

CLOTH UNCUT

COMMONWEALTH GAMES PRIMARY ARTS PROJECT
ARGYLL & BUTE 2014



Project details

Welcome to 'Cloth Uncut' CAST's 2014 primary visual art project. You have been allocated a lead artist who will work with your pupils to create a piece of cloth which represents Scotland's welcome to the Commonwealth in 2014.

Based on iconic images of Scotland and words of welcome and support, your pupils will design and produce a length of uncut cloth, inspired by the traditional approaches to cloth making from Scotland and either of our two twinning nations (as designated by The Commonwealth Games and 'Game On Scotland'). These are Swaziland and Cyprus.

In preparation for your workshop we would like you to:

- collect iconic images of Scotland
- collate a list of words which can be used in the design which give a message of welcome to our visitors
- look at african and cypriot textiles
- discuss Swaziland, Cyprus and the Commonwealth Games.

Hopefully the following information will help!



Starter Iconic Images

The images that you select will be used as part of the design within your group's piece of cloth. They should represent the best of Scotland and could include images which reflect:

Engineering: large scale and small scale inc. bridges, Falkirk Wheel, steam engines.

Architecture: from medieval to modern inc. brochs, castles and keeps, stately homes, tenements, fishing villages, blackhouses, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Armadillo.

Monuments: from pre-history to modern inc. stone circles, battle memorials, Kelpies.

Cuisine and ingredients: seafood, game, to the most iconic sweets and drinks.

Artists and Writers: Eduardo Paolozzi, Henry Raeburn, Anne Redpath, Joan Eardley, Robert Burns, Walter Scott, Conan Doyle, JM Barrie.

Wildlife: birds, fish, stags, game birds, cattle, dogs.

Landscapes: hills, glens, rivers, waterfalls, moors, coastal features, forests.

Music: bagpipes, fiddles, accordians.

Invention: telephone, television, tarmac, penicillin, tyres, bicycles, mackintosh, flush toilet.

Sports: hammer throw, golf, toss the caber, shot putt, shinty, curling.

Look online and in your library and please copy some images ready for your artists visit.



How cloth is used

Lengths of uncut cloth have been used in many ways all over the world. Here are a few examples you could look at:

plaids
African dresses
togas
saris
papooses
ponchos
capes
sarongs
kimonos
cumberbunds

crossed sashes
celebration table cloths
furnishing throws
tibetan prayer flags
tents/tepees/yurts
banners/pendants
tibetan monk robes
shrouds
mummies
bedding

foot binding
picnic rugs
floor coverings
tapestries
swaddling cloths
sails
bags
modern art.

Once you have completed your cloth think of how you could use it in school e.g. as a banner, tent, ceiling decoration, dressing up for drama, table cloth, photograph all/part of it and print cards, book covers etc.

CYPRriot TEXTILES



AFRICAN TEXTILES



Swaziland and Cyprus

It may be interesting to contrast and compare the two countries with Scotland. See back page for blank chart that pupils can fill in.

	SCOTLAND	CYPRUS	SWAZILAND
CONTINENT	EUROPE	EUROPE	AFRICA
CLIMATE	TEMPERATE OCEANIC	SUB-TROPICAL MEDITERRANEAN	TROPICAL TEMPERATE
SIZE	78,772 km ²	9,251 km ²	17,364 km ²
POPULATION	5,295,400	1,117,000	1,185,000
TIME ZONE	GMT	GMT + 2	GMT + 2
HEMISPHERE	NORTHERN	NORTHERN	SOUTHERN
COASTLINE	11,800 km	735 km	0
CAPITAL	EDINBURGH	NICOSIA	LOBAMBA
CURRENCY	POUND STERLING	EURO	SOUTH AFRICA RAND
MAIN INDUSTRIES	OIL, BANKING, WHISKY, TOURISM	TOURISM, FOOD PROCESSING, CEMENT	TEXTILES AGRICULTURE
LANGUAGE	ENGLISH GAELIC SCOTS	GREEK TURKISH	SWATI ZULU ENGLISH
NATIONAL SYMBOL	THISTLE, ST. ANDREW'S CROSS	MOUNTAIN GOAT	LION ELEPHANT GAZELLE
HIGHEST POINT	1,344m BEN NEVIS	1,952m MOUNT OLYMPUS	1,862 m EMLEMBE

Further information gathering could include: POLITICAL MAKE UP, GOVERNMENT, HISTORY ECONOMY, HEALTH, CULTURE, EDUCATION, HUMAN RIGHTS, AVERAGE SUN AND RAIN.

SWAZILAND



CYPRUS



2014 Commonwealth Games – Scotland welcomes the world.

The Commonwealth Games is an international, multi-sport event involving athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations. The event was first held in 1930 and has taken place every four years ever since (except 1942 and 1946 which were cancelled). The Games are described as the third largest multi-sport event in the world after the Olympic Games and the Asian Games.

It was initially known as the British Empire Games and was renamed the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in 1954 and the British Commonwealth Games in 1970, before finally gaining its current title, the Commonwealth Games, for the 1978 edition. The Games are overseen by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), which also controls the

sporting programme and selects the host city. A host city is selected for each edition and eighteen cities in seven countries have hosted the event.

Although there are 54 members of the Commonwealth of Nations, 70 teams participate in the Commonwealth Games. A number of British Overseas Territories, Crown dependencies, and Island states compete under their own flag. The four Home Nations of the United Kingdom –

England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland – also send separate teams. Only six teams have attended every Commonwealth Games: Australia, Canada, England, New Zealand, Scotland and Wales.

Game on Scotland is the official Education Programme of the Games

Game On Scotland aims to:

- Provide inspiration and learning and teaching opportunities related to Glasgow 2014 and other momentous events happening throughout Scotland in the coming years.
- Support teachers and anyone involved in education to create stimulating learning experiences for young people aged 3 – 18 years, using Commonwealth as the context for learning.
- Help learners with developing their skills and knowledge across the curriculum by getting involved in the Games experience.

Go to the Game On web site for:

- Finding out about unique resources and opportunities such as mascot visits, challenges, competitions and events to get involved in as well as information about funding.
- Keeping up to date with the relevant news and 'what's happening' on the lead up to the Games.
- A one stop shop for help and inspiration to create exciting learning experiences for the pupils in your school.
- Resources including lesson plans, images, videos and case studies - all organised by age and subject.
- Specific links to Curriculum for Excellence.



Sports involved in Glasgow 2014 are

Aquatics
Triathlon
Athletics
Table Tennis
Badminton
Weightlifting
Boxing
Wrestling
Cycling
Squash
Gymnastics
Shooting
Hockey
Rugby Sevens
Judo
Netball
Lawn Bowls

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