Edinburgh’s World Heritage Site
Community Map
Discover the Old and New Towns through the community’s eyes.

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Discover Edinburgh and its World Heritage Site through its stories...

**A City for Kids**
From a child’s perspective, the streets are very tall, with grey asphalt and a dashed yellow line painted on the middle. The kids who were asked about the project loved historic buildings and especially the City Chambers. They mention the “carnival”, “sweets”, green spaces and “fresh air”, they didn’t like “fire” and the smell of “fog” and “tobacco smoke”. Some children mentioned hospitals as a place where “sick people are helped”, and airports from the portrait position. Perhaps unexpectedly, the school is chosen as a positive element on the map.

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**Everything is Relative!**
People on the Community Map are not interested by the distance and orientation. Some participants represented many individuals, such as the Big Issue seller on Dundee Street; the “sunny, happy day” on the bus, and the “nice man from Sainsbury’s in the Post Office”. Smoke and smog also emerge. “I have a friend and she lives in the City of Edinburgh, the Corstorphine hill, she is a senior citizen and wonders what she does and one day I’ll say hello to her. What an old boy”!

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