

Heritage – Local Example from Youngwummin

Sarah and Becca's Reflection from the Scottish Borders

Both living in different towns in the local area, we knew of and had access to different heritage sites. We explored the local heritage ourselves before taking what we had found out back to the group.

Becca says ... “When my parents were renovating an old farmhouse about ten years ago, we used old census records for the Heritage Hub to help us piece together the history of the house. I hadn’t really thought about the Heritage Hub again until I started this project, when I thought it could be a good starting point to find out about records and archives in the town. The amazingly helpful staff there told me to try visiting the museum, who then pointed me back to the Textile Towerhouse, who then suggested a trip to the tourist information and before I knew it, I had done a complete heritage tour of the town! Using the local community and following a trail of who-knows-who around the town turned out to be one of our most fruitful research days.”

Sarah says ... “As a bit of a history geek, I enjoy looking around museums anyway. We also wanted to be prepared with some background information before the project started. I kept my eye out for anything that looked unusual or would be a new story. As well as visiting the usual heritage sites, I visited graveyards, studied buildings and kept an eye out for statues and blue plaques. Heritage can often be found hiding just around the corner.”

We both say ... “As well as being useful for the project, our adventures were really fun! It helped the young people to engage with heritage once they saw our enthusiasm for it.”

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