

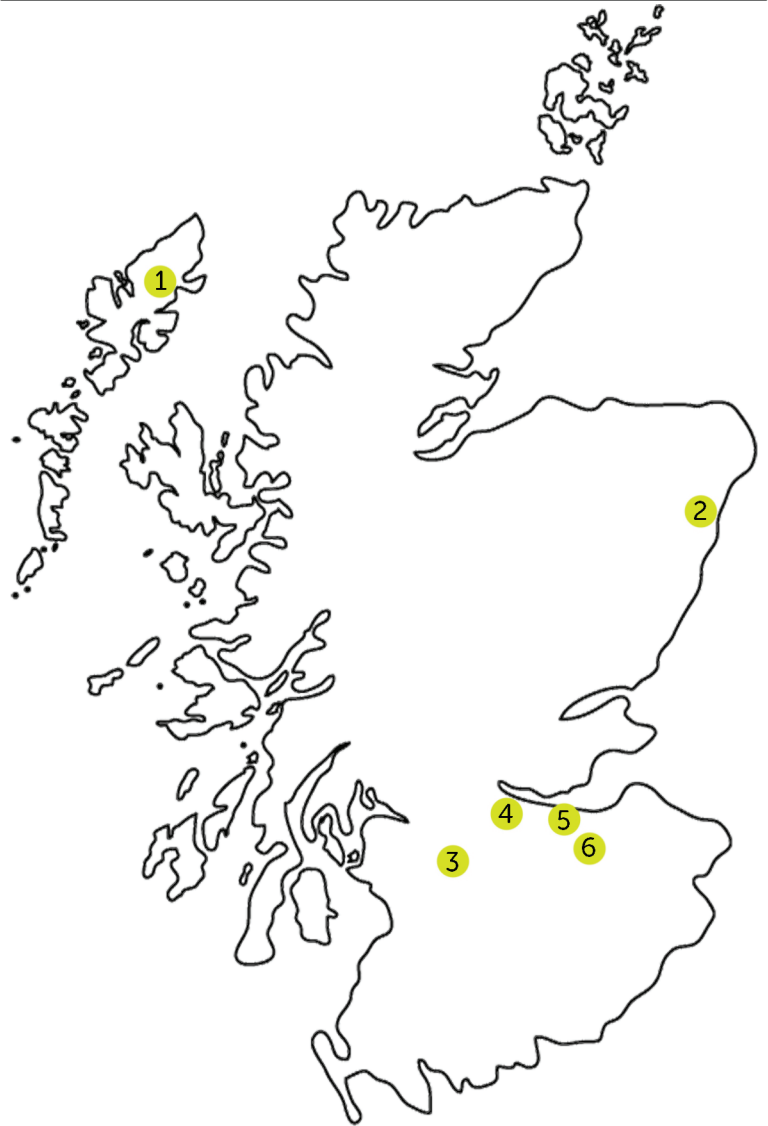
# ME + US INVESTIGATOR ISSUE 1

## About Children's Parliament >

Everyone (including children!) has the right to an opinion + the Children's Parliament wants to know what children think and feel about their lives. We are an organisation that works with children to find out what it is like to grow up in Scotland and to hear all the brilliant ideas children have for making it even better. In all Children's Parliament projects, we use the creative arts - from painting and papier-mache to photography - to explore different topics and ideas. Then, using these works of Art, the Children's Parliament provide children the opportunity to talk with adults about the things that are really important to them.

## About Me+Us >

You have been invited to take part in the next Children's Parliament project! Welcome to the Me+Us Investigation Team. Over the next few months we will meet four times to talk about who we are and what it means to be Scottish. This will include positive things like heritage, identity and national history, and negative things, like stereotypes, prejudice and sectarianism. When we meet we will be using photography and collage to document our ideas and discussions. Ultimately, each member of the Investigation Team will produce a life-size self-portrait that expresses who they are and what they believe. These self portraits will then be exhibited locally and nationally to let other people know what it's like to be a child in Scotland.



Your group will be working simultaneously with 5 other Me+Us local investigation teams. These teams are based in:

1. Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Stornoway Primary School
2. Aberdeen City, Dyce Primary School
3. South Lanarkshire, Auchinraith Primary/Calderside Academy
4. West Lothian, Winchburgh Primary/Holy Family RC Primary
5. City of Edinburgh, St. Mary's RC Primary
6. Midlothian, Dalkeith/St. David's High School

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## Investigation pack >

Your brand new, limited edition Investigation pack has been designed to help you collect objects, memories and thoughts. These will make up the core of your Me+Us investigations.



Tote Bag



Sketchbook



I.D. Badge

## Who you will be working with >



Chelsea has been working for the Children's Parliament for a few years now. She is passionate about children's rights and believes that with your help we can make Scotland the best place for children to grow up. Chelsea has a degree in Art History and she is really looking forward to chatting, creating and working with you during the Me+Us project.

Ross is an Artist and believes that Art is a great conversation starter. He has joined Children's Parliament specially for the Me+Us project and he is super excited to begin working with you on your portraits. He makes videos and photographs about landscape and people and he is really looking forward to hearing what you have to say and seeing how you choose to say it.

We will be seeing you soon, but if you want to contact us before then we can be reached at the Children's Parliament Offices, Summerhall Square, Edinburgh, EH9 1PF or email us at [chelsea@childrensparliament.org.uk](mailto:chelsea@childrensparliament.org.uk) / [ross@childrensparliament.org.uk](mailto:ross@childrensparliament.org.uk) or call us on 0131 558 9030.

## First Session >

Each session will take place in your school and during the school day. The first Me+Us session will be concentrating on the 'Me' in Me+Us. We will be discussing 'what makes me, Me?' and how am I different from you.

For our first Me+Us session you should prepare to bring 5 small objects and 5 personal photographs. While selecting these 10 I.D. items we would like you to include:

- an item from when you were wee.
- an item that reminds you of a special place.
- one that represents a favourite person.
- an item that you would share with others.
- one that is just for you.
- one that represents your family.

The other four items (whether you choose photographs or objects) are completely up to you, have a think about how you would like to discuss your items during our first session. You might want to use your sketchbook to make some notes or draw out a diagram of what these items mean to you. Remember to bring your pack and items to your first session!

Meeting up to  
**ME**xplore how you  
+ I  
**US**nderstand ourselves +  
Scotland!

## Activity >

You might want to try making an acrostic poem. You could use any word you like. We made one using 'Me+Us', but you could use your name, your school, your town or your favourite Scot's word like 'numpty' or 'cranachan' or 'shlep!' Use your sketchbook and play with some words. Have fun.