

# OUR STORIES, YOUR CITY - SCHOOLS



Mercat Tours

Launching  
2023

Supporting young people most likely  
to suffer from lack of opportunity  
in Edinburgh.

- 1hr 5-star history tour
- FREE to students & school
- reflects curriculum subjects
- [click for more](#)





# STORIES ARE POWERFUL



**They make connections between people, places and the past.**

**Mercat Tours has helped connect people with Edinburgh through storytelling since 1985.**

**We believe in the power of shared cultural experiences to enhance wellbeing and human connections.**

**Now, we see the grip that both the pandemic and cost of living are having on the budgets of schools and households.**

**This prevents students from accessing off-campus activities, and their development, life-experience, learning and connection with their city all suffer.**

***Mercat Tours and our visitors have a plan to help.***





# STORIES CAN HEAL

This project will support young people most likely to suffer from lack of opportunity in Edinburgh.

Visitor donations will fund:

1hr history tour

linking with curriculum subjects;  
*history, social subjects, drama*

The educational experience will be free of charge to the school and students.







# MAKING CONNECTIONS



## **Inclusion and Equity**

*'The 'Our Stories, Your City' initiative provides an opportunity for our pupils to enjoy the rich cultural experiences our city has to offer with no cost barriers to consider.*

*This provides a real sense of equity for accessing school excursions making them accessible for all.*

Joan Daly,  
HT Holy Rood High School



*Click to play video*

## **Skills and Ambition**

*'Not only will it provide an opportunity to enjoy the wonderful cultural sites which our city has, but we feel it will go some way in raising their aspirations and developing the skills and confidence to become engaged in society as the new young workforce of the future.'*

James Campbell, Senior Development Officer

## OPPORTUNITY

- 40pax maximum = 2 groups
- 1hr private walking tour
- Late morning
- Jan – March, Nov – Dec
- Free to school
- 2 dates available per month

## CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

- State schools in EH catchment
- 40%+ of school population SIMD 1-3
- 'First come first served' basis
- Awarded at Mercat's discretion
- Apply to [groups@mercattours.com](mailto:groups@mercattours.com)

