

# Light the North: Little Lights

## Education Programme

### Welcome

Ever since a pod of dolphins took over Aberdeen City centre in 2014, the people of the north-east have been captivated by various trails across the region. From children through to adults, there is something to inspire every individual to get outside and explore.

Our event partner, Wild in Art, has proven experience in bringing all parts of the community together and giving them a voice through art. They design programmes that resonate with children and young people, the outcomes providing a unique insight into the aspirations, hopes and dreams of future generations.

This year we are delighted to present the opportunity for you to become part of Light the North to inspire the north-east of Scotland and raise awareness and funds for the most significant cancer support charity in the region, CLAN Cancer Support.

### Why a Lighthouse?

- A lighthouse is a beacon in a storm.
- A lighthouse navigates you through troubled water.
- A lighthouse signifies hope.

These are all things that could be said about CLAN, the services that we provide and the impact we have on the lives of so many across the north east, Moray, Orkney and Shetland.

The symbol on the pin badge for CLAN Haven is a Lighthouse. Lighthouses are coastal and appropriately fit with the communities that we serve on the mainland through outreach and the island communities themselves.

2020 is Visit Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters. It is also anticipated that Aberdeen's new south harbour will open in autumn 2020.

CLAN Cancer Support supports over 2,500 people affected by cancer every year throughout north-east Scotland, Moray, Orkney and Shetland. We ensure that people have the emotional support, information and general help needed to ensure their wellbeing needs are taken care of at all stages of their cancer journey. To find out more about CLAN's services, please visit: <https://www.clanhouse.org>

### The Little Lights Education programme

Integral to the Lighthouse project is a Schools Engagement Programme that will run in conjunction with the trail. Schools are provided with a little lighthouse (1m tall) to decorate and display during the trail. The programme links to the Curriculum for Excellence with all participating schools provided with a pack of information that includes details for teachers on the theme and the charity involved.

In Autumn 2020, all the little lighthouses will be publicly exhibited in mini trail in clusters in local shopping and cultural centres for the duration of the event. They will complement and add real value to the main Light the North trail, showcasing the creativity of the north east future citizens, before being returned to your school at the end of the trail.

As a minimum, each participant school will receive a little lighthouse sculpture accompanied by a full curriculum linked Education Resource Pack; putting creativity at the heart of a programme of study designed to complement key stage specific teaching of numerous subjects including the **history and development of lighthouses, a link to the sea e.g. renewables and wide energy sector, and maritime, cell biology**. With CLAN's ambition to reach out to schools there will be a particular focus on reaching more rural areas.

The pack also includes resources that will enable schools to educate on health, diet and exercise and emotional well-being.

### **The Lighthouse sculpture – what does it include?**

- A little lighthouse sculpture – 1m tall.
- Web of ideas to encourage in-class creative thinking, mind-mapping, templates of lighthouse to explore pupils design ideas for the application of their design onto the lighthouse sculpture.
- Toolkit which focuses on key themes.
- Resources to link class activities to well-being with focus on diet and exercise which may help to prevent cancer.
- Suggestions as to how to use your involvement to fundraise for CLAN Cancer Support, an integral and treasured charity supporting people by cancer across the north east children, young people and families.
- A high-profile location for your lighthouse.

### **Timeline**

- October - Official 'Light the North' launch.
- November – January – Schools Register.
- March – Little lighthouses to be collected.
- May to July – Little lighthouses to be decorated and photographed.
- August – Little Lighthouses to be delivered to their location.
- September to November – Little lighthouses to be displayed.
- December – Little lighthouses returned to schools.

**Cost of little lighthouse sculpture:** £425 plus VAT.

### **Why should your school take part?**

Be part of this unique, exciting, high-profile art project that everyone will be talking about in 2020.

Be inspired, get creative and enhance your cross curricular working.

Fundraise for CLAN Cancer Support and support people affected by cancer across the north-east of Scotland, Moray, Orkney and Shetland.

## **Turn the Lights On! Time to fundraise...**

There are many creative ways to get involved. From sponsored swims, step challenges and bikeathons get involved and raise funds for CLAN in 2020.

Take part in the following little lights fundraising events:

- How far can you swim? Choose your style and distance and make a splash by getting sponsored by family and friends.
- A step up challenge? If you have ever hiked up a lighthouse you will know there are many steps. Set yourself a number and keep fit whilst raising funds.
- Why not host a little lights exhibition? Submit your winning photo and get the votes in for best categories that could include sea, land or light.
- Who doesn't like baking? Organise a little lights bake off and choose your star bakers.
- Throw a party! As it's the year of coast and water why not organise a dress up day?
- Pedal power your light and pounds! Organise a bikeathon and learn to be more energy sufficient at the same time.

As there are a limited number of sculptures available please register your interest to [lighthousekeeper@clanhouse.org](mailto:lighthousekeeper@clanhouse.org) as we don't want your school to miss out!

### **Quotes**

"We passionately believe in the power of the arts to shape and change lives. Empowering and nurturing confidence, creativity and skill; art across all disciplines has proven its positive impact on society, education, the economy and people."

**Charlie Langhorne, Founder of Wild in Art.**