

# COMMUNITY LEARNING EXCHANGE

## FUNDED OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT & LEARN

Have you got an idea for your Men's Shed but aren't sure how to go about it? Don't want to reinvent the wheel?

The Community Learning Exchange is an opportunity for Sheds to visit fellow Sheds or community groups and learn from their experience.

The programme funds 100% of travel and subsistence expenses (up to £750) including a fee for the host organisation that you want to visit. Funding is also available to develop and deliver a virtual learning experience.

Hundreds of communities have already taken advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

### Interested?

**Step One:** Contact your Network Member, the Scottish Men's Sheds Association to discuss your proposal

**Step Two:** If your proposal is endorsed by the SMSA, apply online at [www.localpeopleleading.co.uk](http://www.localpeopleleading.co.uk)

For more information on the Learning Exchange, please contact Amanda at:  
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'The application process was extremely straightforward. As a Shed member, the first step was making contact with the SMSA where our proposal to visit Aboyne & District Men's Shed was quickly endorsed. Within less than two weeks of applying, we heard the fantastic news that our application had been successful and we are very much looking forward to our trip next month.'

**Dunfermline Men's Shed**

'We all admitted that interacting with other Sheds is something we should try to do more of! It is all too easy to stick to your own Shed but this networking and sharing of ideas is key for success.'

**Dunoon Men's Shed**

'Through the Learning Exchange Programme, we used our grant to visit Sheds in Barrhead, the Wee County, Westhill and Inverurie to 'steal' ideas from them. After all, there is no point in reinventing wheels when a tried and tested model works well.'

**Garnock Valley Men's Shed**

To be eligible, your Shed must be a member of the Scottish Men's Sheds Association. This opportunity is a membership benefit through the SMSA's partnership with the Scottish Community Alliance.

SMSA Shed members should contact the SMSA Administrator in the first instance at:

[admin@scottishmsa.org.uk](mailto:admin@scottishmsa.org.uk)

or call

**07465 202 834**

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