

Are you Scotland's next heritage champion?

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Current members of the HLF Scotland Committee visiting a project

From the National Museum of Scotland to Lews Castle in Stornoway, from town parks to the striking natural landscapes of the Highlands, Scotland has a vibrant and diverse heritage and we need your help to continue making a real difference by joining the Heritage Lottery Fund's Scotland Committee.

Outgoing Committee member, Katrina Thomson, said: "Over the past six years, I've been privileged to share many hours of intelligent, wise and passionate discussion with my fellow Scottish Committee members. From peat bogs to paintings, we've poured over a remarkable range of projects from all corners of the nation. It's been fascinating and a wonderful learning experience."

HLF has a vacancy for three Committee members to decide on funding for the heritage that is so loved by local people and visitors alike. Successful candidates would join fellow decision makers to help us to open up our heritage for everyone to enjoy. Scotland has a vibrant heritage – from its museums, collections, parks and landscapes, to cultural histories and community memories – and HLF supports projects of every kind.

The Scotland committee is made up of people from a range of backgrounds, some of whom have professional expertise in heritage, others come from the community or voluntary sectors, or have experience in economic regeneration, tourism, education or commerce.

“We are looking for people who appreciate heritage and are passionate about promoting enjoyment and understanding of the incredible heritage that we have” says Colin McLean, Head of HLF Scotland. “Committee members are the local decision makers deciding where to invest money raised by National Lottery players. They also play an important role as advocates for heritage in their local area.”

HLF funding in Scotland has supported a vast array of projects over the past 21 years, investing £730million in over 3,600 projects. Recent highlights of the Scotland Committee include awarding major funding to upgrade paths in Scotland’s two National Parks, supporting community ambitions to turn the former prisoner of war camp at Cultybraggan into a thriving tourist centre and representing HLF at the launch of the restoration of a long lost Charles Rennie Mackintosh interior from Mrs Cranston’s Tearoom.

If you are considering applying and would like to learn more about the role, feel free to contact Lucy Casot, Head of HLF in Scotland for an informal discussion on 0131 240 1570 or email CasotL@hlf.org.uk.

HLF welcomes applications from people from black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, disabled people and young individuals who are currently less well represented across our committees.

Notes to editors

The Scotland committee is one of 12 across the UK. Each one meets four times a year. Chairs and members are normally appointed for three years in the first instance with the potential for a second term. The Committee is responsible for investing National Lottery Players’ money in projects ranging from £100,000 to £2million. They are assisted by the region’s staff of professional officers whose role it is to provide detailed or specialist advice, upon which the committee bases its decisions.

To hear committee members talk about their role visit our [Board and Committee recruitment page](#). Application materials are available on our [Committee vacancies page](#).

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