

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND EVENTS

In September 2019, Historic Environment Scotland (HES) hosted two events at the historic site of Linlithgow Palace, targeted at local S2 pupils. With the aim of showcasing the variety of apprenticeships and career opportunities available within the tourism, culture and heritage industries, the events involved hands-on workshops, industry talks and a tour of Linlithgow Palace and grounds.

The evaluation results from the event highlighted that:

- 100% of pupils confirmed an increased awareness of the variety of apprenticeships and careers available
- 100% of pupils stated that each workshop they attended was 'very useful'

PROGRAMME: WORK INSPIRATION

ACTIVITY: HERITAGE AND STEM EVENTS

ORGANISATION: HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

SCOTLAND

SCHOOL: SECONDARY



Historic Environment Scotland look after and protect over 300 castles and monuments across Scotland, including Edinburgh Castle, Stirling Castle and Dunfermline Abbey. They employ over 1400 members of staff, from Architects to Warehouse Operatives, offering diverse careers and pathways.

Throughout the events, pupils had the opportunity to participate in interactive workshops including climate change, collections and monument conservation; pupils also took part in talks delivered by the visitor services, rangers and tourism departments.

87 pupils from 8 West Lothian secondary schools attended the events, which have been running annually since 2018.

The benefits of offering these events are:

- Raising awareness of the variety of career opportunities within HES and the wider industry
- Speaking to pupils before they undertake their subject choices, to help to positively influence their decisions
- Giving pupils a flavour of what's involved in specific job roles through the provision of practical workshops
- Inspiring pupils to consider alternative pathways and raising career aspirations



"Pupils have enjoyed the activities they participated in. From my own point of view, there was a good variety of activities and the fact they were able to be active in all the workshops was excellent."

S2 TEACHER



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