

# Saddleshworth Museum Learning

*Hands-on History to Inspire, Engage & Create*



## Primary School Workshops

Inspired by the museum's interactive displays our cross curricular workshops bring learning to life through exploring historical artefacts, role play and making. Sessions last 1.5 hrs (45 mins for Early Years) and are delivered by Learning Officers and Facilitators in the Museum and Gallery.

### Let's Rock! **KS1&2 (£80)**

Travel back to prehistoric Saddleshworth in this hands on workshop and explore local rocks and fossils that have shaped our landscape both now and in the past. Pupils will explore and identify rocks and their uses, make a replica local fern fossil to take back to class and rock out to our fossil rocks song!

### Prehistory - From Stone to Metal **KS1&2 (£80)**

Explore the people, objects, and everyday life in prehistory. Through hands-on activities with real prehistoric artefacts from the museum collection pupils discover life during the Mesolithic, Neolithic & Bronze Age in Britain. They also carry out a mock 'excavation' and make a replica prehistoric pot.

### The Romans Round Here **KS2 (£80)**

Hands on sessions inspired by our collection of Roman artefacts from Castleshaw Roman Fort in Saddleshworth. Pupils will explore what life was like 2000 years ago in the forts there. Following a brief talk about the fort and Roman Britain in general, pupils will get hands-on experience with Roman Pottery – cataloguing and describing like an archaeologist, to follow a museum trail, and to play Roman games and pastimes.

### The Rushcart Tradition **KS1&2 (£80)**

Discover holiday traditions and celebrations from the past in this local history workshop. Through a carousel of activities pupils find out about the origins of the Rushcart Festival in the Northwest, the local Wakes Week holiday, Morris Dancing and Victorian holidays. Pupils also make a Skedlock cart stick to take home.

### Victorian Days **KS1&2 (£80)**

Children will get to grips with the trials of life and work as a Victorian child in this immersive workshop inspired by our Victorian Parlour room, Kitchen and mill machinery. Experience Victorian home life with a hands-on Washday routine and explore what it was like to work as a child in the local textile mills. Pupils will see the infamous Dobcross Loom and make their own simple looms and weaving.

### Toys and Games in the Past **KS1 (£80)**

Compare toys and games, past and present in this active workshop. Pupils will discover traditional and Victorian games in a carousel of activities including a..... trail around our Victorian Parlour, Victorian Skipping song, mastering skills with traditional hand held toys and making a Thaumatrope optical illusion spinning toy.

## The Wonder of Wool **KS1&2 (£100)**

Discover the local ancient craft and trade of wool spinning and weaving in this multi sensory art, science and history workshop. Explore our cottage industry room set, noisy machinery, textile displays and hear about the “stinky” story behind our curious ‘Lant Jar’. Pupils will be inspired to create their own piece of woollen artwork for the classroom to recount the stages in woollen textile production using local woollen fibres and felt making techniques.

## Homefront Histories **KS2 (£80)**

Inspired by our WW2 displays pupils will gain insight into life at home in Oldham and Saddleworth during WW2. Pupils take part in an ARP role play and find out about prisoners of war in our locality and how local people helped towards the war effort. Discover Saddleworth stories including the cooperative work of the Greenfield Busy Bees and fundraising efforts to buy 2 Spitfire fighter planes. Pupils will have a go at creating their own WW2 propaganda campaign with creative badge making.

## Local Significant People – Ammon Wrigley and His World **KS1&2 (£80)**

Explore the life of our local Victorian poet, historian, archaeologist and artist, Ammon Wrigley who escaped the toil of working every day in the local textile mills through his explorations of the local landscape, his art and poetry. Through the museum’s archives and objects pupils will research local history through Ammon’s world – the toils of working in the local textile industry, the discovery of ancient and Roman finds and his legacy as a successful poet in his time. Pupils will make a commemorative ‘fan club’ badge incorporating amusing dialect words and phrases to take back to class.

## Local Significant People – Annie Kenney and Her World **KS2 (£80)**

Explore the life of our local Victorian Suffragette, Annie Kenney who became the only working class leader in the Women’s Social and Political Union. Pupils will hear about Annie’s early life and family and how she later helped fight for equal rights across the United Kingdom. Through photos and museum displays pupils will be inspired to write an acrostic poem about her life and make an Annie Kenney badge to commemorate the Suffragette movement and the first votes for women.

## Cottontail the Caterpillar **EYFS (£40 Max 12 children. Adult ratio 1:3 under 3yrs & 1:2 for 3-4yrs)**

Meet Cottontail as we go on a multi-sensory discovery trail around the museum. Our soft and friendly caterpillar helps us look and find lots of different materials sewn along his body in displays around the museum with nursery rhymes and Morris Men jingles along the way!

## **Loan Boxes available: (£20 for a 3 week loan)**

‘Victorians’ and ‘Saddleworth History in 20 Objects’

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