

The David Livingstone Trust / David Livingstone Centre



The David Livingstone Trust (DLT) was entrusted in 1930 with the ownership of the David Livingstone Centre at Blantyre, which includes the Listed Building of his birth, surrounding parkland, and the 2,000 piece David Livingstone collection. DLT is charged through its constitutional documents with keeping alive the name and memory of David Livingstone at the site of his birth by making it available to the public, and providing an interesting, educational and enjoyable cultural experience.

The Trust, in partnership with the National Trust for Scotland, South Lanarkshire Council and in consultation with the local community, developed the Birthplace Project in 2014, aimed at showcasing the remarkable life and heritage of David Livingstone (1813 – 1873) as a powerful story that sets Scotland in a global context and presents a compelling universal example of what each of us can achieve – and what we have to offer the world.

Through urgently needed conservation and re-interpretation of the historic buildings and unique collections that comprise Livingstone's birthplace, DLT will create a museum with a mission to inspire social justice and personal achievement. It will use Livingstone's journey from poor millworker to global figure to help all of us build the vision and capacity to change our world.

Set within the historic context of Livingstone's Birthplace, the aim for the collection will be to conserve and interpret internationally significant heritage; to create a dynamic new destination; to be a centre for research and deliver learning and public programmes to support education, community regeneration and international development.