



Meeting of DHET Trustees

Wednesday 3 June 2026

Community Engagement Report

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Item 4.3

Traditional Skills Schools Events 2026

The Build Your Future event took place on Tuesday 26th May and was well received by both pupils and staff. The event was supported by several trustees and their help was invaluable. Nadia El-Nakla (Depute Provost) attended along with representatives from the Civic trust, Three Trades and STV. Four activities were offered: Roof Slating (Duffy Roofing Three trades), Stone masonry (HES), Drones in Construction (Skills Development Scotland) and Trad Joinery (HES). The Deputy Head Kenny Clarkson said he could have filled the places twice over and was keen to engage in more Trad Skills learning in the future.

A further three events in possibly Harris High, St Johns and Morgan Academy (with the other schools invited) will hopefully take place in September/October 2026 to allowing all schools to participate. DYW have been instrumental in supporting the event and are keen to be more involved in the next three.

A survey sheet was completed by each participant and will be used to inform an evaluation report and to be shared with the relevant organisations along with a report for HES.

Greenfield Craft Skills Project 2026

Working with DYW and R-Evolve to support pupils in Greenfield Academy completing NAT 3 in Practical Craft Skills. The Nat 3 consists of 24 weeks of practical and theoretical workshops where the year 3 pupils will learn about Ironmongery using recycled metal. The hands-on experience will result in three metal benches, individually designed by the pupils and to be gifted to an organisation of DHETs choosing. The theme will be chosen by DHET and the partners involved will be Robertson Construction, MetalTech and R-Volve.

Dundee Museum of Transport Trams Project 2026

Thank you letter to DHET from DMofT: *We are grateful to DHET for supporting this special exhibition at Dundee Museum of Transport, celebrating the 70th anniversary of Dundee's last tram. The project highlights memories of the tram era, showcases the significance of areas such as Maryfield and Lochee, and has launched a new oral history programme that will form the foundation of a lasting archive. The exhibition has also helped upskill staff through work with interpretation and oral history specialists. In addition, important discoveries were made during the project, including the remains of Dundee's only surviving electric tram at City Road allotments and hidden tram rails uncovered in Union Street. Opening on 8 June, the exhibition represents a lasting legacy for community engagement, heritage preservation, and future learning.*

Adam and I will attend, and I will be speaking at the opening of the exhibition. I am continuing to engage with the project.

Looking Up Project

Mylene, Doug and John are meeting on 9th June to revive the project and Greenfield Academy are keen to participate.

Craft/Skills event planned with DYW, DHET and D&A College October 2026

An event with taster sessions of traditional crafts and skills, free to invited community groups. Details still being confirmed.

Outreach/Partnership 2026/27

Upcoming meeting with D&A College (Julie Grace) to discuss integrating a traditional Skills element into their school taster sessions as well as Build your Future Roadshow events.

DHET will also discuss with D&A College the potential to deliver the SVQ Heritage Skills as an additional module within their construction department.

Signed DYW Pledge; supporting young people to engage with Traditional Skills training on their journey into the world of work.

Facilitated a partnership between DYW and Scrapantics through the DHET CH grant aided project with ongoing support for projects.

Mylene invited to St Johns RC High School career event in October to promote Traditional Skills careers.

Organising with Doug a round table event with all Traditional Skills training partners and local employers to look at addressing the traditional skills shortage in Dundee.

Met with Scott Cameron from Dundee University – Exploring the possibility of working with History students with an Applied Dissertation module where students work with a host organisation to deliver a project.

Working with SPAB (Lucy Stewart) on a Maintenance Day workshop and Maintenance week (2027)

Planning for World Gaelic week with Hands up for Trad (2027)

Promotion/Training/networking events

Attended BEFS Built Environment Hustings in RICS Edinburgh.

Attended the Conservation Officers Group meeting Perth

Project award evening in HELM re Heritage Project

Attended a Cultural Heritage Event with Dr Erin Fairlie in the Library.

Attended AI Made simple workshop (online)

Attended meet the funders forum in Dundee.

DHET Promotional pens printed, Jackets purchased and Build Your Future flyers designed and printed.

I will be representing DHET at the CHT stall at the upcoming Scotland's Historic Environment Forum in Glasgow on 10th June.