

Scottish Seabird Centre Junior Tour Guides

What is the Junior Tour Guide Scheme?

The Junior Tour Guide Scheme is an innovative programme which started out as a project between Linlithgow Primary School and Historic Scotland almost 30 years ago. It now runs at historic sites and visitor attraction across Scotland. Local school children are trained to be costumed Tour Guides for other visiting schools and children.

How does it work at the Scottish Seabird Centre?

Children from P6 and P7 at North Berwick's Law Primary School are the Junior Tour Guides for the Scottish Seabird Centre. They deliver their tour in pairs as the birdwatchers 'Ali and Sam'. The tour lasts around 30 – 40 minutes and for visiting children the tour is a wonderful introduction to how to use the Centre and to find out lots of 'fascinating facts'. The tour is interactive, fun and points out what the visiting children can come explore in greater depth following the tour.

What are the benefits for visiting schools and children?

- Visiting children are fascinated – and inspired by – the children that are in charge of their learning for the duration of their visit
- A fun and innovative way to learn
- The tour and overall visit are linked to the Curriculum for Excellence

Teacher feedback:

"The junior guides at the Seabird Centre added great value to our trip. The children were well informed and delivered the tour confidently. The children in my class enjoyed both their points of interest and the funny jokes!"

"Our pupils were both entertained and informed and were so impressed that several wanted to become tour guides themselves!"

David Pearce, Loretto Junior School

