

Skills Training in the North East

Kielder Viaduct Heritage Project



Skills development, learning and participation are at the heart of the Kielder Viaduct Heritage Project.

The local community were keen to learn about the area's rich heritage but were struggling to know where to begin and lacked the skills to collate, manage and present relevant information.

HLF- funding resourced a project that has helped the community to create their own archive of photographs, documents, artefacts and personal reminiscences.

Volunteers are being trained in how to manage, maintain develop the archive, including training in oral history techniques, interpretation and online presentation.

Heritage Skills Fair

Over 8,500 people attended the 2013 Heritage Skills Festival held in the stunning surroundings of Tynemouth Station.

The event showcased the North East's heritage sector and provided opportunities for local people to meet heritage professionals and craftspeople working in their area. People could learn about the skills and materials needed to maintain a period property, learn about careers in the heritage sector and find out about courses, taster days, bursaries and qualifications in a wide range of traditional skills.

The festival was inundated with people wanting to find out more about traditional heritage skills, see craftspeople at work or have a go at learning a new skill themselves.



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