VIDE0 — Giant faces appearing at Holyrood

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Giant faces constructed out of tree branches and leaves have taken root in Holyrood Park over the last few days..

The City of Edinburgh Council and <u>Historic Scotland</u> have partnered to bring these unique pieces of nature into the city, where they will hang, growing and changing with the seasons.

Local schoolchildren have been invited to contribute to the <u>Giant</u> sculptures, based near the Park Ranger's Cottage in Holyrood Park, by decorating them with greenery as well as taking part in storytelling sessions about the Giants.

As well as providing creative inspiration for local schoolchildren, the City of Edinburgh Council hopes the Giants will encourage greater footfall to the Holyrood and Canongate areas, in line with the Council's business partnership strategy for the Royal Mile.

The giants are part of a Year of Natural Scotland 2013 project, and are created by independent arts company <u>Vision</u> Mechanics.

Kit Reid, Interpretation Manager at Historic Scotland said: "The Giants are both unique and inspirational. We believe they will be a wonderful educational resource for children as well as a talking point for people enjoying the natural setting of Holyrood Park."