In this visit to Prestongrange Museum, the children will learn why it is important to keep things from the past. They will compare their own lunch boxes to a miners 'piece box', can try on some old-fashioned clothes and will visit a Victorian shop from Prestonpans High Street. The visit can also include:

- An interview with staff
- An outdoor walk, visiting trains and old machinery
- A trip inside the Beam Engine
- A place to rest for snack

### Workshops Accompanying Gone to Pot Exhibition

#### PRIMARY

**A Day in the Life of a Potter - Victorian Life at Prestongrange**

Prestongrange Museum

P4-7

FREE (for EL schools)

1 ½ hours



During the Victoria era the Prestongrange site was a hive of industry. Coal, bricks, glassware and pottery were all produced on site. In this workshop classes will experience working in the pottery trade, taking tea as a Victorian family and will walk in the footsteps of Victorian industrial workers. In our exhibition 'Gone to Pot' classes will also be able to discover original Prestonpans Pottery and play our Victorian toilet game!

Links into:

- Children at work in Victorian era
- Social customs - Victorian dining and tea parties
- Change in housing – Inside and outdoor toilets!
- Railways come to East Lothian
- Industrial Revolution in East Lothian
- Using Primary and Secondary Sources



**SECONDARY (HISTORY)**

**Pottery and Victorian Life at Prestongrange**

Prestongrange Museum

S2-S4

FREE (for EL schools)

1 ½ hours



During the Victoria era the Prestongrange site was a hive of industry. Coal, bricks, glassware and pottery were all produced on site to be used around the world. In this workshop, pupils will learn about how the Industrial Revolution changed the face of Prestongrange and the local area. By looking at the Pottery Industry in particular, the difference between women and men's work and social status will be uncovered. MakMerry Pottery, on display at Prestongrange, will also allow discussion around the Suffragette movement.

Links into:

- Changing Scotland and Britain, 1880 to Present
- Transport
- Population Growth
- Women and Work
- Housing
- Suffragettes

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The perfect way to sum up your year of Standard Grade History, or as a reminder after the Summer Holidays!

**SECONDARY (ART/DESIGN)**

**Inspirational East Lothian Pottery**

Prestongrange Museum

S1-S6

FREE (for EL Schools)

1 ½ hours



Gone to Pot explores the history of pottery in East Lothian. Ceramics from famous local potteries such as Belfield, West Pans and Mak'merry are displayed alongside pipes, bricks and sanitary ware produced on an industrial scale at Prestongrange. During this workshop, pupils will take part in a guided tour around the exhibition, highlighting the processes used to create such pottery, the raw materials used in production and the famous designs which made their way around the world. A hands-on session will allow pupils to get up close with the pieces of pottery before sketching materials are provided allowing them to capture the most inspirational designs and pieces to take back to class.

**Workshop Accompanying Refugee Week 14<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June**

**PRIMARY/SECONDARY**

**Prestongrange's Multicultural Past**

P2-S6

FREE (to EL Schools)

1 hour

Available 14<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June.

Did you know French Refugees once worked in Prestonpans Potteries? Or that Italian Glassworkers taught local people their skills in the 1700s? We've also had Irish and Polish people working at Prestongrange in the past. In this workshop, pupils learn about the multi-cultural nature of Prestongrange and the local area from past to present. Classes will walk in the footsteps of workers from the mine, brickworks and harbour, learning about the industries which brought people here from all over the world. Pupils will also use primary sources to discover which goods were shipped from Prestongrange to locations across the globe. Pupils will also be able to plant a flag around the site as part of the workshop.

# John Muir's Birthplace

Workshops available all year round

## PRIMARY/SECONDARY

**John Muir**

P1-S6

FREE (to EL Schools)

Up to 2 hours at JMB

A typical school visit to John Muir's Birthplace includes a discussion on what the class already know or have been finding out about John Muir, followed by what they would like to find out, and the different learning approaches that can be used. A simple record sheet is provided so that pupils are encouraged to explore and discover for themselves. All information gathered is summarised on a timeline that is taken back to school for follow-up work.

The visit can also include:

- A touch and talk session with objects
- An outdoor walk around John Muir's Dunbar (Easter – October as part of a whole day visit)
- A place to rest for snack

Links into:

- John Muir Award
- Eco Schools
- Raise awareness of sustainability, recycling, the environment and Muir's legacy today.
- Victorian era

## **Booking Information for John Muir's Birthplace**

To book a workshop, please contact

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**Find out more information, including downloadable factsheets about John Muir by visiting [www.jmbt.org.uk](http://www.jmbt.org.uk)**

**Looking for a FREE Victorian Day out? Why not visit Prestongrange and John Muir's Birthplace in the one day?** Start your day at Prestongrange finding out about the Victorian industries of coal-mining and pottery. Then travel to Dunbar to discover more about the famous Victorian John Muir!



# Loan Boxes

We offer a free loan box service to all East Lothian schools. Boxes include objects, photographs and a selection of other resources. Topics covered include:

- World War Two
- Victorians
- Fossils and Dinosaurs
- Birds and Animals
- Working Life in East Lothian
- Romans
- Space
- Homelife – 1950s, 60s and 70s
- Prestongrange
- John Muir
- Anglo-Saxons and Vikings
- Transatlantic Slave Trade
- Toys



Please book your loan box as early as possible to avoid disappointment!

## Other Resources

You can find us on:

**Facebook** (Search for 'East Lothian Council Museums Service')

**YouTube** ([www.youtube.com/museumservice](http://www.youtube.com/museumservice))

**Flickr** ([www.flickr.com/eastlothian](http://www.flickr.com/eastlothian)) - For photos of our collections and East Lothian in the past

**Scran** - For photos, videos and sound clips from all over Scotland  
Plus we have a variety of resources online at

[www.eastlothianmuseums.org](http://www.eastlothianmuseums.org) under 'Education and Access'



## Booking Information

For further information or to book any of the Prestongrange workshops or loan boxes please contact:

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Upon booking a workshop, teachers will receive a pre-visit information pack. Risk Assessments are available upon request.

*Looking for a topic not mentioned above? We can adapt our resources to your requests for workshops and loan boxes so please get in touch!*