# David Livingstone Trust Newsletter

# Welcome to our Newsletter!

## Building works start at the David Livingstone Centre

July 2017 saw the much anticipated building works start at the David Livingstone Centre.

Isabel Bruce, Chair of the David Livingstone Trust, says:

"Once complete, the Centre will become a key resource for learning about David Livingstone's heritage and his far-reaching impact in science, health, exploration, faith and humanitarian endeavours. Visitors will travel from all corners of the globe to explore his story and we believe it will ensure that the impact of David Livingstone's living legacy continues to be felt locally, nationally and internationally for future generations."



You can find out more info and updates on our website, www.david-livingstone-trust.org/2018-08-work-starts-on-the-birthplace-project.html



## Volunteering with the David Livingstone Trust

We have lots of exciting activities and projects planned for the coming months. From research, documentation, learning activities and helping with our pop-up exhibition, there's something for everyone. Want to get involved? Send us an email, info@dltrust.uk



#### From 8<sup>th</sup> September

Head over to Low Parks Museum in Hamilton to see our pop-up exhibition and learn more about the Birthplace Project and our plans for the future. The pop-up exhibition is free to book for your venue, please send us an email to find out more information.







speak to the team.





Join us for a day of Family History with the Lanarkshire Family History Society Show in Motherwell. More information will be available on our website soon!





The Scottish National Memorial to David Livingstone Trust (The David Livingstone Trust) is a Registered Charity, SC015490.

**Dates In Diary** 

19<sup>th</sup> October

You can also see the pop-up at the

Family Fun Day we are planning on

Town Hall. We hope you can join us

out more about the project and

## **Museums Galleries Scotland Learners**

Our two Learners Lucy and Lottie joined the team in August. We've asked them a couple of questions to find out a bit more about them and their interest in museums and the David Livingstone Trust.

#### Lucy

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#### Curatorial and Community Engagement Trainee

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I currently do a bit of everything as a trainee. So far, I have done a lot of researching on people and things associated with David Livingstone, I have been to a training day on asbestos, recorded some of our reference books, and helped to sort some of the Blantyre Works Library, to name a few things. The Birthplace Project is really exciting, and in my time in the placement so far, I have enjoyed learning so much about not only David Livingstone, but many aspects of general Victorian life. Having a background in archaeology (I have currently taken a year out from doing a degree in the subject), I am most interested in getting to handle the objects in the collection and learn how to conserve and display them.



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#### Lottie

#### Learning and Outreach Trainee

So far I've doing a lot of reading and research to try and catch up with the staff and volunteers! I've learnt so much about so many things because of their relation to David Livingstone i.e. navigation before GPS, medicine in 19<sup>th</sup> century Botswana and the Victorians' obsession with taxidermy. I'm keen to find out more about Mary Moffat next. We've also been on a few trips to the stores to help catalogue the Blantyre Works library - handling the books and looking out for notes and doodles in them was really fun. I'm excited to see more of the collection and to see people enjoying the pop-up exhibition.

### 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/donate for more information. Thank you.



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