

It's more important than ever to foster a sense of belonging and improve well-being for young people. By providing them with opportunities to engage in Heritage Social Action Projects, we can connect young people to their communities while developing new skills.

Thanks to the generous support of Historic England, in 2024, Youth United Foundation supported **15** local heritage projects, involving **40** uniformed youth groups...



...reached more than **100** group leaders and volunteers, from **six** uniformed youth organisations...



...and awarded microgrants to **five** uniformed youth groups for their Local Heritage Social Action projects.



If the 850+ young people who engaged in these youth-led heritage activities formed a conga line, it would stretch from Big Ben to Nelson's Column!



"The project makes me feel happy because I can represent where I'm from and I don't need to hide where I'm from."

How has being part of this project made you feel?

Happy - Marvellous - Special
Fun - Brilliant - Amazing

The five Local Heritage Social Action Projects saw young people choose their heritage themes and activities to make a positive change in their community.



Of the young people involved, 68% were aged **6-10** and 32% **10-18**.

**Spotlight on Girlguiding North West England:
'Legacy Explorers' Heritage Badge**

"We connected Girlguiding North West England with Historic England's Heritage Schools team, as part of our work brokering and nurturing partnerships between our national stakeholders. The organisations worked together throughout 2024 to design, test and launch the 'Legacy Explorers' badge.

The first 1000 badges sold out within less than 24 hours!"

"The heritage project has made a difference because you get to learn about your heritage and what hardship and struggle your ancestors went through to help you have a better life."

Savile Town Scout



Heritage activities initiated or delivered as part of the Heritage Youth Partnership.



Local Heritage Social Action Projects funded by the Heritage Youth Partnership.

"Heritage projects are good for the whole community, for everybody involved. It doesn't matter where you come from, it brings us all together."

Attendee at fundraising event

"The girls have enjoyed learning a little bit more about their history and heritage. They've got a bit of a greater understanding of what makes them them."

Sankey Valley Girlguiding Leader

"It's great to be here, to learn from one another and have that tolerance and that cultural intelligence to share."

Attendee at community event



Spotlight on Marine Society & Sea Cadets Heritage activities:

Sea Cadets launched two heritage activities on their Programmes Online system. These activities have been accessed by 600+ Sea Cadets instructors and cadets.

"Our project focused on carnival culture as it unified the heritage within our brownie unit.

Following an inspiring visit to the Beyond the Baseline exhibition held at the British Library, we explored the origins of Carnival, concluding that every country has a form of carnival in their history."

Forest Hill Brownies Leader

What does heritage mean to you?

"It helps us understand each other more, and we can learn more about ourselves."

"It helps build and solidify your knowledge of what's gone on through the years in your family and your associations."

**Historical - Culture - Exciting - Family - Amazing
Beneficial - Special - Informative - Passion - Ancestry**