

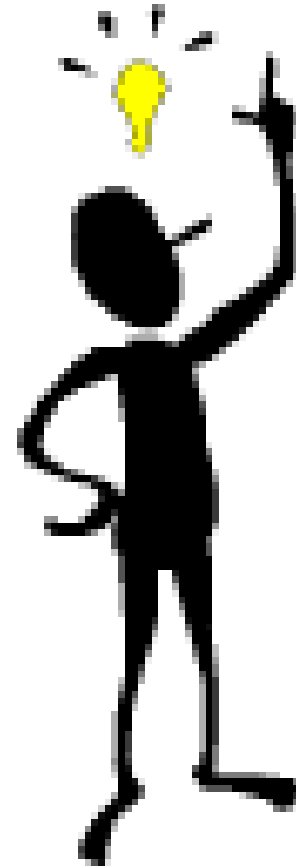
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YFA Trip to Scotland 2011.

By William Gallimore

Why did I choose Scotland.

- I chose the trip to Scotland as it was a short and interesting trip that was able to fit around my work commitments
- A part of the UK where I hadn't spent much time.
- I wanted to visit the Highland Show



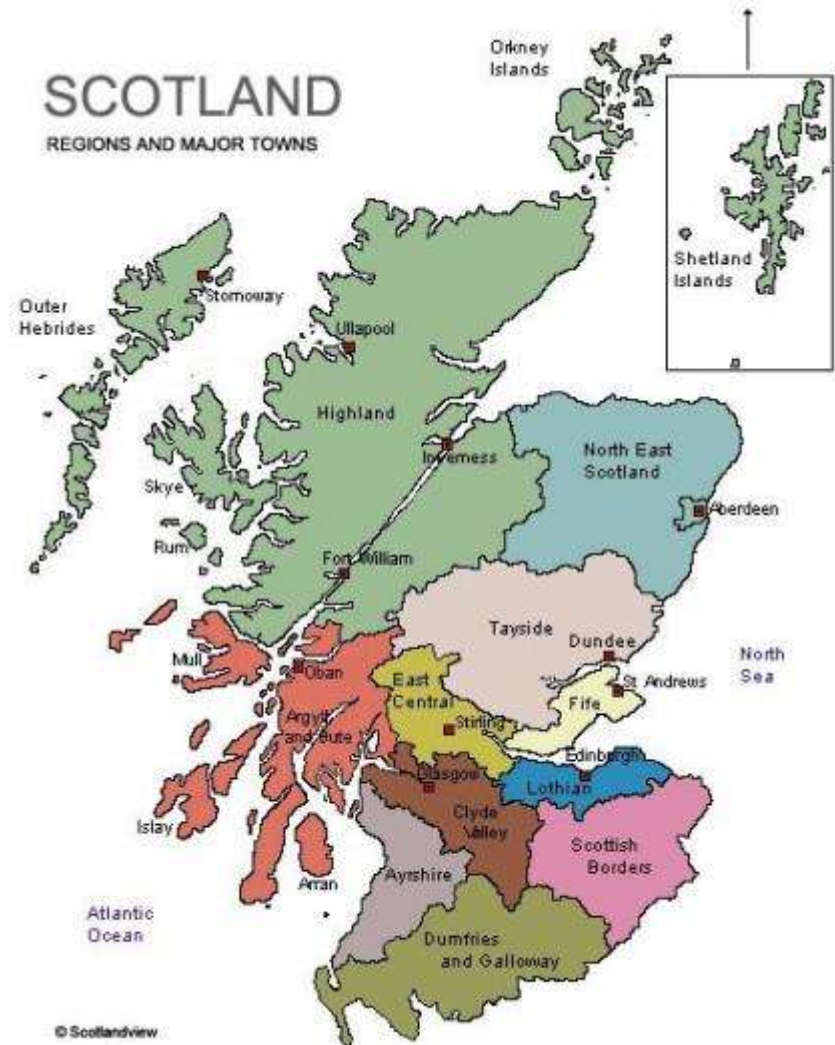
Scotland

- Population: 5.2 million.
- Capital: Edinburgh
- Huge variety in landscapes from mountains to lowlands to cities
- Agriculture plays a significant part in the Scottish economy
- It has a different judicial system to the rest of the UK.
- Not everybody is ginger although some people like my host Willy are!
- It's not all about tartan and shortbread.



Where and When?

- The YFA trip to Scotland 2011 was based around Edinburgh, Ayrshire and The Highland Show.
- It lasted for 2 weeks starting on the 13th June until the 26th June.



How did I get there?

- The easiest and cheapest way of travelling to Scotland with some clever choosing of tickets and routes is by train.
- Total cost of £85.
- You will not need a car.



What did we do?

- After arriving in Scotland the exchangees spent the first couple of days getting to know each other.
- Other exchangees came from England, Wales, Ireland, Finland, Tasmania, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and America.
- A diverse group of people but found we had lots in common!

Group photo in the Scottish Parliament Building.





The next stop..

- After 3 days in Edinburgh we all then moved on to a week homestay with members from Ayrshire young farmers.
- I stayed with the Bruce family and became a honorary member of New Cumnock YFC for the week!



What did I get up too on Homestay?

- Spent time on my host family's farm.
- Took part in New Cumnock YFC events.
- Visited many attractions.
- Took part in lots of activities.
- Made many new friends







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The last part of my trip

- The final 4 days of the trip were spent back in Edinburgh.
- Most days were centred around the Highland show.
- Fantastic event, especially for agriculture interests.
- Great social event with bars and balls.







Summary

- Its hard to show just how much fun we had and stuff we did!!
- I had a fantastic time!!
- Made many new friends with offers to stay all over the world.
- Had a barrel of laughs.
- Learnt many new things.
- Went outside of my usual boundaries.

My advice to YOU!

- Get yourself applied for a trip!
- Do a bit of research on where you are going.
- Go with an open mind.
- Do as much as you can.
- Have as much fun as you can.
- REMEMBER a CAMERA!!



Information

- Don't hesitate to contact me at waterlees@hotmail.co.uk to talk about my experiences.
- Talk to your local YFA representative or county office.