

5 DYNAMIC DUNDEE - HISTORY OF A CITY (AN411-2004)

For many years now staff in libraries and the Education Department have been aware of the lack of local history material aimed at young people. Two members of the Communities Department together with a colleague from the Education Department recently submitted a Heritage Lottery Fund application for funding to produce a history of Dundee which is of high quality, accessible to young people and fun. The bid was successful and a grant of £50,000 has been awarded.

The book has a working title of Dynamic Dundee and the team are aiming for something similar to the Horrible Histories Series of books which are hugely popular with young people because of their fun approach to history.

In addition to a book, the project aims to produce a CD-rom complementing the contents of the book and containing worksheet and related activities which will meet the requirements of the 5-14 curriculum and will be used by Education and Communities staff. Also, extracts from the book and information about the project will be available on the Council website.

The book and the CD-rom will be made available free to libraries and schools but will also be sold in bookshops and local heritage sites both locally and further afield.