

## MLA South East case study

### **Highland Museum of Childhood: Arts & Business Skills Bank Programme**

The Highland Museum of Childhood (HMOC) opened in Strathpeffer's old railway station 11 years ago. Tucked away from the road it offers both visitors and locals a chance to step back in time - its collection tells the story of the social history of Highland childhood over the last century.

In 2003 the Museum underwent re-development and had an overall face-lift. For curator, Jennifer Maxwell, writing the Business Plan and funding application was vital to ensuring the expansion went ahead. With help from the Arts & Business Skills Bank she found a business volunteer who gave her the expert advice and guidance she needed, free of charge. Barbara Cohen, Chief Executive of Method Publishing in Golspie, worked closely with Jennifer by offering her skills, time and knowledge. Recognising Barbara's valuable input Jennifer said that 'my management confidence and motivation have benefited from her support and advice.'

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