



Inspiring Scots Transition Project - Teachers

We need our future S1 to help us improve the corridors at Dunfermline High School and we hope that you are up for the challenge. Through this cluster project you will be able to learn from working together and maybe even meet a few new pupils and High School teachers.

Our future S1... your mission is to research famous and inspiring Scots. We're going to continue this project that started looking at famous Scientists to move on to a focus on inspiring Scots men and women from history and leaders in the present age. We think that you will be surprised by what our Scottish nation has achieved. Your research may even inspire you to achieve great things for the future.

You might be surprised at what Scots have achieved in years gone by and are continuing to influence throughout the World – including some very influential people from right here in Fife. We'd like you to use the list below as a focus for your research. It includes some people with very interesting stories and some local people too.

We'd like you to:

- **Find out** about the people on this list (and any others that you may want to include)
- **Present** what you have found in any format you want – poster, PowerPoint, animation
- **Share** what you have found out with each other
- **Pick** your favourite 'Top 8 Scots'

We will then work with your schools / Teams to choose our combined 'Top 8'. We will use a standard format and get a company to make signs to display the basic information about our chosen eight that will be placed on the walls in the Social Subjects corridors at Dunfermline High School.

| INSPIRING SCOT | SOME INFORMATION |
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| Andrew Carnegie | Andrew Carnegie was born in Dunfermline in 1835. 1835-1919) was a very rich man who was involved in industrialisation. Carnegie set up a programme called the Carnegie Corporation of New York in 1911. Through this programme, his fortune has funded everything from the discovery of insulin (a hormone that helps your body use sugar for energy) and a project for peace taking apart nuclear weapons as well as the creation of Sesame Street! Millions of people have benefited from Carnegie's generosity – a long-lasting positive impact of Andrew Carnegie's work! He lived until 1919 where he died in the United State. He gave away around \$5 billion dollars during his life time. |
| Adam Smith | Adam Smith was born in Kirkcaldy in 1723. was an 18th-century Scottish philosopher and economist (an economist focuses on |

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| | <p>the way people spend and make money and how goods and services are bought and sold). As a philosopher he wanted to know why some people thought that some things are good and others bad. The way we measure the wealth of a country today is down to one of Smith's ideas on economics! Smith died in 1790 in Edinburgh and his book 'The Wealth of Nations' is still important in the study of economics today.</p> |
| John Muir | <p>John Muir was born in 1838 in Dunbar, East Lothian. Muir did lots of work in the United States and was one of the first people to push for protection of wilderness in the USA. Muir pushed the US Government to pass a law that resulted in Yosemite National Park being created. The US now has over 400 national parks and Muir is responsible for setting up the national park system. He educated Americans about the importance of the country's wilderness. Muir died in 1924 in California.</p> |
| Gordon Brown | <p>Gordon Brown was born in 1951 and grew up in Kirkcaldy. Brown served as a Member of Parliament for Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath from 1983 to 2015 for the Labour Party. He had other important positions within the government during this time before becoming Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Labour Party in June 2007. Brown's government passed the world's first Climate Change Act and introduced the Equality Act 2010. Brown now works with the United Nations on Global Education and the World Health Organisation on Global Health Financing, focusing on spreading the availability of vaccines in poor countries.</p> |
| Mary Lily Walker | <p>Mary Lily Walker was born in Dundee in 1863. In Dundee at this time, the city's poorest faced terrible living conditions, poor health and poverty. Women usually suffered the most as they were not allowed to access university education and so often had to work low-paid jobs in factories with terrible working conditions. Walker worked to improve conditions for women and children working in factories in Dundee. Infant death was a problem in Dundee and to try and change this, Walker pushed for the opening of a restaurant in the city that would supply mothers with healthy meals and advice for the first three months of their child's life, and helped create a women's hospital. Walker also played an important role in a scheme to provide cheap rents for poor residents.</p> |
| Agnes Brown | <p>Agnes Brown was born in Edinburgh in 1866. Brown was a keen activist (someone who campaigns to bring about change) for women's rights and women gaining the right to vote. Brown and four other women walked from Edinburgh to London as part of a campaign for votes for women. It took them 5 weeks and they gathered signatures for a petition for women's rights. Agnes Brown was supportive of men joining the campaign for women's</p> |

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| | rights, which was something the women's rights movement often disagreed on. Women eventually gained the vote in 1918 and it was actions of campaigners like Agnes Brown that contributed to women gaining the vote. |
| Annie Lennox | <p>Annie Lennox, born in Aberdeen in 1954, is best known as a musician, however during her career Lennox has also been involved in activism (campaigning for change).</p> <p>Lennox has spoken in the House of Commons about the need for children in the UK to help children in Africa. She has also set up an organisation that is dedicated to raising funds and awareness for women and children affected by HIV and AIDS. Lennox has been a supporter of charities, Amnesty International and Greenpeace, and has even donated profits from one of her music tours to these organisations.</p> |
| Ruth Davidson | Ruth Davidson was born in 1978 in Edinburgh. She was raised in Selkirk, in the Scottish Borders and then later in Fife. Davidson became a Member of the Scottish Parliament for the Scottish Conservatives in May 2011. By November 2011, Davidson was elected Leader of the Scottish Conservatives and this was a position she held until 2021. |
| Andy Murray | You may know Andy Murray as a world-famous Tennis player from Dunblane in Scotland, but did you know Andy Murray has also got involved with important charity work? Andy Murray has been supporting UNICEF since 2014, and even raised over £300,000 for UNICEF in 2016. He is a founding member of the Malaria No More UK Leadership Council. In 2022, he donated the majority of his prize money to help children affected by the war in Ukraine. |
| John Knox | John Knox was a Scottish minister around in the 16 th century around the time of Mary Queen of Scots. He founded the Presbyterian Church of Scotland (Presbyterianism is a type of Protestant Christianity). At the time, many people in Scotland were Catholic, but were angry at the church's abuse of power and wealth, so many joined Knox in changing the way of religion in Scotland. He is also responsible for contributing to a change in the way governments ruled, by encouraging people to protest against unfair treatment by governments. |