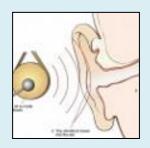
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Schools photography competition

As Scran approaches its 20th anniversary, we're holding a photography competition open to all subscribing schools. Competitions need themes and this year's theme will be "What Scotland means to me." So think widely and creatively. In past years the overall winner had a pawky eye, a gallus vision and a canny control of the shutter. Remember we are Scran - we like odds and ends and bits and pieces and stuff.

Win iPads and more

There are braw prizes for the winners. In each of the three sections, Primary, Secondary and ASN, the best image will win one of Apple's latest iPads. In addition, there will be an overall winner who will win a set of 10 iPads for his or her school. The runner up will win 5. There will be a range of further runner up prizes which will include photo books. In addition, the best images will appear on Scran! More details, including the link to upload your school's entries are at http://www.scran.ac.uk/photo14/





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Did you know you can add a simple Scran search box to your school's, college's or library's home page? It's at

http://www.scran.ac.uk/help/downloads/searchbox.php







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New Scottish Referendum resources

Many schools and colleges will be tackling the debate around Scottish independence, which is due to come to a head with the referendum on September 18th 2014. Modern studies and citizenship lessons, in particular, will benefit from the new content recently acquired by Scran. These contemporary images from the Scottish Parliament, kindly licensed to us by the education team at the Parliament itself, are ideal for framing the debate and depicting the participants. They not only include detailed shots of Parliamentary business such as First Minister's Questions, but also current images of many of the protagonists including Ruth Davidson and Nicola Sturgeon.

Of course, the outcome of the referendum will be felt beyond the Scottish border, and accordingly these images will be of use to our English subscribing institutions too. Take a look at our newest content at http://www.scran.ac.uk/s/js2014*

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More new content

Esquisse competition entries

Esquisse (French for *sketch*) formed part of the curriculum at Edinburgh College of Art (ECA) in the 1930s and 40s. Students had to respond to a brief in a very short timescale, usually 48 hours. In 2013 the form was revived for a competition in conjunction with RCAHMS, and the results are available for all to see on Scran. Students at ECA were asked to create, in only 48 hours, imagined, architectural drawings on the theme of living space in a future Scotland where the environment has been dramatically affected by climate change. The results, including the winning entries, can be seen on Scran at

http://www.scran.ac.uk/s/esquisse

Fringe faces

Our latest upload from the redoutable Cairns Aitken is a series of great candid images from Edinburgh's Fringe Festival, featuring performers, audiences and passers-by. Great for citizenship classes, examples of diversity, and Leisure & Tourism courses.

http://www.scran.ac.uk/s/1086+in+project

Kelpies in Falkirk

Artist Andy Scott recently completed his two enormous Kelpie sculptures, 30 metre-high steel horse heads above the Forth & Clyde canal in Falkirk. Scran subscribers can now download and use these new images of the largest sculptures in Europe as photographed at their official opening on 17th April 2014.

http://www.scran.ac.uk/s/kelpies







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Connect with friends in Stuff

As part of our recent site refresh we've started to add small improvements to our popular tool called Stuff. Stuff is the area of Scran where you can create a free, private, password-protected account to store, collate and personalise your favourite Scran images, videos and sounds. See Stuff at http://www.scran.ac.uk/stuff.php

One of the new features we've added is a Connect tab, (right) where you can connect with other Stuff users if you know their Stuff username. This means you can see their Stuff account as well as your own, and easily share your Albums, Create documents and Multicreate documents with your Connections. Why not make a new Connection today?

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Free CPD: Scran Out and About

One of the most frequent compliments we get after our free training sessions is how much more there is to Scran than just downloadable content. Our tools, such as Create and Stuff, can really enhance ICT use in the classroom, and our free CPD sessions show you and your colleagues how to get the best out of Scran and create relevant, customised learning and teaching resources. Schools, colleges and universities from South Lanarkshire, Falkirk, Dundee, Macclesfield, Aberdeenshire and East Lothian have all recently benefitted from free Scran CPD, and you can too. Contact andrew.james@rcahms.gov.uk or jackie.sangster@rcahms.gov.uk to book a session or to find out more.



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