

## Workshop 1B

### Scottish Studies Award: Understanding Standards

#### Workshop Aims

To provide you with the opportunity to discuss potential appropriate aims for the *Scottish Studies: Scotland in Focus* Unit.

*Aims need to be clearly expressed and (for levels 5 and 6) clearly distinct from each other.*

*Aims should also be specific, focused on how the candidates will broaden their existing knowledge of Scotland.*

As a group, consider each of the aims listed in the table below and:

- a) Decide which aims you think would be appropriate or inappropriate as an aim for the *Scottish Studies: Scotland in Focus* Unit.
- b) Try to identify the key feature(s) of the appropriate aims.
- c) If you are unsure whether or not a particular aim is appropriate, can you think of ways to clarify the aim to ensure it is definitely appropriate?

Scottish Focus	Potential Aim
Scottish Business	1. To learn about the ways in which a Scottish Business has had an impact on the local/Scottish/UK and/or global economy
	<b>Yes, this aim is appropriate — it has a clear Scottish focus.</b>

	<p>2. To investigate the different functions of the Operations Department in a local Scottish business</p>
	<p><b>No, this aim is not appropriate because the Operations Department does not seem to have a specific Scottish focus. An Operations Department would have the same functions regardless of its location.</b></p>
Natural/Built Environment of Scotland	<p>3. To learn how loch/s in Scotland were originally formed</p>
	<p><b>No, this aim is not appropriate — these would be formed in the same way as lochs anywhere in the world.</b></p>
	<p>4. To investigate the importance of a loch/s in Scotland to the communities living nearby</p>
	<p><b>Yes, this aim is appropriate — it has a clear Scottish focus.</b></p>
	<p>5. To learn about building/s of architectural significance in a local area</p>
	<p><b>Yes, this aim is appropriate — provided that the local area is in Scotland.</b></p>
Scottish Sport	<p>6. To find out about all the players in a specific Scottish football team</p>
	<p><b>No, this aim is not appropriate — the players might be from anywhere in the world. If so, this aim could be adjusted to focus on the impact of overseas players on a particular Scottish team.</b></p>
	<p>7. To learn about the rules and regulations of shinty in Scotland</p>

	<p><b>No, this aim is not appropriate — shinty rules are universal regardless of where it is played in the world, so this would lack a specific Scottish focus. The history/development of shinty as a Scottish sport, however, would be an appropriate aim.</b></p>
	<p>8. To learn about the history and development of a specific Scottish football team</p>
	<p><b>Yes, this aim is appropriate — it has a clear Scottish focus.</b></p>
Literature/Media/Arts	<p>9. To perform a play by a Scottish writer</p>
	<p><b>Whether or not this aim was appropriate would depend on whether the play deals with Scottish subject matter (eg Bold Girls by Rona Munro would not be a suitable choice).</b></p>
	<p>10. To study a particular text/texts by a Scottish author</p>
	<p><b>As above, this would depend on whether the text(s) dealt with Scottish subject matter.</b></p>
	<p>11. To investigate how women are represented in the Scottish media</p>
	<p><b>No, this aim is not appropriate — unless a claim can be made that the Scottish media is distinct in this regard from other media in the UK. However, how Scottish women/people are represented by the media would be an acceptable aim.</b></p>
Community	<p>12. To learn about the religious beliefs of the Sikh community in Scotland</p>



	<b>No, this aim is not appropriate — Sikh beliefs would be the same anywhere in the world.</b>
	<b>13.</b> To investigate how the community in a local area has changed over time
	<b>Yes, this aim is appropriate — provided that the local area is in Scotland.</b>