



Dumfries and Galloway

# Home Education Resource

Resources for Home Education developed by Home Educators, Parents, Children and Young People. The following links and suggestions are included as a starting point of information for Home Educators seeking resources.

Dumfries and Galloway Council are supportive of those who choose to Home Educate. This is reflected in the Home Education Policy which promotes ongoing communication between Home Educators and the Council. The Council are not able to offer direct support in delivering a programme of learning but do support by providing information and signposting to other organisations. This resource is intended to provide detail of a range of organisations that may be of help to Home Educators. In addition Home Educators are free to contact their link officer at any time with an enquiry or to contact the Council via [supportinglearners@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:supportinglearners@dumgal.gov.uk)

Dumfries and Galloway Council do not take any responsibility for the content of external websites or social media groups which are visited at the user's own risk. These resources are merely suggestions to help parents, if required, on their family's Home Education Journey.

As a Home Educator – if you have suggestions of sites and resources in Dumfries and Galloway or further afield that you use and recommend, please share this with us. Details can be sent to [supportinglearners@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:supportinglearners@dumgal.gov.uk) marked as Home Education Resources.

Thank you to those Home Educators that helped to create this resource.

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## National Peer Groups

<https://homeeducationforums.co.uk/forum>

The Scottish Home Education Forum website can be found at <https://scothomeed.co.uk/>

For further information, please refer to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HomeEdForums> or Twitter feed <https://twitter.com/homeedforums>

First port of call for Home Education support, with signposting to local groups for meet-ups, events, support and friendships.

There are a multitude of national and international Home Education Facebook groups offering legislative and statutory support, reduced subscriptions to resources, art competitions, exam support, forest schools, IT group, Big Home Ed Picnic, etc. and Home Educators can easily be signposted from the Scottish Home Education Forum through multitude of parents' knowledge and experience.

<http://homeeducationfestivalofscotland.blogspot.com/>

Annual gathering specifically by and for Home Educating families.



## Online Resources

### Resources across the curriculum

<https://www.oxfordhomeschooling.co.uk/course/igcse/>

Wide range of courses and tutor support.

<https://uk.ixl.com/>

App with range of course, curriculum materials and links.

<http://schoolexpress.com/>

Wide range of subjects and projects, printable materials.

<https://freddiesmummyuk.com/homeschooling-websites-uk/amp/>

Sharing life as a home educating family that includes a wide range of websites and resources.

<https://www.education.com/>

Wide range of subject information.

<https://kids.britannica.com/>

Index and glossary for a wide range of subjects .

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources>

Wide range of curriculum materials.

<https://teachersherpa.com/home>

Email free subscription - sharing of practice by teachers.

[https://ed.ted.com/lessons?content\\_type=animations&direction=desc&sort=publish-date&user\\_by\\_click=student](https://ed.ted.com/lessons?content_type=animations&direction=desc&sort=publish-date&user_by_click=student)

Wide range of curriculum lessons .

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>

Wide range of curriculum materials.

<https://www.enchantedlearning.com/home.shtml>

Activities across the curriculum.

<https://www.muddlepuddle.co.uk/>

Early play.

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize>

Interactive wide range of subject information and revision support.

<http://www.amblesideonline.org/>

Charlotte Mason Home Education materials.

<https://myonlineschooling.co.uk/join-us/curriculum-and-subjects/>

English National Curriculum materials.

<https://skoolbo.com/>

Literacy and Numeracy resources.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Interactive account-based learning across curriculum.

<https://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120392/>

Courses and participation opportunities.

<https://www.net-school.co.uk/>

English Education online format ages 9-16 .

<https://www.dumgal.ac.uk/dumgalportal/index.php?coursesearch=true&site=cts>

Courses at Dumfries and Galloway College.

<https://www.uws.ac.uk/money-fees-funding/other-financial-support/alternative-trusts-scholarships/>

University of the West of Scotland trusts and scholarships.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/>  
Wide range of subjects and full courses.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/>  
Wide range of courses at degree level.

<https://www.educationalappstore.com/>  
Educational App store - wide range of materials.

<https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk>  
Skills development Scotland.

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/>  
Career options advice for learners and parents.

<https://www.apprenticeships.scot/>  
Apprenticeship routes.

<https://www.digitalworld.net/>  
Create your own profile.



## Maths Resources

<https://www.prodigygame.com/>  
Interactive maths (also as an app).

<https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/>  
Tutor and revision support.

<https://www.interactive-maths.com/>  
Online maths resources for all ages.

<https://www.mathletics.com/uk/>  
Activities and reports on how you are progressing with maths.



## Computer Science and Sciences

<https://code.org/>  
Interactive resource – computer science.

<https://www.codecademy.com/>  
Courses available – computer / coding.

<https://www.superchargedscience.com/about.htm>  
Email subscription/presentation and resources - science.

<https://www.ptable.com/>  
Interactive science focus.

<https://forestryandland.gov.scot/learn>  
Local place of interest, Dark Skies Galloway.

<http://www.astronomy.com/observing/astro-for-kids>  
Information and links - space focus.

<https://dumfriesastronomy.wordpress.com/>  
Dumfries Astronomy Society.

<https://www.nasa.gov/topics/humans-in-space>  
Space.

<https://www.royensoc.co.uk/>  
Promotion and development of entomological science (study of insects).



## The Natural World

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>  
National geographic kids.

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/>  
Interactive – climate and weather.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/>  
Wildlife and water countryside.

<https://www.the-soc.org.uk/>  
Scotland's Bird Club – wildlife.

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/home>  
Environmental / gardening open to home educators.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/gardening-children-schools/family-activities/grow-it>  
Environmental /gardening.

<https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/>  
Competitions, Wildlife.

<https://www.edinburghgeolsoc.org/>  
Excursions and lectures - natural world.

<https://www.rbge.org.uk/whats-on/all-whats-on/?Types=Short%20Courses&date=2019-04-01&group=month&s=0&e=6>  
Royal Botanic Gardens. Wildlife and natural world.

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/virtual-museum.html>  
Virtual Natural History Museum – explore from your home.

<https://archaeology.mrdonn.org/>  
Introduction to archaeology with resources.



## Literacy, Languages and Visual Literacy (Film)

<http://scottishbooktrust.com/>  
Scottish Book Trust.

<http://www.parent.org.uk/index.php/>  
Gaelic resource.

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/>  
Creative Writing focus.

<https://readingeggs.co.uk/>  
Interactive – early literacy (also as an app).

<https://www.gaelic4parents.com/>  
Interactive games, stories and video.

<https://thisreadingmama.com/>  
Literacy.

<https://www.brilliantbrainz.com/>  
Monthly magazine 6-12yrs.

<https://theweekjunior.co.uk/>  
Current affairs magazine 8-14yrs.

<https://book-parties.scholastic.co.uk/shop/janet-wilkinson>  
Wide range of books.

<https://uk.babbel.com/>  
Languages (also as an app).

<https://www.intofilm.org/>  
Includes online printable resources plus access to free movies in cinemas in November.

<https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html>  
High quality films and animations used to enhance the teaching of reading and writing.

<https://www.duolingo.com/>  
Resources to support learning a new language.



## Food and Nutrition

<https://www.bakingmad.com/recipes/kids-baking>  
Health food.

<https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/nutritionsource/kids-healthy-eating-plate/>  
Health food.



## Music

<https://m.youtube.com/>  
Music library.

<https://www.musicteachers.co.uk/area/dumfries-and.galloway/teachers/>  
List of music teachers in Dumfries and Galloway.



## Visual Arts

<http://www.robbiddulph.com/draw-with-rob>  
Activity Book and YouTube draw-along videos.

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>  
Site to create stories, games and animations.



## Health, Wellbeing and Safety

<https://lifeliveit.redcross.org.uk/>  
First aid education.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zsp76yc>  
Dental information.

<http://sciencewithme.com/learn-about-the-teeth/>  
Dental information.

<https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/center/htbw-main-page.html?WT.ac=classroom>  
Information for all ages on anatomy.



## Children's Voice and Financial Support

<http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/17522/Youth-Democracy-and-Youth-Participation>  
Opportunities for youth participation.

[www.respectme.org.uk](http://www.respectme.org.uk)  
Anti-bullying support.

<https://www.hollywood-trust.org.uk/>  
Trust with support for children/young people.



## Practical Resources

<https://melscience.com/GB-en/>

Monthly experiments – science.

<https://www.postcrossing.com/>

Enables you to send and receive postcards back from people around the world. Geography, Culture.

<https://www.bigbutterflycount.org/>

Annual butterfly count July/August.

<https://www.theworks.co.uk/?q=education%20books&top=4547&pg=3>

Wide selection of educational books as well as fiction, hobby sets etc.

[https://www.therange.co.uk/search?q=Arts#in\\_stock\\_f=true&top\\_level\\_category\\_f=Arts%20%26%20Crafts&sort=relevance&page=1&lpp=24](https://www.therange.co.uk/search?q=Arts#in_stock_f=true&top_level_category_f=Arts%20%26%20Crafts&sort=relevance&page=1&lpp=24)

Arts and crafts materials.



## Participation

<https://www.abernethy.org.uk/>

Outdoor education open to Home Educators.

<https://www.artsaward.org.uk/site/?id=64>

Inspire programmes and information.

<https://www.peterpanmoatbrae.org/>

Workshops and resources.

<https://www.attitudedancegroup.co.uk/>

Expressive arts – Dance sessions and performances.

[http://www.sleeping-giants.org.uk/flv\\_portfolio/electric-theatre-workshop/](http://www.sleeping-giants.org.uk/flv_portfolio/electric-theatre-workshop/)

Dumfries and Galloway based theatre group – offer of workshops and performances.

<https://www.theatreroyaldumfries.co.uk/junior-guild>

Junior guild for children 7-18yrs based in Dumfries - workshops and performances.

<https://www.thebridgewellnesscentre.co.uk/>

Exercise, gym and dance facility in Dalbeattie.

<https://m.facebook.com/pages/category/Art-School/Holme-Head-House-499641280200248/>

Art School (creative space) in Carlisle.

<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/icebowl>

Dedicated ice hockey and skating rink.

<http://www.lochhill.net/pony-club-centre/>

Pony club centre.

<https://www.dgecowarriors.co.uk/about/>

Beach cleaning in Dumfries and Galloway and beyond.

<https://www.thecocoabeancompany.com/twynholm/childrens-chocolate-workshops/>

Children's chocolate factory.

<https://www.lochken.co.uk/>

Galloway Outdoor Activity Centre.

<https://atheaarts.org.uk/classes/childrens-classes/>

Arts centre and café in Sanquhar.

<http://www.onlysport.org/profile/4206-nithsdale-athletics-club/>

Nithsdale Athletics Centre.

<http://www.the-art-room.co.uk/?layout=index&page=art-craft-workshops-dumfries>

Art store and creative space in Dumfries.

<https://m.facebook.com/letsdomartialarts/>

Martial arts school in Dumfries.

<https://www.cycling.scot/bikeability-scotland>

National cycling programme.

<https://www.thesyc.co.uk/>

Solway Yacht Club courses.

<https://www.nycos.co.uk/choirs/nycos-dumfries-choir/>

NYCOS choir ages 7 -18yrs.

<https://www.dgwgo.com/events/>

Dumfries and Galloway What Going On.

<https://www.dumfries-and-galloway.co.uk/sports/activities.htm>

D&G Online sports and activities.

<https://www.river-nith.com/nith-young-anglers-club/>

Nith Young Anglers Club.

<https://www.zoolabuk.com/>

Animal handling experiences.



## Places of Interest

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<http://www.kirkcudbrighthistorysociety.org.uk/>  
Events and exhibition.

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[http://www.castlesfortsbattles.co.uk/dumfries\\_galloway/dumfries\\_galloway.html](http://www.castlesfortsbattles.co.uk/dumfries_galloway/dumfries_galloway.html)  
History and satellite navigation for castles.

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<https://thestove.org/>  
Arts and community projects.

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<http://www.spring-fling.co.uk/>  
Exhibitions and open studios.

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<https://www.dumfries-and-galloway.co.uk/arts/galleries.htm>  
Events and exhibitions.

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<https://www.facebook.com/DGSCIFEST/>  
Dumfries and Galloway Science Festival.

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[https://www.nts.org.uk/?gclid=EAlalQobChMIyP6g2t3A4QIVb77tCh2\\_oANSEAMYAiAAEgJMz\\_D\\_BwE](https://www.nts.org.uk/?gclid=EAlalQobChMIyP6g2t3A4QIVb77tCh2_oANSEAMYAiAAEgJMz_D_BwE)  
National Trust for Scotland.

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<https://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/mersehead/>  
Events.

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<https://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/crook-of-baldoon/>  
Events.

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<https://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/mull-of-galloway/>  
Events.

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<http://www.dumfriesaviationmuseum.com/>  
Exhibition.

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<https://www.ellislandfarm.co.uk/>  
Events.

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<https://www.leadminingmuseum.co.uk/education-and-resources/>  
Guided tour available.

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<https://www.glasgowsciencecentre.org/>  
Interactive science.

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<https://www.dynamicearth.co.uk/>  
Interactive science.

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<http://www.samyeling.org/>

Have had Home Education groups visit. Participation in prayer.

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<http://www.southofscotlandbeekeepers.co.uk/>  
Emerging educational resource centre.

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<https://www.gemrock.net/learn/overview/>  
Rock, gems and minerals museum.

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<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/#?page=1&place=Carlisle&mp=false&fe=false>  
English heritage places to visit.

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<https://www.thegreenfrogmoffat.co.uk/>  
Fishing opportunity.

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<http://www.mossyardfarmpottery.co.uk/>  
Painting pottery opportunity.

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<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/artsandmuseums>  
Some participation during school holidays events/drop in.

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<https://www.drumlanrigcastle.co.uk/>  
Also participation in events. History, playground, walks, cycling.

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<https://broomfisheries.co.uk/>  
Fishing.

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<https://coastaquarium.co.uk/>  
Interactive.

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<http://castlekennedygardens.com/>  
Participation.

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<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/15306/Local-libraries>  
Interactive, events, drop ins.

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<https://www.kirkcudbrightgalleries.org.uk/>  
Art exhibition programme and workshops.

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<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/>  
Sites and participation.

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<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/learn/education-visits/book-an-educational-group-visit/>  
Open to Home Educators.

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<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/south-scotland/dumfries-and-galloway>  
Things to do and days out in Dumfries and Galloway.

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<https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/caerlaverock>  
Interactive.

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<https://www.tulliehouse.co.uk/>

Interactive, including some events specifically for home educators organised by a Carlisle Home Education Group.

<http://www.lockerbie-wildlife-trust.co.uk/>

Annual programme of talks and visits.

<https://www.lagganoutdoor.co.uk/>

Outdoor activity centre.

<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/15630/Leisure-facilities>

Activity centre.

<http://www.crawickmultiverse.co.uk/visitor-information/activities/>

Interactive.

<https://www.sciencefestival.co.uk/learning>

Interactive.

<https://www.allantonpeacesanctuary.org/>

Interactive.

<https://www.nms.ac.uk/national-museum-of-scotland/>

Interactive, some science projects specifically arranged for Home Educators by Home Educators, delivered by Scientists.

<https://www.roe.ac.uk/vc/>

Educational presentations specifically for Home Educators have taken place previously, delivered by Astronomers, organised through Facebook Home Educators Forum.

<http://www.discoveramazonia.co.uk/>

Interactive.

If you would like to contribute to this resource as a Home Educator please send us your suggestions to [supportinglearners@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:supportinglearners@dumgal.gov.uk) marked as Home Education Resource

Thank you.



## Books and Online Reading for Parents

Free Range Education: How Home Education Works.  
<https://g.co/kgs/xMeufj>

Charlotte Mason.

<https://www.justbooks.co.uk/>

[search/?author=&title=&lang=en&new=1&used=1&ebooks=1&destination=gb&currency=GBP&binding=\\*&isbn=9781375905879&keywords=&minprice=&maxprice=&publisher=&min\\_year=&max\\_year=&mode=advanced&st=sr&ac=qr](https://www.justbooks.co.uk/search/?author=&title=&lang=en&new=1&used=1&ebooks=1&destination=gb&currency=GBP&binding=*&isbn=9781375905879&keywords=&minprice=&maxprice=&publisher=&min_year=&max_year=&mode=advanced&st=sr&ac=qr)

John Taylor Gatto - Dumbing Us Down.

<https://g.co/kgs/LTmftJ>

Sandra Dodd.

<http://sandraddodd.com/puddlebook>

<http://sandraddodd.com/bigbook/order>

John Holt - How Children Learn.

<https://g.co/kgs/oWhphj>

[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Holt\\_\(educator\)](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Holt_(educator))

David Albert - And the Skylark Sings with Me:

Adventures in Homeschooling and Community-based Education.

<https://g.co/kgs/ot8Ug9>

Education Otherwise - School is Not Compulsory: The Essential Introduction to Home-based Education.

<https://g.co/kgs/Qa2ccd>

Alfie Kohn.

<https://www.alfiekohn.org/>

Peter Gray - Free to Learn: Why Unleashing the Instinct to Play Will Make Our Children Happier, More Self-Reliant, and Better Students for Life.

<https://g.co/kgs/fRrK5w>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/gb/experts/peter-gray-phd>

For further information on Parental Involvement and Engagement Please visit

<http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/17608/Parental-Involvement>

For further information on Home Education please contact [Supportinglearners@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Supportinglearners@dumgal.gov.uk)

