

# David Livingstone Trust Newsletter

## Welcome to our April Newsletter



### Recognition for Our Chair!



We are delighted that our Chair, Isabel Bruce, has been awarded the Association of Scottish Business Women (ASB's) 'Woman of Inspiration' award for her work at The Trust.

To read more, please see our web site [www.david-livingstone-trust.org](http://www.david-livingstone-trust.org).

Isabel said, *"I am currently Chair and leading our Trustees, in-house team, and volunteers to deliver this exciting £6.1m Birthplace Project. We are a very small team and I am very proud of the way we're all working hard together. This Award demonstrates that the Trust is being noticed and this will encourage confidence and pride within our team to achieve success"*

### Crowdfunder Success!

If you follow us on social media, you'll already know that 'Lighting Livingstone's Legacy' was successful in raising a total of £1,141 to purchase a rare magic lantern slide. A huge thank you to everyone who donated!! We're excited about seeing the object in the new museum. If you have a spare minute, we would love to hear your feedback on the Crowdfunder – you don't need to have donated to participate.

You can find the survey here; <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/S5RV79F>



### Pop-Up at David Livingstone Memorial Church

Our pop-up exhibition has now moved on to David Livingstone Memorial Church in Blantyre where you can see it until the end of April – more information on opening times will be available on our website soon. Make sure to pop along to find out more about David Livingstone and the Birthplace Project!

### The David Livingstone Pop-Up can come to you!

If you'd be interested in hosting the exhibition or to find out more, please get in touch at [info@dltrust.uk](mailto:info@dltrust.uk). We are looking for venues including schools, community centres, libraries, cultural centres and events.



## Works Update – David Kirkwood, Project Lead



The refurbishment of the historic buildings has been very challenging – not really unexpected given that it was originally built in the 1790s. The internal and external brickwork have had to be repaired; and we have had to remove the external render, repair the roofs, and replace the chimneys – all of which has been no easy task. This has meant that more work has gone into making the building structurally sound and sustainable, with added cost and time. However, when completed, the historic buildings will not only be restored, but they will also be fit for the future and healthier than they have ever been.

We have been able to source replacement bricks and slates to match the original construction materials and the design and application of the traditional lime render to the exterior of the buildings will be taking place in the coming months.

Good progress is being made to create the new café and shop as well as preparations for the new car park, paths and landscaping in the grounds. The design of the new exhibition and interpretation of David Livingstone's life is also moving forward and we will be keeping you updated on progress.

As the site starts to take shape, the building works have begun to generate lots of excitement and expectation as The Birthplace Project is becoming a reality.

## Student Placements

At the end of January we welcomed three new Museums Studies student placements from the University of Glasgow. Below, Elena tells us a bit about herself and what she hopes to gain from working on the Birthplace Project.

Hello, my name is Elena De Marco, I am currently earning my MSc in Museum Studies at the University of Glasgow and this semester I am completing a Work Placement at the David Livingstone Trust. Over the last few months I have been working with the team to brainstorm how to create a more accessible collection. We decided using digital media would be the most lasting way of creating an accessible collection. This will allow our collection to reach visitors from all over the world and be viewable by those who cannot physically visit the museum. I will be spending the next few months working to achieve this goal, we will be excited to share the outcome with you when I am finished.

## Coalfields Blantyre Fun Day

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone we met at the Blantyre Fun Day on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February. It was a wonderful event and we all really enjoyed discussing our current projects and answering your questions. We also had a great time learning about other Blantyre Community projects and thinking about how we can strengthen local links and partnerships.

Following the public vote at the event, we were successful in gaining £2,471 to go towards creating a Blantyre History temporary exhibition in our visitor centre. Thank you from the Birthplace Project team for the support.



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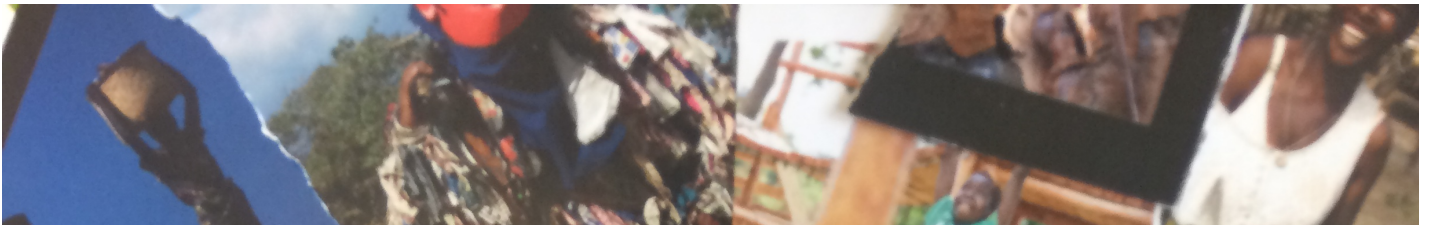


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## Scotland Malawi Partnership Youth Congress

Our Learning and Outreach trainee Lotte worked in collaboration with Ryan Ticcioni, a member of the Scotland Malawi Partnership Youth Committee to develop and deliver a workshop about travel imagery and David Livingstone's work in Malawi. It was a great day for all involved and we learned a lot about Malawian language and culture – thanks to the SMP for inviting us along, we hope everyone enjoyed the talk and making their collages!



## New Learning Resource

Are you a South Lanarkshire teacher? Do you remember using the 'David Livingstone: a Global Citizen' learning resource? The Birthplace Project team are reviewing it and we are looking for teachers to help with evaluating, testing and delivering this self-led learning resource in the coming months. If you would like to find out more please email [elena.trimarchi@dltrust.uk](mailto:elena.trimarchi@dltrust.uk).

## Free workshops for South Lanarkshire schools

The Birthplace Project team is offering free object handling workshops to our local schools (if you are based further afield please get in touch and we will try our best to accommodate). These last between 60-90 minutes and focus on David Livingstone and the Birthplace Project, including the wider themes that we are uncovering. If you'd like to find out more, or book, please contact [info@dltrust.uk](mailto:info@dltrust.uk) or contact us via our social media channels.

