



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.

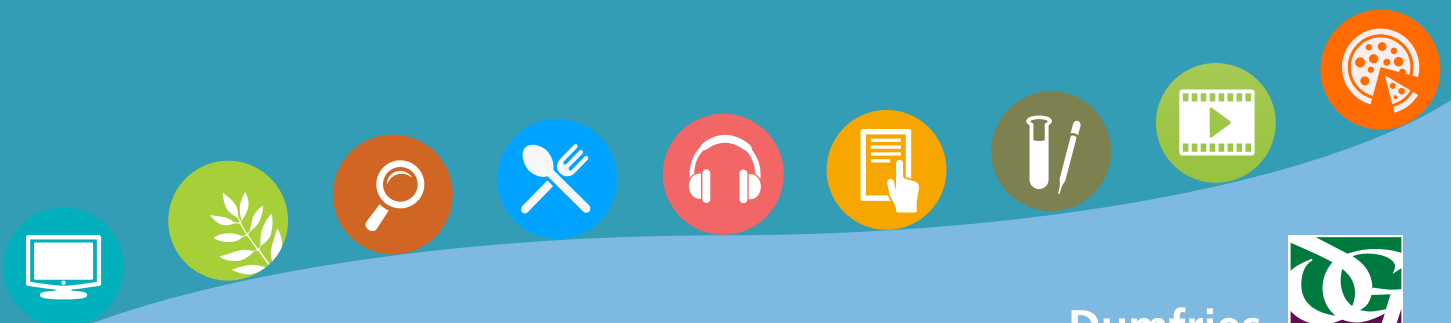
Dumfries and Galloway Council are supportive of those who choose to Home Educate. This is reflected in the Home Education Policy which promotes ongoing communication between Home Educators and the Council. The Council are not able to offer direct support in delivering a programme of learning but do support 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

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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 EducationandLearningParentalInvolvement@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://scothomeed.co.uk/>

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.

<https://ghex.world/about/>

Global Home Education Exchange



Online Resources

Resources across the curriculum

<https://schulfrei-community.de/en/we-meet/>

Home Education Community around the globe

<https://learning.parliament.uk/en/home-education/>

UK Parliament Home Education – free resource and online sessions

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

Independent school resources

<https://study.com/>

Account based resource platform

<https://livingjoyfully.ca/start-here/>

Articles, books – De-schooling, unschooling, parenting

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

Wide range of courses and tutor support.

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

Personalised planning from reception to age 13 years.

<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://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://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 .

Welcome to DGC | Dumfries and Galloway College (dumgal.ac.uk)

Courses at Dumfries and Galloway College.

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

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

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

<https://learnlaughplay.co.uk/whats-on/>
Cross curricular

<https://pastmap.org.uk/>
Geography and history

<https://globe-game.com/?fbclid=IwAR3NU5jfb1bUF31033tNvgyPcUCgJnsdpdsqDvPkrkLuH82CHQC3Kmcvo>
Learning game

<https://www.picturebookexplorers.co.uk/>
Learning resources

<https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/Help-and-Resources/Education/Modules>
Learning resources

<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/map-skills?fbclid=IwAR0TnT1PjX957NuCZ764WqBnKxM8KPQSknibn-G2IgX0NS2-vbmTnIAo-fw>
Map skills learning resources

<https://homeschoolden.com/>
cross curricular home resources

<https://walseyhalloxford.org.uk/>
Online homeschool provider

<https://www.nms.ac.uk/exhibitions-events/?audience=&type=&museum=&when=All&theme=&free=false&pageNumber=0>
cross curricular learning resources



Maths Resources

<https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/your-money-matters-scotland/>

University of Edinburgh and Young Money and the Pensions Service – financial education textbook

<https://mathforlove.com/>
Play based – games, lessons, and resources

<https://corbettmaths.com/>
Videos and worksheets and resources

The Maths Factor : Homepage - make Carol Vorderman your child's online maths tutor
Subscription maths resources

Smartick | Online Mathematics for Children (smartickmethod.com)
Primary aged 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.

<https://www.facebook.com/hempTEACH>
Science and maths



Computer Science and Sciences

<https://www.facebook.com/DaedalusDesignCurriculum>
Chemistry and Periodic Tables

<https://neal.fun/size-of-space/>
The Size of Space – great visual journey through space

<https://www.polartrec.com/>
STEM at the Poles – Expedition Education

<https://earthsky.org/>

Space and cosmos links

<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).

<https://www.iop.org/explore-physics>

Physics explained

<https://ko-fi.com/theatreofscience>

Learning resources



The Natural World

<https://digschool.org.uk/>

Engaging cross-curricular learning-enrichment workshops themed around archaeology

<https://orcaweb.org.uk/get-involved>

ORCA is a charity dedicated to studying and protecting whales, dolphins and porpoises

<https://www.sas.org.uk/digital-ocean-school>

Digital Ocean School – explore, investigate, protect and enjoy beaches

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

Mud and Bloom – connecting Children with nature.

<https://swseic.org.uk/>

South West Scotland Environmental Information Centre – quality information about wildlife and habitats in Dumfries and Galloway

<https://education.minecraft.net>

Minecraft Education Edition – climate and sustainability

<https://forestryandland.gov.scot/what-we-do>

Outdoor archaeological learning

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

The UK's Nationwide Geology Club for Children

<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.

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

world geography resources

<https://www.edenproject.com/learn/eden-at-home>

Create Eden wherever you are with our free resources and ideas for everyone at home



Literacy, Languages and Visual Literacy (Film)

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/article/15394/Storytime-sessions-for-children>

Storytime sessions for children

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

Edinburgh International Book Festival – events and articles

<https://www.shakespeare.org.uk/education/teaching-resources/>

Teaching resources for home educators

https://www.nightzookeeper.com/en-gb/parents/special_offers/facebook-offer52?referrer=Superfan416&fbclid=IwAR2P90TPzY42-khgLuKr7D3g_CVAiq39IWrogVpNKpZRuRQDNef7LQga0Hw

Creative writing community for kids – learning games and activities

<http://scottishbooktrust.com/>

Scottish Book Trust.

Poetry & Creative Writing For Schools | Young Writers

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://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.duolingo.com/>

Resources to support learning a new language.

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

Literacy – letters

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/young-reporter?fbclid=IwAR0Fibv0KBSLFFnt5qkMEB1QTtohxmfRsrRIHiiqZUfyzGeMiwtfGB6DK9yM>

BBC Young reporter skills

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

Primary online library resources



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://www.musictheory.net/lessons>

Music Theory Lessons

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

Music library.

<https://www.musicteachers.co.uk/area/dumfries.and.galloway/teachers/>

List of music teachers in Dumfries and Galloway.

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/article/19027/Instrumental-Music-Tuition>

Instrumental Music Tuition



Visual Arts

<https://www.rockart.scot/resources/education/>

Historic Environment Scotland – Scotland's Rock Art

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

Love art and Craft – inspirational art education for all

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

Art from the Start – Children's Fine Art lessons

<https://ayearwithmycamera.com/>

A year with my Camera is a year-long beginner's photography course – children and families

<http://krokotak.com/>

Paper art/crafts – developing games – fine motor skills

<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://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.

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/access-to-free-period-products>

Free period products



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

Anti-bullying support.

<https://www.hollywood-trust.org.uk/>

Trust with support for children/young people.

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/article/15243/Financial-support-for-education>

Financial Support for Education

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/grants>

Funding and grants including educational trusts, community funds

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/scottishwelfarefund>

Scottish Welfare Fund – crises grants



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

Arts and crafts materials.



Participation

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/article/17269/Active-Schools>

Active Schools – national programme for sport and physical activities – please contact Active Schools directly to find out about opportunities that you may be able to access.

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/article/17520/Community-Based-Youth-Work>

Offers events, activities and support for young people 11-25

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/article/16455/The-Bridge>

The Bridge – bookable space with community learning opportunities.

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/article/17649/Public-performances-by-children>

Public performances by children

<https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/about-us/our-campaigns-and-innovations/>

Participation in environmentally focused campaigns

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/article/17186/Participation-Requests>

Participation Requests to work with us across a number of areas

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/youthwork>

Youth work

<https://www.worldlandtrust.org/get-involved/educational-resources/>

World Land Trust Educational resources

<https://theconversation.com/uk/topics/curious-kids-36782>

The conversation – Articles on Curious Kids Q&A

<https://www.funschooling.com>

Customised home school literature and social networks

<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.moatbrae.org/>

Workshops and resources.

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

Expressive arts – Dance sessions and performances.

<https://www.sleeping-giants.org.uk/about-us.html>

Dumfries and Galloway theatre group

<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://atheairts.org.uk/whats-on/>

Arts centre and café in Sanquhar.

<https://www.the-art-room.co.uk/homepage-2/>

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.dgwego.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

<http://www.kirkcudbrighthistorysociety.org.uk/>

Events and exhibition.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=10Ij9nIMF5cyP54bPWe8dsFwQCv4>

History and satellite navigation for castles.

<https://thestove.org>

Arts and community projects.

<http://www.spring-fling.co.uk/>

Exhibitions and open studios.

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

Events and exhibitions.

<https://www.facebook.com/DGSCIFEST/>

Dumfries and Galloway Science Festival.

https://www.nts.org.uk/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMlyP6g2t3A4QIVb77tCh2_oANSEAMYAiAAEgJMz_D_BwE
National Trust for Scotland.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<http://www.samyeling.org/>
Have had Home Education groups visit. Participation in prayer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<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.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.



Dumfries and Galloway Council Parental Involvement Support

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDGC/subscriber/new>

Dumfries and Galloway email newsletters – sign up page to keep informed of whats on offer in D&G

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/article/20950/Volunteering>

Volunteering for the council – expression of interest form

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/media/22154/Education-Authority-Handbook/pdf/0006-23-School-Authority-Handbook-2023.pdf?m=638312303817770000>

Education Authority contact address and Authority Handbook with useful links for parents (page 30)

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/article/15288/Modern-Apprenticeships>

Modern Apprenticeships

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/article/15933/Young-Scot-cards>

Young Scot cards

<https://dumgal.gov.uk/article/21397/Home-Education>

Home Education – shared mailbox email address and email for the officer responsible for Home Education

For further information on Parental Involvement and Engagement Please visit

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

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/>

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>

If you would like to contribute to this resource as a Home Educator please send us your suggestions to EducationandlearningParentalInvolvementandEngagement@dumgal.gov.uk for the attention of Vanessa Morris marked as Home Education Resource

Thank you.

For further information on Home Education please contact Supportinglearners@dumgal.gov.uk