

The John Muir Award Education Report - Scotland Academic Year 2014-2015



This report summarises John Muir Award activity with Scottish schools during the academic year 2014-2015. This report is 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 engagement initiative of the John Muir Trust. John Muir Award schools activity continues to be well supported by a range of partners (such as countryside ranger services, outdoor centres, and voluntary sector organisations) and has taken place across a wide range of settings including school grounds, local greenspaces and National Parks.

During 2014-2015:

- 411 schools were involved in delivering the John Muir Award (this includes 41% of Secondary Schools, 12% of Primary Schools and 10% of Special Schools)
- 13,468 Awards were achieved by pupils and staff (8% increase on 2013-14)
- 3196 pupils (24%) were achieved by pupils who experience some form of disadvantage

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

Training

John Muir Award training is not essential for its delivery, but can be useful to give teachers, volunteers and other leaders the skills, knowledge and confidence to run the Award and help take learning outdoors. During 2014-2015, 297 people participated in 20 John Muir Award training events across Scotland - including 190 teaching staff.

Education capacity for the John Muir Award

The John Muir Award in Scotland is managed by 3 full time equivalent John Muir Trust staff and since 2003, a dedicated post with the Cairngorms National Park Authority. Additionally, since 2013 the John Muir Trust in partnership with Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Government and Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park has a dedicated Project Manager post.

Education Resources

The following resources have supported Award activity with schools during 2014-2015.

- [Attainment and the John Muir Award in Scotland](#) - how the John Muir Award can contribute to an "attainment agenda" (draft).
- [John Muir Award - Professional Development for Teachers in Scotland](#) - meeting Professional Standards and pathways for gaining Professional Recognition through the General Teaching Council for Scotland.
- [The Curriculum for Excellence and John Muir Award](#) - helping to meet a range of educational needs, deliver Experiences and Outcomes with themes across learning, and recognise achievement.

Beyond the numbers To see how people, schools and other organisations use the John Muir Award, see the 'In Action' and 'Latest News' pages of our [website](#). **New** Case Studies include:

[Crookfur Primary School](#) - transforming school grounds and providing a space to play and learn outdoors.

[Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre](#) - overview of a residential partnership approach to delivering the John Muir Award with schools.

Breakdown of John Muir Award per Local Authority Area:

Local authority area	Number of schools involved	Total number of Awards	Inclusion Awards*	Awards achieved at Outdoor Centres	Tailored training courses delivered	Award activity compared with last year
Totals	32	411 (370 2013-14)	13, 468 (12, 494 2013-14)	3196 (3080 2013-14)	3691 (2777 2013-14)	+8%
1. Aberdeen	8	345	80	54		↓
2. Aberdeenshire	19	524	70	173		↓
3. Angus	5	186	27	173		↑
4. Argyll & Bute	7	221	47	26	x1 **	↑
5. Ayrshire East	8	554	158	NA		↑
6. Ayrshire North	27	683	185	436		↑
7. Ayrshire South	28	753	65	600		↔
8. Clackmannanshire	2	51	9	NA	x1 **	↑
9. Dumfries & Galloway	10	292	37	34	X1	↑
10. Dunbartonshire East	7	294	46	73	X1	↑
11. Dunbartonshire West	4	60	27	NA	x1 **	↑
12. Dundee	4	35	7	NA		↑
13. Edinburgh	28	1029	302	65	X2	↔
14. Falkirk	13	494	79	44		↓
15. Fife	21	687	125	484		↓
16. Glasgow	32	1258	363	248	X2	↑
17. Highland	42	1293	161	200	x1 **	↑
18. Inverclyde	5	96	23	49		↑
19. Lanarkshire North	28	1173	774	707		↑
20. Lanarkshire South	11	474	82	104	X1	↓
21. Lothian East	16	757	136	NA		↔
22. Lothian West	7	149	22	53		↓
23. Midlothian	8	262	56	57		↑
24. Moray	12	364	65	16		↓
25. Na h-Eileanan Siar	NA	NA	NA	NA		↔
26. Orkney	3	51	7	17		↑
27. Perth & Kinross	12	253	13	26		↓
28. Renfrewshire	7	94	39	25		↓
29. Renfrewshire East	6	285	44	NA		↑
30. Scottish Borders	11	207	83	27		↔
31. Shetland	6	219	17	NA		↓
32. Stirling	14	325	47	NA	x1 **	↑

* 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

** training delivered in partnership with National Parks.

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