

# Engagement Programme at IMAG

May – June 2013



## Exhibitions

### **“Celebrating 150 Years of the Highland Main Line: an Exhibition Prepared by High Life Highland”**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, Room to Discover, Inverness Museum and Art Gallery**

This exhibition of objects, images and archive materials from the High Life Highland collections, celebrates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Highland Main Line, originally named the Inverness & Perth Junction Railway.

The making of the railway was a considerable engineering achievement, including rising up and through the Dromochtar Pass, at 452 metres the highest point on any main line in Britain.

On 1 June 1863 the first section of the line was opened from Dunkeld to Pitlochry, on 3 August the Forres-Aviemore section followed and on 9 September the Aviemore-Pitlochry section was completed, completing the main line across the Grampians.

### **'I'm a Piece': Saving children's lives through craft!**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, Community Gallery, Inverness Museum and Art Gallery**

This exhibition showcases jigsaw pieces made by craft lovers across the UK as part of the #imapiece project. The project was launched on World Food day last October by Save the Children to raise awareness of the issues of world hunger and injustice and show that the craft community wants the Government to push world leaders to invest in life-saving interventions that will save millions of lives. Since the launch over 700 people have added their hand-stitched jigsaw pieces with their messages on why tackling hunger and malnutrition is so important to them.

The project is part of a growing craftivism – or craft activism – movement that aims to tackle poverty and injustice through thoughtful, visually beautiful campaigning.

Find out more at <http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/save-lives-craft>

# Workshops

## Every object tells YOUR story, part of the Adult Learner's Week Festival of Learning

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2pm – 4pm, Inverness Museum and Art Gallery**

There are over 50,000 objects in the collections at Inverness Museum and Art Gallery and only a small number of these are on display at any one time. We are always looking for opportunities to bring more of our objects out of storage and on display in the galleries and this time we would like you to help us do this.

This two hour session will include a curator led tour of the archaeology gallery, an opportunity to peer behind the scenes into the museum's reserve store and a chance to choose an object for display in the gallery. We will spend time, looking, seeing, exploring, being inspired by and finding the story hidden in your object and then we will compose a label, telling your story!

**This session is FREE, but booking is essential, as places are limited.**

To find out more and to book your place contact Cait McCullagh at [cait.mccullagh@highlifehighland.com](mailto:cait.mccullagh@highlifehighland.com) or 01463 237 114

## 'I'm a Piece': Jigsaw Workshop

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Drop-in between 11am – 3pm, Room to Discover, Inverness Museum and Art Gallery**

This workshop, associated with the I'm a Piece Exhibition on show in our Community Gallery, throughout June, will be a chance for you to make cloth crafted jigsaw piece and also find out more about the #imapiECE project.

The piece you make will then be added to the installation of over 700 pieces that is touring the UK this summer in order to raise awareness of hunger and give the message to world leaders that the public wants them to act on hunger.

The project supports Save the Children's campaigning on hunger, which remains the biggest underlying cause of child deaths globally, killing 260 children every hour of every single day.

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**This workshop is a FREE Drop-in session.**

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## Get your Hands on the Past!

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013, 10am – 4pm, Tea / coffee and lunch will be provided**

Another chance for those who didn't make it to the workshops in May, to come and spend a day with our curators and conservation officer finding out just how we identify, catalogue and care for the many different types of artefacts in our collections. If you are interested in getting behind the scenes at the museum and getting to grips with your heritage, this taster session could be just the thing.

Ever wanted to get behind the scenes at the museum and get your hands on the past? Curious about how museum folk identify, record and care for objects? Interested in finding out about volunteering at IMAG? Come along and join us for a hands-on 'taster session' and get to grips with just some of the 50,000 objects held in the collections here.

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