

Free Resources For Families Educating At Home

This list has been put together for the Home Educating community, by the Home Educating community.

Please be aware, the internet changes fast & what was an active link could now be a dead link, or worse, lead to a site you would not wish your child to visit. We strongly recommend you check each link before allowing your child to visit any of the websites.

Please feel free to contact me to let me know of any broken links, or to suggest links to add to the list: lynnseddonhs@gmail.com

Online Home Education Support Groups:

Local:

BONEHEDS –

We are a group of families who teach our children at home. We offer community support to all families who are home-educating (or who are considering home-education) in Bolton, Lancashire and the surrounding districts.

List owner- Lynn.

Send request and quick intro via: -

BONEHEDS-owner@yahoogroups.co.uk

MADCOW –

Manchester And District Communication Of what's on.

List owners Lesley and Tracy.

Send request and quick intro via: -

MADCOW_Group-owner@yahoogroups.com

LEAD –

Initially a place for creating an awareness of home based education in Lancashire.

List owners Kath & Pam.

Send request and quick intro via: -

LEAD_HE-owner@yahoogroups.com

National:

HE-Exams-GCSE-A_AS_Levels-OU-Others

This group is for home educating families who have children who wish to take GCSEs. The intention is to share information, resources and experience.

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Organisational Helps:

Donna Young:

Free homeschool planners, free printable resources for home, homeschooling, and school, tips, lesson plans, book reviews, calendars etc

<http://donnayoung.org/index.htm>

Full Curriculum:

Ambleside Online:

Ambleside Online, a free homeschool curriculum designed to be as close as possible to the curriculum that Charlotte Mason used in her own private and correspondence schools.

<http://www.amblesideonline.org/>

An Old-Fashioned Education

Free homeschooling texts, full curriculum and resources for grades K-12

<http://oldfashionededucation.com/>

Mixed resources:

My Audio School:

My Audio School exists to provide children with excellent audio content on a variety of school subjects in a format that they can easily use all by themselves.

<http://www.myaudioschool.com/>

Homeschool Share:

Free lapbooks & unit studies:

<http://www.homeschoolshare.com/>

Homeschool Helper:

Free Homeschooling Resources.

<http://homeschoolhelperonline.com/>

Currclick

Your one-stop shop for homeschool downloads, ebooks, lapbooks, live online classes for homeschoolers, unit studies, affordable curriculum, novel studies.

Sign up for the weekly newsletter for freebies

<http://www.currclick.com/>

Growing Free:

Resources For Learning. Home · Games · Websites For Kids · PC Games · Books · Audio · Video · Magazines · School Subjects · Un-schooling.

<http://www.growingfree.com/>

Poisson Rouge:

Free online games and activities for preschool children.

<http://www.poissonrouge.com/>

Enchanted Learning

www.enchantedlearning.com

BBC:

All sorts – downloadable & interactive

www.bbc.co.uk/schools

Ed Helper

Lots of resources

<http://www.edhelper.com/>

Top Marks:

Educational Search Engine

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Syvum Online Activities

Online Learning and Interactive Education Activities

<http://www.syvum.com/online/>

Free Lectures / online courses

<http://academicearth.org/>

Maths:

MEP Maths:

A free maths curriculum from reception to A Level

<https://www.cimt.org.uk/projects/mep/index.htm>

Math Worksheets

<http://www.math-drills.com/>

Working without a text for first grade maths (6 – 7 years old)

http://cathyduffyreviews.com/math/working_without_text_article.htm

Khan Academy:

Offers over 2400 free videos from arithmetic to physics, and finance.

<http://www.khanacademy.org/>

Extra Math:

XtraMath is a free web program that teaches addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts which are critical to success in mathematics.

<https://www.xtramath.org/home>

Math Is Fun:

Math explained in easy language, plus puzzles, games, quizzes, worksheets and a forum. For K-12 kids, teachers and parents.

<http://www.mathsisfun.com/>

BBC Bitesize:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/maths/>

Language Arts:**Main Lesson:**

The Baldwin Online Children's Literature Project publishes online editions of classic children's books from the golden age of children's literature (1880-1922).

<http://www.mainlesson.com/>

BBC Bitesize

A fun and interactive **game** to help children at KS1 with their recognition of **phonics**.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/>

BBC - Schools - Words and Pictures

Phonics Year 2. CVC Words. Consonant Clusters. Long Vowel Sounds. High Frequency Words. Gallery. Teachers and Parents

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/>

BBC Bitesize

English

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/english/>

BBC Bitesize

English Lit

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/english_literature/

Phonics Software for Key Stage 1 and 2 from Big Brown Bear

<http://www.bigbrownbear.co.uk/>

Foreign Language:

Languages online:

French, German, Spanish, Italian, Latin

<http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/>

Russian:

<http://www.webgerman.com/languages/russian.html>

Latin resources:

<http://www.transparent.com/learn-latin/>

BBC Bitesize:

French

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/french/>

BBC Bitesize:

German

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/german/>

BBC Bitesize:

Spanish

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/spanish/>

Science:

Khan Academy:

Offers over 2400 free videos from arithmetic to physics, and finance.

<http://www.khanacademy.org/>

BBC Bitesize:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/>

Geography:

BBC Bitesize:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/>

History:

BBCBitesize:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/>

Art & Craft:

BBC Bitesize:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/art/>

Teaching Art At Home

<http://www.techartathome.com/>

Kids Art

Lesson plans & more

<http://www.kidsart.com/>

Music:

Classics for Kids

Classical music's great composers come to life through music and stories.

<http://www.classicsforkids.com/>

BBC Bitesize:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/music/>

Religious Education:

BBC Bitesize:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/>

IT:

BBC Bitesize:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/ict/>

Lego Designer:

<http://idd.lego.com/en-gb/>

Technology Tutorials:

<http://www.internet4classrooms.com/on-line.htm>

Some libraries will allow children to download & print out up to five sheets from educational websites – please do ask at your own library.

Places To Go:

Plattfields Park

lake, tennis courts, skate park, play areas, eco garden, hills, dog walking path, bmx track, ornamental garden, orchard, often an ice cream van and loads of events throughout the year

http://www.manchester.gov.uk/directory_record/89285/platt_fields_park/category/301/all_parks_playgrounds_and_open_spaces

Wigan Whats on guide:

<http://www.wlct.org/wigan/whats-on/>

Museums:

Info from Money Saving Expert:

<http://www.moneysavingexpert.com>

Bolton Museum, Art Gallery & Aquarium

<https://artuk.org/visit/venues/bolton-museum-and-art-gallery-6543>

Where: Bolton

Open: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, closed Sun & Bank Hols.

Description: The museum has the following exhibitions: archaeology, art, botany, egyptology, entomology, geology, social history and zoology.

Greater Manchester Police Museum & Archives

<http://s367873952.websitehome.co.uk/>

Where: Newton St., Mancs

Open: Tues 10.30am-3.30pm. Tues during school holidays. Other weekdays by appt.

Description: Museum exploring the realms of forensic science and forgery. Things to see include a range of police equipment and local uniforms.

Grosvenor Museum

<http://grosvenormuseum.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk/>

Where: Chester

Open: Mon-Sat 10.30am-5pm, Sun 1-4pm.

Description: Museum exploring the city and people of Chester, including a collection of Roman tombstones and a silver collection, as well as changing exhibitions.

Harris Museum & Art Gallery

<http://www.harrismuseum.org.uk/>

Where: Preston

Open: Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, except Tue 11am-5pm

Description: The museum offers collections of fine and decorative art, a contemporary art show and a range of artefacts.

Imperial War Museum North

<http://north.iwm.org.uk/>

Where: Manchester

Open: Open daily from 10-5pm.

Description: Museum dedicated to revealing the impact of war on individual lives, with a 360 degree sound and light show, family activities and tours.

International Slavery Museum

<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ism/>

Where: Liverpool

Open: 10am-5pm daily. Closed 25-26 Dec & 1 Jan.

Description: Liverpool-based museum narrating the international slave trade from approximately 1500 to 1865, looking at slavery today and in the past.

Lady Lever Art Gallery

<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ladylever/>

Open: 10am-5pm daily. Closed 25-26 Dec & 1 Jan.

Description: Wirral-based museum with lots to see, including paintings, furniture, tapestries, sculpture, Chinese collections and more.

Lancaster City Museum

<http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/museums/city-museum>

Where: Lancaster

Open: Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Closed Sun, Christmas & New Year.

Description: Museum dedicated to Lancaster's diverse history, from the Roman era onwards. Also contains a range of landscapes and portraits.

Merseyside Maritime Museum

<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/maritime/>

Open: 10am-5pm daily. Closed 25-26 Dec & 1 Jan.

Description: Museum exploring the history of the port with lots to see, including objects from wrecks, ships, boats, paintings and uniforms.

Museum of the Manchester Regiment

<http://www.tameside.gov.uk/museumsgalleries/mom>

Where: Ashton-under-Lyne

Open: Mon-Sat, 10am-4pm.

Description: This museum narrates the varied history of the Manchester Regiment soldiers, taking visitors from 1756 to 1958.

Museum of Science & Industry

<http://www.mosi.org.uk/>

Where: Castlefield, Mancs

Open: Every day 10am-5pm, exc. 24-26 Dec & 1 Jan.

Description: Museum narrating Manchester's industrial and scientific history, located in five listed buildings with a wide range of collections.

Nantwich Museum

<http://nantwichmuseum.org.uk/>

Open: Tue-Sat 10.30am-4.30pm

Description: Narrates the history of Nantwich, including the story of Roman salt production, the 1644 Battle of Nantwich, and the clothing and shoe industries.

National Football Museum - closed until late 2011

<http://www.nationalfootballmuseum.com/>

Where: Manchester

Open: Re-opening in 2012.

Description: Museum devoted to all things football! Houses the ball from the 1966 World Cup Final, the oldest FA Cup trophy and other footie memorabilia.

People's History Museum

<http://www.phm.org.uk/>

Where: Manchester

Open: Mon-Sun 10am-5pm

Description: Museum with nearly one and a half thousand artefacts from throughout history. Displays the most trade union and other banners in the world.

Portland Basin Museum

<http://www.tameside.gov.uk/portlandbasin>

Where: Ashton-under-Lyne

Open: Tue-Sun 10am-5pm.

Description: Museum allowing visitors to experience the region's industrial, farming and mining past. Especially suitable for families.

Sudley House

<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/sudley/>

Liverpool

Open: 10am-5pm daily. Closed 25-26 Dec & 1 Jan.

Description: Liverpool-based former-home of a Victorian merchant, complete with period furniture and original paintings.

Tate Liverpool

<http://www.tate.org.uk/liverpool/>

Where: Liverpool

Open: Sep-May: Tue-Sun 10-5.50pm. Jun-Aug: Mon-Sun, 10-5.50.

Description: One of the UK's four Tate museums, the Tate Liverpool shows pieces from the Tate collection, as well as special contemporary exhibitions.

The Manchester Museum

<http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/>

Where: Oxford Rd., Mancs

Open: Tue-Sat 10-5; Sun-Mon, 27-31 Dec & bank hols 11-4pm.

Description: Situated in the University of Manchester, this large museum has fifteen galleries with artefacts from across the globe.

The Queen's Lancashire Regiment

<http://www.lancashireinfantrymuseum.org.uk/>

Where: Preston

Open: Tue-Thu 10am-4pm. Also open Sat or by appt.

Description: The displays, archive and military history library narrate the story of the Regiment from 1689 to the 21st Century.

Walker Art Gallery

<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/walker/>

Where: Liverpool

Open: 10am-5pm daily. Closed 25-26 Dec & 1 Jan.

Description: Liverpool-based attraction with galleries for temporary exhibitions, 17th century galleries and more.

Watergate Street Gallery

<http://www.watergatestreetgallery.co.uk/>

Where: Chester

Open: Mon-Sat 9-5pm, Sun 11-4pm, or by appointment out of hours.

Description: Gallery in Chester with over 1,000 framed pictures on display, including abstract works, cityscapes, local art and Victorian watercolours.

World Museum Liverpool

<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/wml/>

Where: Liverpool

Open: Daily 10am-5pm. Closed 25-26 Dec & 1 Jan.

Description: Museum with a collection of artifacts from across the globe, with a bug house, a theatre, an aquarium and a planetarium.