



About RHET Clyde

RHET Clyde supports schools and youth groups across North and South Lanarkshire and Glasgow with projects and topics on food, farming and the countryside.

Farm Visits & Classroom Talks

In addition to FREE risk-assessed farm visits we have a network of trained classroom speakers who can visit your school for bespoke classroom sessions.

A RHET farm visit can be an exciting way to enhance a classroom topic and is a fantastic opportunity for hands-on experiential learning outdoors.

Early Year Resources Box

This resource is available for a 2 week loan to nurseries and P1s. The box is full of games, puppets, dressing up outfits — all themed around farming.

To book a farm visit, classroom talk or to borrow the Early Years Resources Box please email clyde@rhet.org.uk



Upcoming Free Food & Farming Day in Lanark

RHET Clyde will be running a free event at **Lanark Agricultural Centre** on **Wednesday 7th November 2018** for Lanark schools and **Thursday 8th November** for Glasgow schools.

This event demonstrates a range of activities related to food and farming facilitated by local farmers and volunteers. Sessions will include dairy, sheep and beef production, auctioneering, butchery, sheep shearing, tractors and vegetables.

Sponsored by the Scottish Government (Food and Drink Industry Division), these events are designed to give pupils a better understanding of where their food comes from and an insight into local food production and the Scottish countryside.

Your bus will be sponsored by us, via funding from the government; all you need to provide is a packed lunch for the children.

Pupils arrive from 10.15am for a 10.30am start and the event will run until 2pm.



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Coltness HS Farm Visit

Coltness High School in Wishaw made good use of farmer **Archie Ballantyne** and **Sara Smith** from head office on a farm visit.

The S4 hospitality class were covering the 'health and food technology' unit of their studies and headed out to **Auchenheath Farm** to look at food production and food miles.



Sara talked to them about the problem of growing food in Britain including contemporary food issues. The teacher Gillian Forrest said, "The purpose of our visit was to give pupils an insight into food production and the issues. Pupils were surprised at the amount of work that goes into producing milk.

Sara's talk built on their prior knowledge of factory farming. The trip was fantastic as it brought to life what the pupils have been discussing in the classroom."



First HS visit for Auchmeddan Farm



Jim Struthers of **Auchmeddan Farm** near Lesmahagow enjoyed his first secondary school trip to the farm.

A long standing farm host Jim had only had primary children out before but an increasing number of secondary schools are taking visits with RHET Clyde.

Jim welcomed the S3 science class from **Smithycroft Secondary** from the centre of Glasgow to his dairy farm where he went through the mechanics of growing grass, fertilisers, select breeding and food production.

The school enjoyed one of the best days of sunshine we had and went out to the field to see the dairy cows outside on the first day of the summer weather.





Food & Farming Day 2017

Nearly 200 Glasgow P6/7 children visited our joint Food and Farming Day at **Pollok Park** in Glasgow in May.



They worked round workstations including dairy, beef, vegetable and sheep production,



sheepdog trials, Clydesdale horses, tractors and wildlife crime.

Many thanks to Pollok Country Park in Glasgow for sponsoring this joint event.

Wendy Etherington from Annette Street PS said, *“The learning was relevant to many areas of the curriculum and could be developed in various ways in the classroom. The day could be used as a starting point for a topic on food and farming or on completion of a period of learning as a form of consolidation and assessment.”*



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Royal Highland Show 2018

This year **6,400 pupils** attended the Show on the Thursday and Friday through the school booking programme.

A total of **229 schools** took part in talks, tastings and trying their hands at farming technology during their trip. Groups were also offered tour stewards to guide them around the show.

The dates for the next Royal Highland Show are **20-23 June 2019**. Booking will be available in the first quarter of 2019 via the RHET website: www.rhet.org.uk

Food & Farming Day 2019

Also coming up is our next **Pollok Park, Glasgow Food and Farming Day**. The potential dates for this are **22nd and 23rd May 2019**. Again this is aimed at P6/7 pupils Glasgow pupils only so if you'd like to apply for your class to come, please contact clyde@rhet.org.uk.

In this case the buses are paid via Class Connections and is one of your Glasgow council school allocations, so you would apply in the normal process through them.

Farm Visit Add-ons

A farm visit takes up half your day, but where could you go for the other half to build on what you learned?

Our suggestions are:

- Your **local Tesco superstore** to learn about the food chain
- **Tollcross Children's Farm**, Glasgow, educational tours (suitable for nurseries and lower school)
- **Galloway & MacLeod**, Stonehouse, grain store tour
- **Bartletts in Airdrie**, vegetable processing unit

Available Bus Funding

Limited bus funding is available from **Lanark & District Rotary** who have donated money towards buses for Lanark schools going on farm visits. **For any of this funding please email clyde@rhet.org.uk.**

Help Support RHET Clyde!

RHET Clyde is a charity and we can only deliver farm visits and talks due to the generosity of funding including self-funding.

Should you wish to have a Food and Farming Week or Dress as a Farmer day, then please let us know and see if we can help.

Even if each child donated £1, it would go a long way to delivering our aims.

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