

# HOW TO TELL SCOTLAND'S STORIES IN JUST TWELVE MONTHS

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It's a busy day here in the [Dig It! 2015](#) office and we can't wait to share it with you. Just because we're in an office and not knee deep in mud, doesn't mean that our jobs are any less exciting! Trust me.

In case you haven't heard of us, Dig It! 2015 is a year-long celebration of Scottish archaeology, co-ordinated by the [Society of Antiquaries of Scotland](#) and [Archaeology Scotland](#). Two fantastic organisations, which are definitely worth checking out.



From kids taking over museums, and people exploring the story of their own local area, to digs, festivals, competitions, there are so many ways for people to get involved. We will also be exploring our past through song, art, performance and story-telling. It will be exciting, fun, grassroots and messy – just like archaeology and archaeologists.

But somebody has to set it all up! This means that the Dig It! 2015 team is always running around, meeting with organisations and individuals and coming up with fantastical new ideas to celebrate Scottish archaeology. Yup, “fantastical”. You heard me.



Today, we started off by catching up from yesterday's meeting in Glasgow. Two members of the team met with a Scots Language Development Officer at Education Scotland to discuss how they could get involved in Dig It! 2015. The resulting idea was the “Archaeology of Language” using two of our themes – Identities and Arrivals – to explore how the people who have settled in Scotland have left their mark on our language, through the words we use, the placenames we have and even our own surnames.

We also have a very interesting meeting next week, where we will start to combine archaeology with gaming, so we made sure that everyone was caught up on all of the details. This could be a great way to engage with young people who might not have thought about archaeology before now. What will come from the meeting? A game? An app? A lecture? Who knows!?

For lunch, we walked through the Meadows to Summerhall, which is a creative hub for the arts. We're currently working with various artists and theatre companies, and we are always looking to add something new to the programme. Again, this is a great way to engage with new audiences. After all, archaeology is for everyone!

Finally, we booked our tickets to Orkney. Orkney is pretty much bursting at the seams with Scottish archaeology, so we can't wait to visit! We'll be meeting with various organisations in order to find out what we can do for them. By helping them to raise awareness of their efforts, these organisations should be able to reach a wider audience, which will enable them to continue their important work.

Then it was time to head out, but even on our days off, we always have our eyes open for any potential project tie-ins. On Sunday, for example, one of our team members will be hosting an archaeology Wikipedia Edit-a-thon. An archaeologist's work is never done!

If any of you would like to get involved with Dig It! 2015, please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@digit2015.com](mailto:info@digit2015.com). It's going to be a great year!

