



Common Cultural Connections

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Free cultural and scientific mobile exhibiton and heritage network



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What is Common Cultural Connections?

Common Cultural Connections (CCC's) is a European funded project which aims to improve the knowledge and understanding of the shared cultural heritage between the United Kingdom, France and Spain, through an innovative mobile exhibition, encouraging people to become more involved with their cultural heritage .

The project focus is on an under-represented aspect of our shared heritage: archaeological evidence from coastal and maritime sites during prehistory (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age, Iron Age). Our coastlines are rich in sites of national and international interest, from unique submerged prehistoric landscapes to shipwrecks, harbours and ports containing evidence of trade between the partner countries. Moreover, cultural connections among the prehistoric groups of the three counties were more frequent than people usually realize.

We wish to raise awareness about the cultural origins of Europe through a better understanding of our common past through innovative, recreational and interactive activities.



Exhibition Calendar

The CCC's Discovery Bus will be on tour from June to October 2015:

France: 8th to 21st of June

United Kingdom: July and August

Spain: 27th of September to 11th of October.

Come along and discover the Bus !!!!



How to get Involved

Cultural heritage is often seen as something restricted to museums and academics, the CCC's project aims to reach new audiences. Improving access to cultural heritage and providing greater opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to learn about and become involved with their heritage. To achieve this the partners are developing a mobile exhibition which will be delivered through the Discovery Bus, as well as this schools and groups will be invited to be part of a network across the partner countries to research and share information about their common heritage.

The Mobile Exhibition

The Discovery Bus is a mobile facility that enables the project to take activities and information to the three partner countries, visiting schools, colleges, community centres, local shows, open days and events. The contents of the Discovery Bus aims to provide an inspiring cocktail of ancient artefacts and modern technologies. Moreover, our team of specialists will help you discover or rediscover European cultural and human links. Visitors to the Discovery Bus are encouraged to come on board and explore. The policy is very much one of **Discover, Look and Touch !!!**

Proposed activities and Workshops

- 3D and 4D modelling.
- Scientific and Historical pedagogic videos.
- Archaeological artefacts and replicas.
- Digital microscope
- Reproductions
- Mini ROV kit.
- Mini Airlift kit.
- Scuba diver Kit
- Reading, drawing and colouring.



Common Cultural Heritage Network

Heritage plays an important role in a community's sense of identity, the project encourages people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to define what they value as heritage, construct their own sense of identity and to learn about and become involved with their heritage on a long-term basis.

The project will develop links between schools and groups in the partner countries and will encourage them to create a network to research and share information about their common heritage. The project will provide a range of teaching materials and resources which can be used beyond the life of the project. If your group or school is interesting in getting involved in the Common Cultural Heritage Network please get in touch.

Bus Specifications

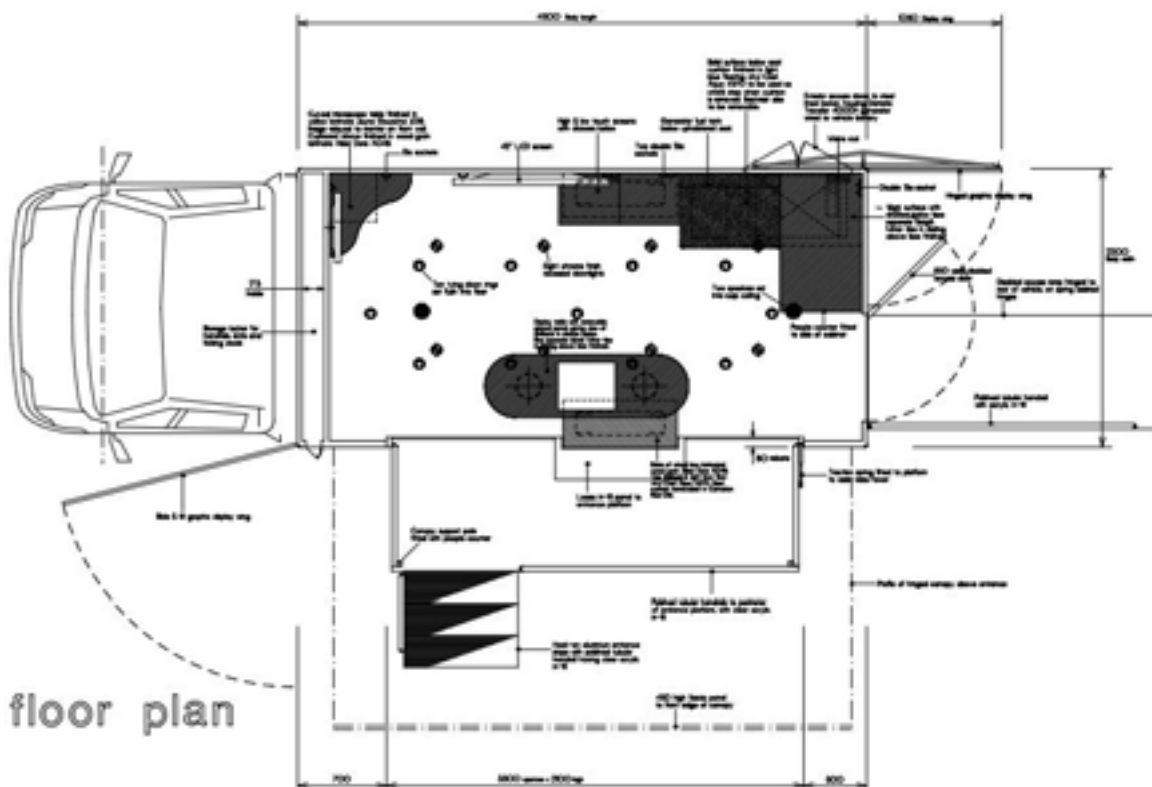


The Discovery Bus needs a park area of 9m by 4.4m, as well as a free space all around to both allow visitors to access the exhibition and perform activities outside the bus. The bus is 3.2m high.

The Discovery Bus needs about 30 minutes to be transformed into an open-exhibition. It has its own generator as well as an external plug to connect to standard home sockets. The bus is also fully wheelchair accessible.

Contents

- Large flat screen HD TV and DVD player
- Touch-screen computer Unit
- Drawers and showcase table with archaeological artefacts.
- Posters
- Digital Microscope
- Explorer table
- Outside reading and relax area.
- Scientific Workshops



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