

ULSTER-SCOTS EDUCATION

February

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• always learning



2026

February 2026 brings us Valentine's Day and Northern Ireland's Science Festival. Have fun incorporating Ulster-Scots into these theme using our **wheeker*** resources!

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Ulster-Scots Innovators

Our brand new **STEM** resources are fully classroom ready.

Each **Innovator Pack** contains teacher guidance, pupil activity sheets and a character power-point.

The included science **experiments** are linked with the area of work the Innovator was involved in.

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Thomas Andrews

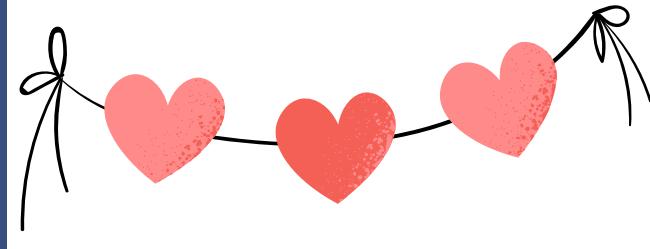
John Clarke

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Love Hearts

Why not share some heart related Ulster-Scots Innovators with your pupils this month.

Dr Frank Pantridge or Professor Pantridge, a doctor at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, designed the first portable defibrillator.



Sir Robert Hart from Portadown, served the people of China for 48 years as a British Diplomat.

Amy Carmichael from Donaghadee, went to India as a missionary. Her hands-on approach was revolutionary at the time as she shared God's Love with the people of India.



Like a Red, Red Rose

Valentine's is a great time to think about gratitude. Our 'Maaks Me Hairet Gled' activity will help your pupils focus on gratitude and will create a lovely classroom display. (Click [here](#))



ROBERT BURNS

Robert Burns was a Scottish poet. He was born in Alloway in 1759 and died in 1796. He wrote many poems, like 'Auld Lang Syne' and 'A Red, Red Rose'. Poems are still read every year, which is held on his birthday, the 25th January.

A Red, Red Rose

My love is like a red red rose
That's newly sprung in June
With love so red so fresh so green
That's sweetly plaid in June

So fair art thou, my bonnie lass,
So deep in love am I
And I will weep for my lass
Till a tear falls down

Till the sea gang o' my o' thair
And the rocks melt wi' the sun
Wha like me will be auld
And fare thee weel my only lass

And I will come again my lass
Though it were ten thousand miles
To get me back again

MAAKS MAE HAIRET GLEDI

This is a great activity of keeping the love and gratitude words you have been practising a list or a dreamcatcher. You can also draw a picture of your love or the person you are grateful for. Have a list of things which you are grateful for. Three about home, family, friends and school.

Match the Words

Can you match the English words to the Scots words in Robert Burns Poem?

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Check out these poems, songs and podcasts looking at the theme of love.

['Ae Fond Kiss' by Robert Burns](#) (Performed by Rachel Hutchinson)

[A Red, Red Rose by Robert Burns](#) (Performed by Gareth Robinson)

[David Herbison: The Woven Word](#) – The Auld Wife's Lament for her Teapot

[Burns Banter: Eps 18, My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose.](#)

Young Kelvin Prize

Our AS/A Level & Leaving Certificate physics competition, **The Young Kelvin Prize 2026**, has just been launched. We're asking students to showcase the work of Lord Kelvin, either as a team or on their own.

This year there are four categories, with **prizes** ranging from **£250 to £1000**.

Further details can be found [here](#).



Ulster-Scots Resources

If you're interested in helping develop new resources for Ulster-Scots Education or piloting new workshop, sign up [here](#) and we'll get in contact with you shortly.



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NI Science Festival

11-22 FEBRUARY

This year's theme is 'Let Your Mind Wander'.

We have so many Inventors and Innovators in the Ulster-Scots community over the years who *let their minds wander* as they designed or created something new or better!

Use the links below to investigate some of their innovations.



OUR INNOVATORS

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HISTORIES, HEROES



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