Travelling Gallery

Have you heard of The Travelling Gallery? No we had heard nothing about it till very recently!

So what is it? Well it seems to be a big bus filled with arty things....

Over the next week it will be based in and around Edinburgh so you have all these opportunities to see it for yourself.

28 February to 4 March – Midlothian Monday 28 February – Beeslack High School Tuesday 1 March – Penicuik High School Wednesday 2 March – Newbattle High School Thursday 3 March – Lasswade high School Friday 4 March AM – Dalkeith High School Friday 4 March PM – Scottish Mining Museum, Newtongrange, EH22 4QN, 1.30pm – 4.30pm

In 2006 the Travelling Gallery was granted lottery funding of £173,500 through the Scottish Arts Council, plus £100,000 from the City of Edinburgh Council and additional funding from the ADAPT trust and Friends of the City Art Centre, in order to research, develop and build a new vehicle to replace the gallery built in 1983, now 25 years old. The current vehicle was launched in April 2007.

The Travelling Gallery is based at the City Art Centre in Edinburgh, supported by the City of Edinburgh Council Corporate Services Department. It continues to run a national service throughout Scotland.

The Travelling Gallery is a custom-built single-storey unit based on a Scania Omni Dekka 12 metre chassis. The bodywork was built by East Lancashire Coachbuilders in Blackburn and the interior was fitted out by W H Bence Coachworks in Yate near Bristol. The interior was designed by Sutherland Hussey Architects. The exterior artwork was created by Glasgow based artist Mandy McIntosh. Its height of 3.2m is lower than an actual double-decker bus.

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