



Schools' Learning Programmes

NMD Museums is the service offered by Down County Museum and Newry and Mourne Museum for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM

School Programmes

The Museum provides workshops for schools that look at the history of Newry and Mourne. This includes visits to the galleries to look at the artefacts from the Museum's Collection that will help us learn more about this historic region.

These can be adapted for various Key Stages.





Toy Workshop

The Toy Workshop is designed for our younger pupils. Children will learn about toys from the past and from around the world. They will make their own to take home.



Build Your Own Castle Workshop

Students will learn more about who lived in Bagenal's Castle, a restored 16th century fortified house, which houses the Museum. They will learn how the building would have functioned over four hundred years ago while touring the galleries looking at the original features of the Castle.

They will have a chance to build their own Castle and try on some of the costumes on display.

Living History Workshops

These have been devised for schools so that pupils can learn more about the past in an interactive and enjoyable way. They include:

- The Workhouse: Students are transported to the time of Irish Famine and are transformed into paupers entering the Newry Union Workhouse in 1847 for the first time.
- The Victorian School Room: Pupils will appreciate education in the 21st century after they experience the strict discipline and rigorous lessons of a 19th century classroom, where they may even face the threat of the cane!
- World War Two: Pupils will learn how to be Fire Guard Messengers. They will be instructed on blackouts, gas masks, and what to do during an air raid.

Archaeology Workshop

Students will become archaeologists for the day. They will examine changes over time, handle artefacts and create their own piece of 'Neolithic' pottery.



Walking Tours

We also organise historic walking tours of Newry town. To complement this activity, we can also provide a virtual tour of 19th century Newry, using maps and photographs from the Museum's Collection.



Reminiscence Loan Box

The boxes are designed to include multi-sensory items to help stimulate memories and encourage reminiscence. This service is free and the boxes can be borrowed for a two-week period. Museum staff can provide brief instruction on how they can be used.

They include information and items relating to:

- The 1940's and 1950's
- School Life
- Household
- Earning a Crust
- Rural Life
- Grooming and Fashion
- The 1970's and 1980's
- Christmas
- Performing Arts



Seasonal Activities

There are activities for schools at Halloween, Christmas and Easter, themed on the temporary exhibitions that run throughout the year.

Outreach

If possible, visits can be arranged according to your school or organisation's timetable.

Events and activities only cost £1 per child.

For bookings and more information please email:
Declan.Carroll@nmandd.org
or call **0330 137 4422**.

**Newry and Mourne Museum,
Bagenal's Castle, Newry, BT34 2BY**

[www.visitmournemountains.co.uk/
museums/newry-and-mourne-museum](http://www.visitmournemountains.co.uk/museums/newry-and-mourne-museum)

DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM

Young historians are spoiled for choice here at Down County Museum, where all our sessions are linked to your World Around Us curriculum, and also help you achieve cross-curricular objectives in Communication and Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities.

Sessions last around 90 minutes and cost £1 per pupil.

Should you need a break, or lunch, we also have a dedicated lunch room which is bookable on request.

We recommend you include time for a gallery visit.

Our galleries are not large, so we suggest you bring sufficient adults to enable you to break up into smaller supervised groups. Teacher visits ahead of your trip are very welcome.



For Key Stage 1 & 2

Toys and Games

Find out about toys and games which have been enjoyed by children throughout the years. Depending on your curriculum, we can also focus on the art and design of toys, or the science behind the fun. Whatever you do, you'll have plenty of opportunity for play. This session is also a great one to book at Christmas time!

Halloween

Our special programme of stories, crafts and (not too) terrifying trails is back again this year. Join us for spooky stories, venture round the galleries to find the strange histories of some of the museum's objects, and make something to surprise your friends and family. Halloween runs 23rd-26th October this year, and will fill up. Book now to avoid disappointment!



For Key Stage 2

Stone Age to Bronze Age

Travel back in time to meet the first peoples to settle in our area. Using replica items from the time as evidence, explore the major discoveries that changed the way people lived, and which have left their mark on our area even today.

Vikings

Were the Vikings really just "heathens"? Or is the story more complex than that? Explore the evidence and make up your own mind in this hands-on session which includes replica items and anecdotal accounts.

Victorian Life in County Down



Was it all work and no play in Victorian times? Find out, using our extensive handling collection and historic images and archives. You'll explore the different experiences of people who lived in our area through the Victorian era.

The Second World War



Explore local life on the home front using our handling collection, historic images and archives. We'll

use toys, clothing, equipment and more to discover how life changed for the people who lived here, and how our area became a new home for others affected by war.



Outreach

A visit just not possible? We also do outreach. Give us a call to discuss.

Additional Learning

We love a challenge! If you're looking to make another part of your curriculum come alive, and think we might be able to help, get in touch.

For more information, call **0330 137 4252** and ask for **Amy**, Education and Outreach Officer, or email **amy.button@nmandd.org**

**DOWN COUNTY
MUSEUM**

Down County Museum is free to visit, and open 10:00-4:30 Tuesdays to Saturdays all year round.

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www.visitmournemountains.co.uk/museums/down-county-museum



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