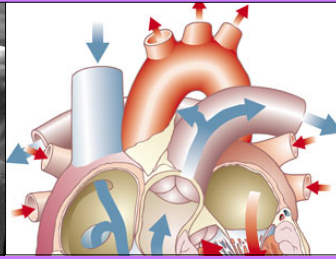
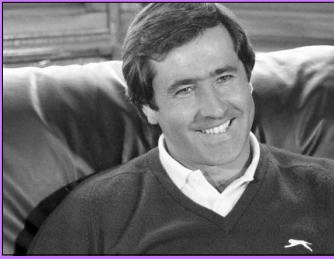




scran news



Summer 2011

Welcome to our Summer newsletter

The academic year ends soon and many of you will be thinking of exams. Scran can be a great source of revision material and content for your portfolio! In this issue, we'll be looking at more new records we've recently added, as well as more news from the Scran team.

Scran lifelong learning events for Adult Learners' Week



Scran will be participating in a number of events for Adult Learners' Week.

For more information visit <http://www.scran.ac.uk/news/news.php?id=439>.

Thu 19 May

Scran at the Borders' Interactive Gathering
@ Volunteer Hall, Galashiels
(for more info contact bigevent10@yahoo.co.uk)

Fri 20 May

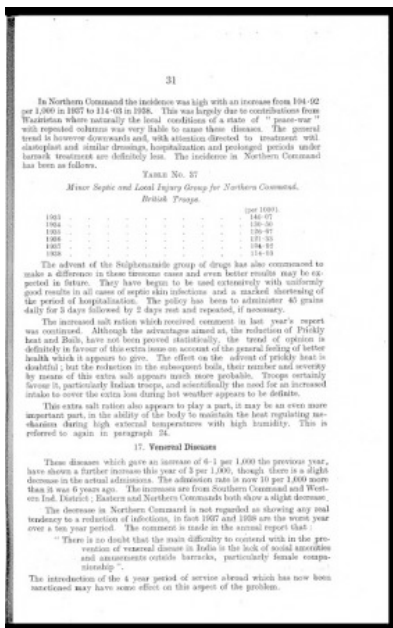
Scran for Fife Libraries
@ Duloch Library
(for more info contact hilary.Patrick@fife.gov.uk)

Sat 21 May

Scran at East Dunbartonshire Family and Local History Fair @ William Patrick Library and Auld Kirk Museum, Kirkintilloch
(for more info contact janice.miller@eastdunbarton.gov.uk)

New Records

All the collections below have been contributed over the past few months. Like all Scran records, they're rights-cleared, meaning you can reuse and copy them for educational and personal use.



National Library of Scotland Records from the Medical History of India Online

These rare documents form part of the India Papers collection, an extensive collection of official publications from British India, held by the National Library of Scotland.

The digitisation of the medical history volumes was funded by awards from the Wellcome Trust and records the demands placed by both epidemic and endemic diseases on the colonial Indian state and its development of public health in the period from c.1850 to 1920.

The reports in this collection reflect the state's efforts to study, understand and control diseases like cholera, plague, malaria and leprosy. Fascinating documents for historians, medical students and geographers, the full set of documents can be viewed at www.scran.ac.uk/s/health+army+india.

Royal College of Surgeons

The Royal College of Surgeons has recently added a number of images to Scran's collections. They relate to the history of the College and its associated museum. A fascinating mix of medical specimens, paintings, photographs and objects, the new images can be seen by going to www.scran.ac.uk/s/RCSEd+Collections



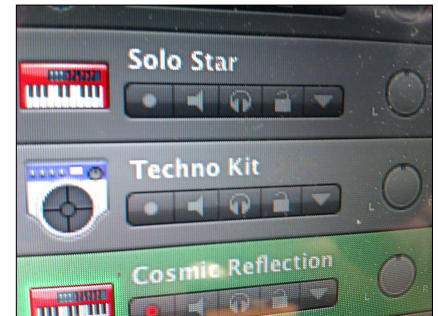


Danish Design from 1900 onwards

Thanks to a recent Danish trip undertaken by one of our staff, Scran has recently acquired some new images of 20th and 21st century Danish design. Perfect for any product design, art & design or technologies courses, the photos provide an overview of Danish design from the early 20th century to the present day, taking in jewellery, glassware and especially furniture and housewares, focusing on designers including Arne Jacobsen, Verner Panton and Hans Wegner. Find Danish records and Pathfinder Packs at www.scran.ac.uk/s/danish+design.

Podsafe music- copyright-cleared audio loops

More and more students and staff are going beyond simply copying and pasting images from Scran into worksheets or classwork. Increasingly, we are seeing Scran resources (pictures, audio clips and video clips) being used in multimedia work, including short films and instructional videos for classes. If you're doing any multimedia work, check out our podsafe audio clips, which are essentially short pieces of instrumental "library" music, ranging in length from 30 seconds to a few minutes, and covering a variety of moods. They're rights-cleared, meaning you can use them in any educational or personal multimedia work that you're not planning to share with non-Scran users. Find our podsafe music tracks at www.scran.ac.uk/s/podsafe.



The Gude Cause- Suffrage March records



One of the more unusual projects to appear on the Scran site in recent months is the huge cache of photos taken by many of the participants in 2009's Gude Cause march. The march, in Edinburgh, commemorated 100 years of women's suffrage, and looked back to historic struggles as well as celebrating democracy. Many participants dressed in historic costume or marched with historic banners, and the crowd was addressed by many speakers from the Scottish Parliament.

Some of the organisers of the march approached Scran to ask if we could host some images and other documents from the event.

We've said yes, and now there are over 2,000 images (and quite a few audio records from the event) on our site, with more being added as we go to press. Unusually, these images were "crowdsourced" after the event, when dozens of individual photographers were approached through social networking sites about contributing their photos. More information is slowly being added to these photos about who is in them, what is being depicted and so forth, and the Gude Cause are hoping that others who participated in the march will assist in annotating the images over the coming months and years. See these records at www.scran.ac.uk/s/gude+cause.

New Pathfinder Packs

We have over 3,500 Pathfinder Packs on Scran. These are digests of various topics, particularly ones of local interest or of relevance to educational curricula. We're adding new ones all the time! Here are some of the newest...



Pentlands, Colinton, Water of Leith

Thanks to one of our super volunteers, Rachel Edmans, we now have a number of packs on the Pentland Hills (both its history and geology), the area of Colinton, and the water mills on Edinburgh's Water of Leith. These are terrific packs for local study, for geographers and historians, and for curriculum topics. Find them at www.scran.ac.uk/s/pentlands, www.scran.ac.uk/s/colinton and www.scran.ac.uk/s/water+leith.



Prague

We're increasing our coverage of foreign countries, and we've compiled some Pathfinder Packs on world capitals. These include a recent Pack about the Czech capital, Prague. The Prague Pathfinder Pack includes many of its celebrated buildings, monuments and sculptures. See more at www.scran.ac.uk/s/prague.



The Struggle Against Apartheid

It's over 20 years since Nelson Mandela was released, an event that presaged the end of apartheid in South Africa. This new Pathfinder Pack highlights the injustices of the regime, and the struggle in the UK to help restore democracy in South Africa. You'll find the records at www.scran.ac.uk/s/apartheid.



Bernat Klein

Bernat Klein was a textile designer whose designs were used by many haute couturiers, including Dior, Yves St. Laurent and Balenciaga, in the 1950s and 60s. Later, he launched his own clothing collections from a studio designed by the architect Peter Wormersley. A great asset to art & design, fashion or textiles students, the Bernat Klein records can be seen at www.scran.ac.uk/s/bernat+klein.



Sports days

We've lots of sporting materials on Scran, from the popular (soccer, cricket, golf) to the esoteric (synchronised swimming and American football). We've recently compiled some packs on traditional school Sports Day activities, including the three-legged race, the sack race and the egg-and-spoon race. Find them at www.scran.ac.uk/s/sports+day.



Lighthouses: Neist Point and Rona

As a follow-up to her work commemorating the 200th anniversary of Bell Rock lighthouse (featured last issue), Scran staff member Jackie Sangster has compiled a couple of new Pathfinder Packs on these two lighthouses, and you can see them at www.scran.ac.uk/s/rona and www.scran.ac.uk/s/neist+point.



Rosebank Cemetery

A valuable aid to any classroom discussion about death and religion, or just a fascinating look at an unusual cemetery (with its special section for Muslim burials), this pack can be seen at www.scran.ac.uk/s/rosebank.

More news

Napier University projects

Scran has recently been working extensively with Napier University, providing content and guidance on a couple of projects. Working with tutors from the Digital Media BSc (Hons) course and members of the Scran staff, Napier students created a number of short films that showcased the students editing and narrative skills, as well as introducing them to the world of licensed media. The resulting films formed part of their coursework. Some of the resulting mini-movies can be seen at <http://www.scran.ac.uk/learning/hefe/ltr/casestudies.php>.



In addition, some Napier students have been working with the Edinburgh College of Art to participate in an innovative project entitled TOTeM (Tales of Things and Electronic

Memory). TOTeM is an initiative funded by the Digital Economy Research Councils. It uses QR codes (which look and act a bit like barcodes- you can see one above) to link physical objects to electronically-stored stories and memories.

One example of their work is at a London Oxfam shop, where donated items are linked to videos and stories made by the items' former owners. The buyers of the donated items can discover the stories by using a QR code scanner in the shop, or by scanning the QR code with a suitably-enabled mobile phone.

For the Napier/ECA TOTeM project, students were asked to compile short movies that relate to objects

in an exhibition at the National Museum of Scotland. They used Scran materials as part of these mini-movies. Visitors to the museum can view the objects, point their phones at the accompanying QR code, and then see the supplementary information created by the students.

You can find out more about TOTeM at www.youtotem.org, and you can see more about the National Museum's QR code project at <http://bit.ly/mkPRN5>. The exhibition continues throughout the summer



Easy access from schools

95% of schools now have IP authenticated access. This means that when you or your pupils visit Scran from school premises, our site should detect where you're logging in from and grant you automatic access with no need to remember a user name or password. If, when you log on to Scran from your school, you don't see a drop-down menu of schools in your local authority, PLEASE LET US KNOW by either phoning (0131 662 1456) or emailing (andrew.james@rcahms.gov.uk). You can help us even more by sending us your school's IP address when you email. To find this out, simply go to www.scran.ac.uk/ipcheck.php where you'll see a phrase of letters and numbers. Copy and paste this in an email to us and we should be able to sort out your automatic access quickly and easily.

Scran Glow group



Scran is a big part of Glow, the Scottish schools intranet. For instance, you can log-in to Scran with a Glow user name and password, and materials can be shared easily and legally through Glow.

We now have a Scran Glow group, where we'll be highlighting resources, offering hints and tips and pointing up our training schedule. Check it out at <https://portal.glowscotland.org.uk/establishments/nationalsite/Scran/default.aspx> or simply log in to Glow and search for "Scran".

Training



Scran offers training for teachers, librarians, trainers, managers and students. Most of these are face-to-face and last for about 90 minutes. These sessions are free of charge and can be arranged to suit your needs.

For bookings and information, contact our Schools Education Officers, Andrew James or Jackie Sangster on 0131 651 6816/6817 andrew.james@rcahms.gov.uk / jackie.sangster@rcahms.gov.uk, or our Lifelong Learning Officer Helen Foster on 0131 651 6815 helen.foster@rcahms.gov.uk. You can also find out more information about the types of training we offer on the Scran website at www.scran.ac.uk/help/training.php.

Subject focus: RME



The Scran site has a wealth of material for teachers of Religious and Moral Education, with copious resources to explore and explain Judaism, Sikhism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Christianity. Students and teachers can find information about different methods of worship, different celebrations, different festivals, and examples of synagogues, mosques and temples.

We have recently created Pathfinder Packs on Atheism & Agnosticism, and will soon be adding some Humanist Pathfinder Packs, to our RME materials. You can see these at <http://www.scran.ac.uk/hierarchy/pathfinders/2/8055/Religion>.

Copyright podcasts

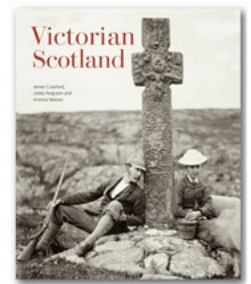
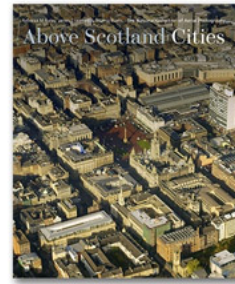


High-profile cases where internet users have been fined for using and distributing copyrighted pictures, video and audio have highlighted the problem of using illegal digital materials in the classroom. Of course, all Scran materials are copyright-cleared for use by subscribers in non-commercial educational or personal projects, so you can use them without worry.

But to dispel some of the myths and misconceptions around copyright, and to highlight some resources (including Scran) that offer licensed content for classrooms, Scran has created a series of short, linked video podcasts. Watch them on your computer, iPod or phone at <http://www.scran.ac.uk/help/podcasts/>

Scran Competition in partnership with Edinburgh Libraries

Edinburgh Libraries are holding a competition, open to all of their members. Choose your favourite image on Scran, tell them why you like it and you could win a set of two books we are giving away!



It could be a picture of the street you live in; the shop you used to buy sweets in; a place you went on holiday; or a building that is no longer there – something that has a personal connection for you and perhaps a wee story behind it.

Go to <http://bit.ly/je238W> to find out how to access Scran from home with your Edinburgh library card. The winning entry will receive a copy of two recent RCAHMS publications, *Above Scotland-Cities* and *Victorian Scotland*. See more about these acclaimed books at <http://www.rcahms.gov.uk/rcahms-publications.html>.

Susan Varga of Edinburgh Libraries has chosen the following image as her favourite:

Photographic portrait of Annie Linton (Mid 1840s)

“I couldn’t believe it when I found this image on Scran – it’s a photograph of my great great great grandmother! This is so special, I only have a photograph of her when she is a very old scary looking lady in black and here she is young and dare I say it with a twinkle in her eye! It is amazing to have found an image with such a personal connection to me on Scran”

(See www.scran.ac.uk/s/000-000-145-123-C for more info.)



Entries should be e-mailed to informationdigital@edinburgh.gov.uk by the 31st July 2011. Include the Scran ID number of your chosen image, and a description of why you’ve chosen it. Entries will be featured in an online exhibition on the Scran website.



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