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As part of a project to educate young people about the area's history, the Isle of Cumbrae was recreated in Minecraft.

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Students at Abertay University Dundee created Cumbraecraft, which was inspired by the popular Ayrshire coast tourist spot.

The game features eight lessons aimed at primary school children.

Some of the locations featured on the virtual island include Garrison House and Lion Rock as well as Cathedral of the Isles.

The game also allows you to explore Crocodile Rock, Port, and the Millport Library.

It has been designed to be used in both classroom and home-learning settings.

Claire Monaghan and Fergus Coyne were Games students. Romain Bourdon was studying at Abertay's School of Design and Informatics. They worked on the project for three years.

The trio couldn't travel to the island prior to their work began so they had to use images.

The game is part a North Ayrshire Council regeneration plan and Historic Environment Scotland.

Kasia Smith from the council's regeneration office said she was "thrilled" to see the game available for students.

She said: "Cumbrae has such a rich history and it is so important that our young people learn about their community and heritage.

"Our Millport Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme has been a real success in preserving historical elements of the island, and Cumbraecraft has allowed us to reach out to a younger audience."