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MEDIEVAL COIN MAKING AT MUSEUM ON THE MOUND

This summer, the Museum on the Mound will be giving visitors a unique opportunity to create a medieval coin.

Visitors will be shown how coins were struck by hand in days gone by, using coin dies and hammers. They will then have an opportunity to strike a replica 13th century Scottish penny, which they can take away with them.

Coin striking sessions will be held daily at the Museum, 3-4pm, from 13th July to 30th August, including weekends and bank holidays.

Also launching this summer is 'The Money Trail', a new fun-packed activity booklet for primary-age children. 'The Money Trail' takes young visitors on a journey through the Museum, encouraging them to explore and interact with some of the museum's key exhibits and activities aimed specifically at children.

Museum on the Mound has had almost 140,000 people visit since its doors opened in 2006. This includes more than 5,000 school children from all across Scotland, who have taken part in hands-on education activity sessions run by staff at the Museum.

This year has been one of its busiest years since opening, with a record number of school visits taking place - over 1,700 school children have attended organised education activity sessions in the first half of the year alone. These have proved so successful that the Museum hopes to launch a set of classroom resources based on the sessions later this year, titled "Beads, Bawbees & Banknotes".

For further information on the Museum, its summer activities and schools education workshops, please visit www.museumonthemound.com

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Notes to Editors:

- Museum on the Mound is located at the Lloyds Banking Group headquarters on the Mound, Edinburgh.
- Opening hours are Tue-Fri, 10am-5pm and Sat-Sun 1pm-5pm. The Museum will also open on Mondays during August only.
- Entry to the Museum and the coin-striking sessions is free.

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