

## Scotland Education Overview:

### Education-related resources & links and the John Muir Award

Aimed at teachers, educational practitioners & leaders, this overview highlights a range of documents that demonstrate how the John Muir Award contributes to Scotland's education landscape, including teaching practices and pupil outcomes.

Themes	Examples & Links
<p><b>Curriculum for Excellence</b>  <a href="#">The Curriculum for Excellence and the John Muir Award</a> – helping to meet a range of educational needs, deliver Experiences and Outcomes with themes across learning, and recognise achievement.</p>	<p>A series of John Muir Award schools and colleges case studies (including short films) can be viewed at:  <a href="http://www.johnmuirtrust.org/schools-and-colleges-case-studies">www.johnmuirtrust.org/schools-and-colleges-case-studies</a></p>
<p><b>Professional Development – Learning and Teaching</b>  <a href="#">John Muir Award - Professional Development for Teachers in Scotland</a> – meeting Professional Standards and gaining Professional Recognition through the General Teaching Council for Scotland.</p>	<p>“The John Muir Award has given me new approaches to teaching which I can use in other areas. It has allowed me to develop my teaching skills and use the outdoors as a teaching environment.” Primary School Teacher  <a href="#">Scotland Providers Survey 2015</a> – Award leaders share impacts on teaching.  <a href="#">Case study: Professional Recognition and the John Muir Award</a></p>
<p><b>Inclusion</b>  <a href="#">Inclusion, Wild Places and the John Muir Award</a> – examples of diverse organisations and why they are using the John Muir Award in relation to Inclusion themes, and how this contributes to national policy.</p>	<p>“It has opened up education. Pupils are keen to relate their activities outdoors with enthusiasm in science, English and even technical studies. The John Muir Award is getting through to young people that are often a struggle to reach at school.” Special School Teacher</p>
<p><b>Attainment</b>  <a href="#">Attainment and the John Muir Award in Scotland</a> – how the John Muir Award relates to an ‘attainment agenda’ and contributes towards closing the attainment gap.</p>	<p>73% of Providers identified that involvement in the John Muir Award has helped the people they work with improve attainment.  <a href="#">Scotland Providers Survey 2015</a> – organisations share impacts on attainment.</p>
<p><b>Health and Wellbeing</b>  <a href="#">Five Ways to Wellbeing</a> – a model developed by The Centre for Wellbeing at the New Economics Foundation, with examples of how schools, mental health groups and outdoor centres use the John Muir Award in relation to it.  <a href="#">Scottish Government SHANARRI Wellbeing indicators</a> – how the John Muir Award can be used in relation to these.</p>	<p>81% of Providers identified that the John Muir Award has helped people they work with be healthy.  <a href="#">Scotland Providers Survey 2015</a> – organisations share the impacts on participants’ well-being (in relation to the Scottish Governments SHANARRI Wellbeing indicators).</p>

<p><b>Enterprise and Employment</b>  <a href="#">Employability and the John Muir Award</a> – an overview of how the John Muir Award is being used to help move people towards employment.</p>	<p>“The skills learnt and challenges overcome by completing a John Muir Award are easily transferred to the work place, demonstrating tangible experience to potential employers...” Award Provider</p>
<p><b>Learning for Sustainability</b>  <a href="#">How good is our school? 4th EDITION and the John Muir Award</a> – how Learning for Sustainability and Outdoor Learning feature in the new Scottish schools self- evaluation and improvement framework.  <a href="#">John Muir Award Resource Guides - Sustainability/Outdoor Learning</a></p>	<p>“Such examples of outdoor learning help to create a positive ethos within the school – the John Muir Award has definitely embedded the benefits and value of outdoor learning.” Primary School Teacher  <a href="#">Scotland Providers Survey 2015</a> – Award leaders share the impacts on learning and teaching including how it helps support whole school approaches to Learning for Sustainability.</p>

## Further themes explored through Case Studies

<p><b>Residential experiences</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Case Study - Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre - Argyll &amp; Bute</a> – a residential partnership approach to delivering the John Muir Award with schools.  <a href="#">Case Study (film) - Donibristle Primary School</a> – creative short film shares the pupils’ learning experiences and why the John Muir Award is important to them.</p>
<p><b>Community and family engagement</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Case Study - Borders Forest Trust &amp; Earlston High School</a> – John Muir Award with Forest Schools, working towards ASDAN  <a href="#">Case Study - Golfhill Primary Family Award</a> – ten families in the east end of Glasgow complete their family John Muir Award through their local primary school.  <a href="#">Case Study - With Kids Family Award</a> – improving wellbeing for families in Edinburgh with the John Muir Award.</p>
<p><b>Literacy and Numeracy</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Case Study - Burnfoot Community School</a> – turning a neglected playground into a biodiversity haven – with a focus on literacy skills.  <a href="#">Case Study - Larbert High School</a> – a whole school year group creative writing exercise.</p>
<p><b>Interdisciplinary learning</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Case Study - Bellahouston Academy</a> – delivering a John Muir Award for a whole S1 year group through Geography, Science and Expressive Arts curriculum  <a href="#">Year of Fieldwork and the John Muir Award</a> – UK wide initiative for 2016.</p>
<p><b>School grounds</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Case Study - Crookfur Primary School</a> – pupils transform school grounds into new woodland area, providing a space to play and learn outdoors.</p>

For links to other compatible achievement awards visit [Amazing Things: A guide to the youth awards in Scotland](#) and [Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the John Muir Award](#).

A ‘whole school approach’ particularly relates to embedding Learning for Sustainability – global citizenship, outdoor learning, sustainable development and children’s rights – in a school setting. Educational themes referenced in this overview can be linked through the John Muir Award to help improve a whole school approach to curriculum, culture, campus (grounds), and community.

An annual John Muir Award Scotland Education Report – including local authority figures of Award involvement – available on request from [Rebecca@johnmuiraward.org](mailto:Rebecca@johnmuiraward.org)