

# Local Explorers

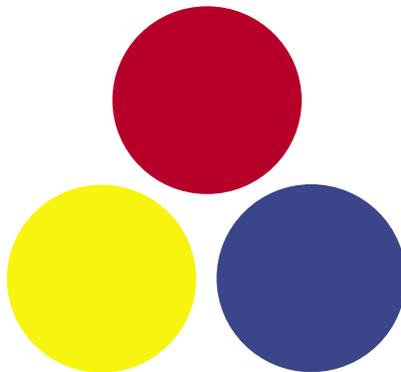
There are so many ways to explore outdoors no matter where you are! Even in the area where you live there is so much to find. Here are some activities that you can do together as a group to discover different areas of Glasgow and some interesting objects in Glasgow Museums. You don't need to do all of them in one day, you can do as many as you like!

You will need a pencil and some paper, and, if possible, a camera to take with you.

## 1. Colours



You can find colours everywhere you look. This beautiful bird called a scarlet macaw has feathers that are the three primary colours – red, yellow and blue.



Left: Scarlet macaw, displayed in Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.

- Choose one primary colour before you start the trail.
- Circle the colour you have chosen.
- When you see something in this colour, point to it and say what it is. Write down what it is, take a photo or draw the object.

Keep looking out for this primary colour and write down how many things you see that are this colour.

Final number:

## 2. Shops



Above: The Street inside Riverside Museum.

In Riverside Museum you can see a display of an old-fashioned cobblestone street with lots of different shops.

- When you're out and about, find a row of shops, then draw three boxes and write down the name of a shop in each box. For example:

mini market

greengrocer

café

- Have a think about what each shop sells. For example:
  - bread ◦ apples ◦ ice cream ◦ milk
  - oranges ◦ cakes ◦ sandwiches
- Underneath each box, write a list of things you could buy from these shops.
- Put a circle around the things you would like to buy.
- Put a tick by the things your adult would like to buy.
- Tell each other why you would like to buy those things!

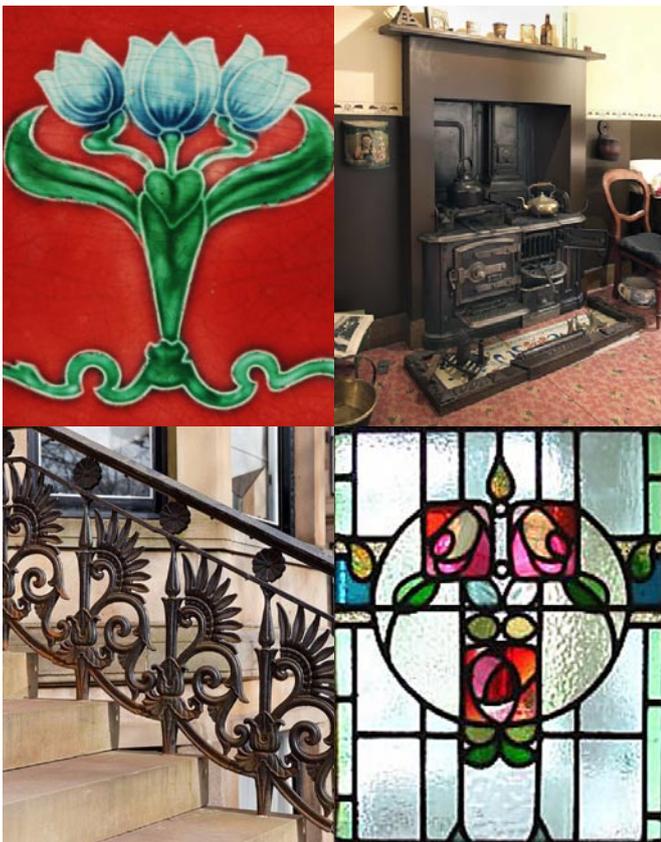
### 3. Buildings



Can you find a tenement building? The photo above shows one. Tenements can have several floors and are divided into flats on each floor.

- Point your finger at the tenement and count all the windows you see, then write down the total number. Does your adult get the same amount?
- Can you see any patterns, dates or signs on the building? If so, draw them.

Below are images of some of the beautiful things that can be part of tenement buildings or inside them, and which can be found on display in our museums.



#### At home

Design your own tenement tile on paper.



Another time when you are out, find a large, interesting building that is not used for people to live in. For example, a school, library, church, mosque or gurdwara.

- Point your finger at the side of the building and move it around the outside of the building, then around all the windows and doors.
- Do a quick two-minute sketch of this building. Your adult can time you.
- Does this building have any unusual or decorative features? Try drawing them.
- Is this building open to the public and has it got a name?
- Tell each other what you like and don't like about this building.

Ask your adult to take a photo of you with the building in the background. Make sure you take a note of the name of the street it is on – this might help with your research.

#### At home

Do some research and see if you can find out more about this building.

Clockwise from top left: tile in a close (communal entrance and stairway); fireplace; stained-glass window; railings.

## 4. Greenspace

Take some time to explore a greenspace, like a park, near your home or school. Photograph or draw anything you find interesting. Can you spot any animals, insects or other wildlife?

- While walking, talk about what you like best about this place and ask your adult if they have a favourite greenspace they like to visit.
- Find a large tree and walk around it, looking closely at all parts of it. Look up to see all the branches. Can you see the sky through the branches? Are the branches moving?
- Gently touch the tree trunk, then say or write the words that describe how it feels.
- Stand still under the tree and close your eyes for 30 seconds without making a sound. What noises can you hear? Can you smell anything? Did your adult hear the same noises?



Above: *An Autumn Day* by Alexander Brownlie Docharty, Glasgow Museums Resource Centre.

- What natural things can you see or find on the ground under the tree? Draw some.

You might find:

- leaves ◦ flowers ◦ twigs
- branches ◦ mud ◦ moss
- grass ◦ stones

Be careful when turning stones over to look for minibeasts. Remember that the space under stones is their home, so replace stones carefully after your investigation.



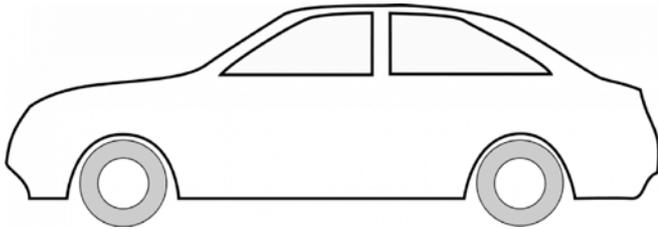
You can see lots of examples of local wildlife on a visit to Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, where you will find amazing displays of animals and birds, like foxes, squirrels and robins, and lots of different insects and bugs. Outside the museum there is also a beautiful park to explore.



## 5. Transport

Did you know Truck Art is a very popular type of decoration in South Asia? Many trucks are decorated by their owners to remind them of home when they are on long journeys. This van is beautifully painted and decorated with writing and floral designs.

- On your trail find a parked bus, van or car. Draw an outline of its shape, including the wheels and windows. If possible, take photographs of it.



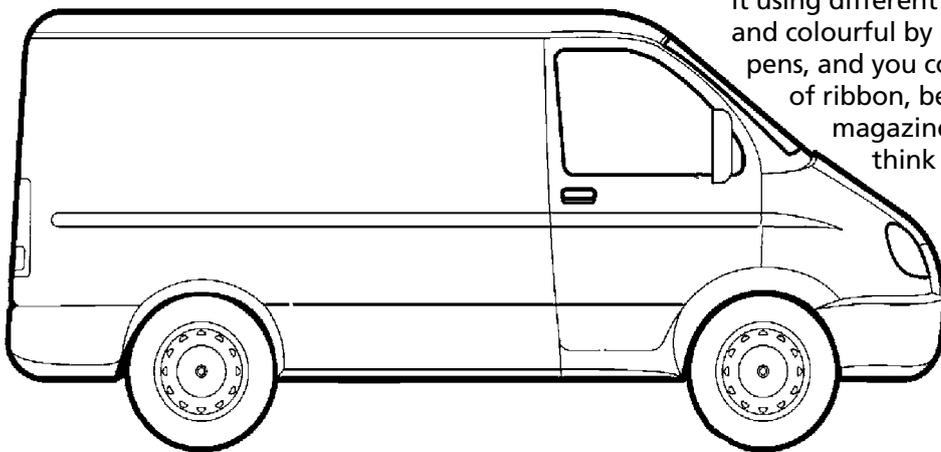
Right: Truck Art at Riverside Museum.  
Below: The Car Wall at Riverside Museum.



### At home

Make your own Truck Art. Look through your drawings and photographs from your trail and use some for inspiration.

Draw a vehicle on a large piece of thick paper or card. Make sure the outline is large so you will have plenty of space to draw designs inside and decorate it using different materials. You can make it bright and colourful by using crayons, paint or felt-tip pens, and you could also use glue to stick on bits of ribbon, beads, cut-out pictures from old magazines, silver paper and anything you think would look good.



Well done on completing your trail! You can use the same trail again and choose another area to explore.

We look forward to welcoming you when you visit our museums.