

MGS Skills Update

Welcome to our July MGS Skills Update. This month we have some a fantastic update about our Business Support Programme and exciting news about some upcoming events. We also have updates on our other projects. If you would like to know more about our work, then please do not hesitate to contact the Skills Team. Enjoy!

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them with the knowledge, tools, and networks to navigate challenges, develop sustainable business models and increase their resilience.

Through this extension, we look forward to continuing our work improving sector sustainability and supporting more organisations on their journey towards a resilient and thriving future.

Read the full announcement here: [£2million to help heritage sector build back after the pandemic | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

Kickstart

Thanks to funding from the UK Government's Kickstart scheme, museums and galleries across Scotland were able to offer a range of work placements to young jobseekers. Ruth Brown, manager of the Chapter House Museum Trust in Dunkeld, describes how four Kickstarters developed projects which boosted their skills and benefitted the organisation, in the case study linked below.

[Museums Galleries Scotland | Kickstart Scheme At Chapter House](#)

The Kickstart scheme has closed, and all new placements are in post. We'll continue to update you on the progress of those on the scheme through the Kickstart webpage on the website. Check out the webpage on our website where you can read about some of the Kickstart employees experiences.

[Museums Galleries Scotland | Kickstart Scheme](#)

Business Support Programme

As we reach the end of the current Business Support Programme, we look forward to celebrating our successes with our participants, partners, trainers and funders at the end of August, and are delighted to be able to extend our work for another year through a programme extension throughout 2023, thanks to continued support from NLHF.



The Business Support fund has been crucial to supporting the sector's economic recovery from the pandemic, and thanks to players of the National Lottery and NLHF, we have been able to provide vital support to 40 at-risk heritage organisations throughout Scotland. Over the last 18 months, we have upskilled over 100 sector leaders, providing

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Museums and Galleries Technician Modern Apprentice

The Museums and Galleries Technician Modern Apprenticeship involves the completion of the SVQ in Museums and Galleries Practice, which is a level 7 qualification, the equivalent of an Advanced Higher, HNC or first year of university and Core Skills at level 6, the equivalent of a Higher qualification.

We now have 9 Apprentices started in their roles, with only one remaining Museums Galleries Technician Modern Apprenticeship spot left! This placement is for a candidate based in the Highlands and Islands (Argyll and Bute, Eilean Siar, Highland, Moray, Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands).

For an informal chat about hosting a Museums and Galleries Technician Modern Apprentice please contact Natalie Milor at nataliem@museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk.

Career Ready Internship at MGS



Figure 1: Abigail Strachan, who recently completed her career ready internship at MGS

In June and July we welcomed Abigail Strachan to MGS for her four-week career ready Internship. Read about her experiences on our website.

[Museums Galleries Scotland | Career Ready Internship](#)

Find out more about Career Ready and hosting an intern by contacting Markus Offer markuso@museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk or by visiting the CareerReady website below.

[Career Ready | Employers](#)

Skills and Events

We are organising a leadership course delivered by Social Enterprise Academy this autumn. This course will consist of 6 online sessions throughout September-December. More information about this opportunity is available on our website.

[Museums Galleries Scotland | Developing My Leadership Course](#)

You can find and sign up to webinars, MGS Knowledge Exchange events, conferences, workshops and professional development courses on our website.

[Museums Galleries Scotland | Events](#)

Wishing you well,
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