

The John Muir Award Education Report - Scotland Academic Year 2013-2014



This report summarises John Muir Award activity with Scottish schools during the academic year 2013-2014. This report will be updated and made available on an annual basis.

The [John Muir Award](#) is an environmental award scheme that encourages people of all backgrounds to connect with, enjoy and care for wild places. It is the main educational initiative of the John Muir Trust. John Muir Award activity continues to be well supported by a range of partners (such as countryside rangers, outdoor centres, and voluntary sector organisations), and has taken place within school grounds, local greenspaces and National Parks.

During 2013-2014:

- 370 schools were involved in delivering the John Muir Award, including 13 special schools (increase from 284 schools last year)
- 12,494 Awards were achieved by pupils and teachers (24% increase from 10,108 last year)
- 3,080 pupils (25%) are from socially excluded backgrounds

A summary of activity per Local Authority can be found overleaf.

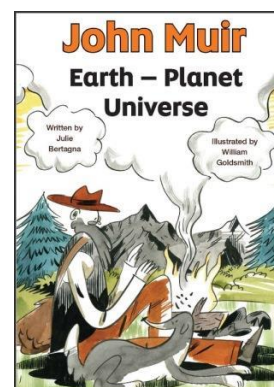
Training

John Muir Award training is a mechanism to give teachers, volunteers and other leaders the skills, knowledge and confidence to deliver the Award and help take learning outdoors. During 2013-2014, 384 people participated in John Muir Award training events in Scotland. This included 5 tailored Career Long Professional Learning (CLPL) opportunities for schools (Fife, Scottish Borders, City of Edinburgh (x2) and East Ayrshire) involving 63 teachers.

Education Resources

The following resources have supported Award activity with schools during 2013-2014.

- [John Muir, Earth – Planet, Universe](#): A graphic novel based upon the life of John Muir and produced by the Scottish Book Trust-includes teacher's notes.
- [Inclusion, wild places and the John Muir Award](#): A showcase of inclusion-related John Muir Award activity. Examples of organisations from different sectors and how this contributes to national policy.
- [The Curriculum for Excellence and John Muir Award](#): shows how the John Muir Award can help meet a range of educational needs, deliver Experiences and Outcomes with themes across learning, and recognise achievement.
- John Muir Award Case Studies: [Larbert High School](#) example of a whole school year group creative writing exercise. [Golfhill Primary Family Award](#) ten families complete their family John Muir Award through their local primary school.
- [John Muir Award Professional Learning Community on Glow](#): includes a share area with ideas, insights, research and interesting CLPL practice.



- [General Teaching Council Scotland Professional Standards and the John Muir Award](#): how delivering a John Muir Award can help meet the revised Professional Standards for teachers.
- [Education Scotland's Corporate Plan \(2013-2016\): John Muir Trust response](#): outlines how the John Muir Award is meeting education objectives, growth and support.

Increasing Education capacity for the John Muir Award

The John Muir Award is delivered in partnership with schools, outdoor centres and other educational partners. It is managed by 3 full time equivalent John Muir Trust staff and since 2003, a dedicated post with the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA). Additionally, in 2013 the John Muir Trust in partnership with Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Government and Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park created a two year dedicated Project Manager post to support Award activity during Year of Natural Scotland and build on existing National Parks partnerships.

Breakdown per Local Authority Area:

Local authority area	Number of schools involved	Total number of Awards	Social Inclusion Awards*	Awards achieved at Outdoor Centres	
Totals	32	370 (284 2012-13)	12, 494 (10,108 2012-13)	3080 (2019 2012-13)	2777 (2661 2012-13)
1. Aberdeen	6	401	84	71	
2. Aberdeenshire	25	746	82	196	
3. Angus	4	171	27	128	
4. Argyll & Bute	7	147	28	50	
5. Ayrshire East	4	68	15	5	
6. Ayrshire North	7	182	43	56	
7. Ayrshire South	22	753	176	516	
8. Clackmannanshire	NA	NA	NA	NA	
9. Dumfries & Galloway	2	29	19	NA	
10. Dunbartonshire East	4	81	6	64	
11. Dunbartonshire West	5	42	37	NA	
12. Dundee	1	29	6	29	
13. Edinburgh	30	1036	297	45	
14. Falkirk	10	591	97	13	
15. Fife	21	762	104	50	
16. Glasgow	28	1011	273	213	
17. Highland	56	1081	238	253	
18. Inverclyde	2	40	16	NA	
19. Lanarkshire North	12	1076	797	721	
20. Lanarkshire South	16	584	117	161	
21. Lothian East	19	751	143	NA	
22. Lothian West	8	183	64	11	
23. Midlothian	3	245	36	NA	
24. Moray	24	919	146	4	
25. Na h-Eileanan Siar	1	9	NA	NA	
26. Orkney	3	36	4	NA	
27. Perth & Kinross	17	408	42	132	
28. Renfrewshire	3	172	37	22	
29. Renfrewshire East	6	264	52	26	
30. Scottish Borders	10	205	54	11	
31. Shetland	6	247	15	NA	
32. Stirling	8	225	25	NA	

*Social Inclusion figures are calculated by the % of children and young people receiving free school meals and also include activity in special schools and alternative access to curriculum programmes