



THE DORIC BOARD

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES 2019-20

Like so many other organisations, the work of the Board was severely restricted in 2019-20 by the effects of the covid-19 pandemic. From March 2020 onwards the Board members were unable to get together with online meetings becoming the norm.

In late 2019, the Board inaugurated the Doric Board New Year Awards for projects involving the promotion of the language and culture of the North East. Twenty-eight applications for funding were received and eighteen awards made. Several of the projects have been put on hold due to the covid restrictions, but most of those have been carrying out as much work as possible in the background with a view to launching when the pandemic is over.

Successful projects supported by the Board's Awards include the publication of four books on (1) the poetry of Moray, (2) North east heroines, (3) works by local writing groups and (4) the works of renowned poet Mary Symon. "A Puckle Muckle Sangs" has seen a major project into the balladry of the North east going on-line and support was given for the creation of a dictionary app in Doric. "Fraserburgh on Film" was supported in the creation of an online site showing in public for the first time a large collection of home films from the second half of the 20th century in and around Fraserburgh.

The Board continues to give support and encouragement to those whose projects have been temporarily suspended.

For more information see Doric Board Press Release – issued January 2020.

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