

# The World Around Us

## Key Stages 1 and 2

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The organisations and websites below provide useful information for any study of the local environment. Many provide support for Key Stages 1 and 2, and some also focus on Foundation Stage or Key Stage 3.

<b>General:</b>	
Local Council	Waste management, community safety, tourist information, museums, parks, recreation (sport) are services that may be provided by a local council. Most councils will have a schools liaison officer who will help with any enquiries.
Linenhall Library 17 Donegall Square North Belfast BT1 5GB 028 9032 1707 <a href="http://www.linenhall.com">www.linenhall.com</a>	The Linenhall library is a subscription library. It holds archive maps, newspapers and literature about localities.
Library Service / Local Studies Libraries  SELB Irish and Local Studies Library 39c Abbey Street Armagh. BT61 7EB 028 37527851  SEELB - Local Studies Department, Library Headquarters, Ballynahinch, Co. Down. BT24 8DH 028 9756 6400  NEELB 5 Pat's Brae Ballymena BT43 5AX 028 2563 3950	A great place to start any research into the local area. Many local studies libraries contain information that may be useful, including local newspapers.

<p>BELB Belfast Central Library - Belfast Ulster and Irish Studies Royal Avenue Belfast BT1 1 EA 028 9050 9199</p> <p>WELB Fermanagh Hall's Lane ENNISKILLEN Co Fermanagh BT74 7DR</p> <p>Tyrone 1 Spillars Place OMAGH Co Tyrone BT78 1HL <b>028 8224 4821</b></p> <p>Londonderry 35 Foyle Street LONDONDERRY BT48 6AL <b>028 7127 2310</b></p>	
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<b>Environment:</b>	
<p>Action Renewables <a href="http://www.wiseuptorenewables.com">www.wiseuptorenewables.com</a></p>	<p>Action Renewables is the leading organisation in Northern Ireland in the promotion and development of renewable energy. Their website provides a range of resources and activities for pupils.</p>
<p>Bryson Charitable Group <a href="http://www.brysongroup.org">www.brysongroup.org</a></p>	<p>Bryson Charitable Group is the new name of Bryson House. They run a number of projects to protect and conserve the local environment</p> <p><a href="http://www.brysoncgeducation.org">www.brysoncgeducation.org</a> provides information on energy, recycling, the environment and built heritage.</p> <p><a href="http://www.brysonrecycling.co.uk">www.brysonrecycling.co.uk</a> details how schools can get involved in recycling.</p>

<p>Environmental Protection Agency Johnstown Castle Estate Co. Wexford 00353 539160600 <a href="http://www.epa.ie">www.epa.ie</a></p>	<p>The Environmental Protection Agency of Ireland ensures that its environment is protected, and also monitors changes in environmental trends to detect early warning signs of neglect or deterioration.</p> <p>On their website, click on 'Research and Education' to access practical activities on waste, pollution and the environment.</p>
<p>ENFO 17 St. Andrew Street Dublin 2 00353 18882001 <a href="http://www.enfo.ie">www.enfo.ie</a></p>	<p>ENFO is Ireland's public information service on environmental matters, including sustainable development.</p> <p>Their website contains free materials and posters about Irish wildlife, habitats, pollution and the environment.</p>
<p>Environmental Education Forum 89 Loopland Drive Belfast BT6 9DW <a href="http://www.eefni.org.uk">www.eefni.org.uk</a></p>	<p>This is a networking organisation that promotes a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of environmental education in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Their website provides links to other environmental education and education for sustainable development agencies in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Their newsletter, 'LEEF', is distributed to schools and can be accessed in the publications section of the website.</p>
<p>Northern Ireland Environment Agency <a href="http://www.ni-environment.gov.uk/">www.ni-environment.gov.uk/</a></p>	<p>Follow links to the education section.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ni-environment.gov.uk/built.htm">www.ni-environment.gov.uk/built.htm</a> 'Monuments &amp; Building Record' has databases of listed buildings and monuments in each council area.</p>
<p>Forests and Trees:  Forest Service Northern Ireland Dundonald House Upper Newtownards Road Belfast BT4 3SB 02890 524480 <a href="http://www.forestserviceni.gov.uk">www.forestserviceni.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>The service's website has a useful education and publication sections.</p>
<p>Woodland Trust</p>	<p>The Woodland Trust is the UK's leading woodland</p>

<a href="http://www.woodland-trust.org.uk">www.woodland-trust.org.uk</a>	<p>conservation charity. Their website contains useful information and resources for schools in their 'Learning is fun' section.</p>
<p>Tree Council of Ireland  <a href="http://www.treecouncil.ie">www.treecouncil.ie</a></p>	<p>The Tree Council of Ireland promotes the planting, care and conservation of trees in both urban and rural areas. Their website's publication section has free resources that can be used in schools.</p>

<h2>History:</h2>	
<p>Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)  <a href="http://www.proni.gov.uk/">www.proni.gov.uk/</a></p> <p>66 Balmoral Avenue, Belfast,  BT9 6NY</p>	<p>PRONI's information leaflets provide useful information on researching local history and topics. Street directories, maps, census material are also available for study. Street directories will soon be available online.</p> <p>On the website you can find out more about some of the documents it holds.</p> <p>Photo Collections include :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooper – Co. Tyrone, Donegal, mills, factories, harvesting, railways</li> <li>• Allison – Co. Armagh, buildings, churches, shops, schools, country houses from early 1900s to World War 2</li> <li>• Henderson – Co. Tyrone &amp; Donegal, especially around Newtownstewart</li> <li>• Annesley – focuses mainly on Newcastle and Castlewellan</li> <li>• Lawrence – Antrim Coast, Giant's Causeway, churches, street scenes</li> </ul>
<p>Local Church/Parish/Ecclesiastical records</p>	<p>Local churches may have produced a history to commemorate a significant anniversary. Check with local clergy if records are available. They may be held by the church or deposited in PRONI.</p>
<p>Local Historical Studies</p>	<p>Historical societies can provide extremely useful information when gathering information about the local area. The following website lists historical societies in</p>

	<p>Northern Ireland with contact details.</p> <p><a href="http://www.fuls.org.uk/fulsmembers.html">www.fuls.org.uk/fulsmembers.html</a></p>
<p>National Archives Bishop Street Dublin 8 <a href="http://www.nationalarchives.ie">www.nationalarchives.ie</a></p>	<p>Their website holds the 1901 and 1911 censuses on a searchable database.</p>
<p>National Library of Ireland Kildare Street Dublin 2 <a href="http://hip.nli.ie/#focus">http://hip.nli.ie/#focus</a></p>	<p>On the website, follow the link to the photographic databases and online catalogue. Photos from the Lawrence collection may be viewed of many locations in Northern Ireland.</p>
<p>War memorials</p> <p>Ulster War Memorials <a href="http://www.ulsterwarmemorials.net/index.html">www.ulsterwarmemorials.net/index.html</a></p> <p>UK National Inventory of War Memorials <a href="http://www.ukniwm.org.uk">www.ukniwm.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Local war memorials provide invaluable information on a town's history and demonstrates how local history links with national and international events.</p> <p>A personal website detailing public memorials.</p> <p>This site is supported by the Imperial War Museum and contains a searchable database including memorials in buildings.</p>
<p>Ulster Place Name Society <a href="http://www.ulsterplacenames.org">www.ulsterplacenames.org</a></p>	<p>This society researches the origins of local place names.</p> <p>In the Street-Names Project section, a brief guide on town names is available, as are street names for some council wards.</p>
<p><b>Ulster Historical Foundation</b> 30 Waring Street BELFAST BT1 2ED 028 9033 2288 <a href="http://www.ancestryireland.com">www.ancestryireland.com</a></p>	<p>The Ulster Historical Foundation website contains information about a number of projects, including, the History from Headstones project. Sections of the website require payment for access. It also contains links to free websites where research has been carried out in the Ballymoney, Bready, Ballymagorry and Newry &amp; Mourne areas.</p>
<p>Northern Ireland Libraries.net <a href="http://www.ni-libraries.net/virtual/">http://www.ni-libraries.net/virtual/</a></p>	<p>The site includes virtual exhibitions based around the Centre for Migration Studies, Homefront Recall and Marcus Ward and Vere Foster which may aid examination of how children were taught in the past.</p>
<p>Blue plaques</p>	<p>A very physical reminder of the history of an area is the</p>

	<p>blue plaque. This scheme commemorates where people of interest lived and worked in the past.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ulsterhistory.co.uk/index.htm">www.ulsterhistory.co.uk/index.htm</a> lists the blue plaques that have been erected in Northern Ireland.</p>
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<b>Geography:</b>	
<p>Geological Survey of Northern Ireland Stranmillis Court Malone Lower Belfast BT9 5BF <a href="http://www.bgs.ac.uk/gсни">www.bgs.ac.uk/gсни</a></p>	<p>When studying rocks and landscape features, this organisation can provide a range of resources to help, including maps.</p> <p>The website contains links to the British Geological Survey and a map of Northern Ireland showing types of quarries and their location: <a href="http://www.bgs.ac.uk/GeolIndex/index.htm">http://www.bgs.ac.uk/GeolIndex/index.htm</a></p>
<p>Marble Arch Caves <a href="http://www.marblearchcaves.net">www.marblearchcaves.net</a></p>	<p>Download the tour booklet and click on a map to see photos of parts of the caves.</p>
<p>Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland</p> <p>Archive maps: Colby House, Stranmillis Court, Belfast. 028 9025 5743</p> <p>Current maps : Lincoln Buildings, 27-45 Great Victoria St, Belfast BT2 7SL 028 9025 1515</p>	<p>Maps may be used in a number of ways, and are useful to develop children's skills. Archive maps of the locality may be useful to examine streets that have existed for a number of years and features and buildings that may have disappeared.</p>

<b>Transport:</b>	
<p>Flight Experience <a href="http://www.theflightexperience.com/portal.aspx">www.theflightexperience.com/portal.aspx</a></p>	<p>The Flight Experience website supports Bombardier's education programme for schools in Northern Ireland.</p>
<p>Roads:</p>	
<p>Roads Service Northern Ireland</p>	<p>On their website's 'Road Improvements' section, there</p>

<a href="http://www.roadsni.gov.uk">www.roadsni.gov.uk</a>	are lists of all consultations and details of new roads being built.
Northern Ireland Roads Site <a href="http://www.wesleyjohnston.com/roads">www.wesleyjohnston.com/roads</a>	This site examines the history of Northern Ireland roads and displays photos that may be useful to show before, during or after road improvements have taken place.
Ulster Folk and Transport Museum 153 Bangor Rd, Holywood, County Down BT18 0EU 028 90428428 <a href="http://www.uftm.org.uk">www.uftm.org.uk</a>	Ulster Folk and Transport Museum holds the D. B. McNeill Transport Archive which holds many historic local timetables for bus and rail

## Architecture and Built Environment:

National Trust <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk">www.nationaltrust.org.uk</a>	This charity is responsible for conservation of a wide range of historical houses, buildings and gardens in Northern Ireland.  On the website, follow links for 'Local to You' and 'Northern Ireland'.
Ulster Architectural Heritage Society 66 Donegall Pass Belfast BT7 1BU 028 9055 0213 <a href="http://www.uahs.co.uk">www.uahs.co.uk</a>	The Ulster Architectural Heritage Society works to preserve the history and beauty of Northern Ireland's historic buildings.  'Looking Back, Moving Forward' is a useful resource, examining local houses from the past up to the present. It can be downloaded from the society's website in the 'Resources' section.

## Industry:

Linen and Flax History:  Irish Linen Centre and Lisburn Museum <a href="http://www.lisburncity.gov.uk/irish-linen-centre-and-lisburn-">www.lisburncity.gov.uk/irish-linen-centre-and-lisburn-</a>	The museum has lots of information about the linen industry in Northern Ireland.
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<a href="#">museum/</a>	
Northern Ireland Tourist Board <a href="http://www.discovernorthernireland.com">www.discovernorthernireland.com</a>	A good website for an investigation into tourism in Northern Ireland, its links to employability and the areas which heavily promote tourism.  Local councils may also have established tourist boards where you may find information about your local area.

<b>Wildlife:</b>	
ECOS Centre Kernohan's Lane Broughshane Road Ballymena BT43 7QA 028 2566 4400 <a href="http://www.ballymena.gov.uk/ecos/index.asp">www.ballymena.gov.uk/ecos/index.asp</a>	Details animals found in the area, opening times and links to environmental organisations.
BBC Schools Northern Ireland <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/northernireland/schools">www.bbc.co.uk/northernireland/schools</a>	This website provides interactive activities and information about elements of the locality. Topics include Nendrum, famine, food. It also has a 'top trumps' game based on the living things in our environment.
Birds:  Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Northern Ireland Headquarters Belvoir Park Forest Belfast BT8 7QT 028 9049 1547  <a href="http://www.rspb.org.uk/northernireland">www.rspb.org.uk/northernireland</a>	Contains information about birds found in Northern Ireland.  <a href="http://www.rspb.org.uk/youth/">http://www.rspb.org.uk/youth/</a> The youth section in the society's website contains useful information for pupils.
Birdwatch Ireland <a href="http://www.birdwatchireland.ie">www.birdwatchireland.ie</a>	BirdWatch Ireland is involved in a wide range of conservation work related to birds and their habitats in Ireland.  On their website, they have a 'Kids Zone' containing useful information for children.

## **Sport:**

Sports Council  
House of Sport  
2a Upper Malone Road  
Belfast BT9 5LA  
**028 90 381222**  
[www.sportni.net](http://www.sportni.net)

The Sports Council promotes the provision and participation of sports across Northern Ireland. Their website contains details of local sports organisations, to aid investigation into the history of sport in an area.

Local sports clubs are also useful sources of local information.

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