



Award Overview

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If you are planning a project looking at heritage, then the Heritage Hero Awards are here to support you. They offer a framework, a focus and a reward element for your group.

These are group awards, focused on heritage projects. They are free, and are based on a relationship of trust and support between Archaeology Scotland and those taking part. Very deliberately the paperwork we ask for is minimal. We know projects might change and develop, so we only ask for a brief overview to start with - give us the detail when you have done it. We know some groups will want help and support, so we are here if you need us. If you are confident, we can sign you up for the award and leave you to get in touch with your completed project. The awards have many curriculum links and can be achieved through classroom and/ or outdoor learning.

The aims of the award scheme are:

- ◆ To improve self-confidence and wellbeing through engagement with challenging heritage projects
- ◆ To inspire young people to develop a lifelong interest in Scotland's past
- ◆ To increase awareness of how to access Scotland's heritage in schools, youth groups and similar organisations
- ◆ To help foster links between heritage organisations, community groups and young people

Key Details

Every group project should allow participants to take part in the 5 activities listed below. These fit very naturally with project work, and should be easy to complete within any project you undertake.

Plan

Be involved in the planning of the project from the big ideas to the fine detail.

Investigate

Research and find out more about the heritage you want to engage with.

Engage

Visit, explore and experience heritage. Spend time on the site or with the collection at the heart of the project.

Inspire

Share what you have learnt in an imaginative way. Inspire others with something you create.

Reflect

Identify the transferable skills you have developed through the project.
Evaluate your own performance, what you have learnt and how you could use this going forward.

There are 5 different award levels to cover all ages, abilities and projects. Completion of the previous level is not necessary. It is also possible for different participants in a project to achieve different levels, based on their own participation.

Name	Description	Time
Heritage Explorer	For discovering heritage	3+ hrs
Heritage Detective	For finding out about heritage	8+ hrs
Heritage Hero - Bronze	For getting involved with heritage	15+ hrs
Heritage Hero - Silver	For developing your own skills and interests in heritage	30+ hrs
Heritage Hero - Gold	For leading and inspiring through heritage	60+ hrs

The Awards were designed for young people, but they are open to people of all ages in Scotland.

Projects

Projects can be based around any form of heritage. This can include buildings, museum collections, historic sites or digital collection and oral history projects. To date we have had groups look at:

- ◆ Buildings on their local high street
- ◆ A Bronze Age burial site
- ◆ A WW1 Prisoner of War Camp
- ◆ A medieval castle
- ◆ A stretch of their local canal
- ◆ Gravestones in their local churchyard

We can help with all of the above, and are happy to talk through any ideas you have.

How to take part in a Heritage Hero Award

We ask groups to register for the awards before the start of their project, by completing the first side of our Project Proposal Form, which can be found on our website. We are happy to offer help and advice at that point, and whenever you need during the project.

When your project is finished, we ask for you to complete the second side of the Project Proposal Form and return it to us. We will review it and issue individual certificates for each member of your group.

Contact us

A copy of our Handbook with further information can be found on our website

www.archaeologyscotland.org.uk/Learning/Heritage-Hero-Awards

For further information or a chat about the awards, please contact us on 0131 202 8064/0131 202 8063 or awards@archaeologyscotland.org.uk