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"The forest industry is of increasing importance to the Highlands and offers great opportunities in economic, social and environmental terms. It is vital we all have a full understanding of how it functions, and the FEI can help bring this about"

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The Highland Cluster Group's Aims:

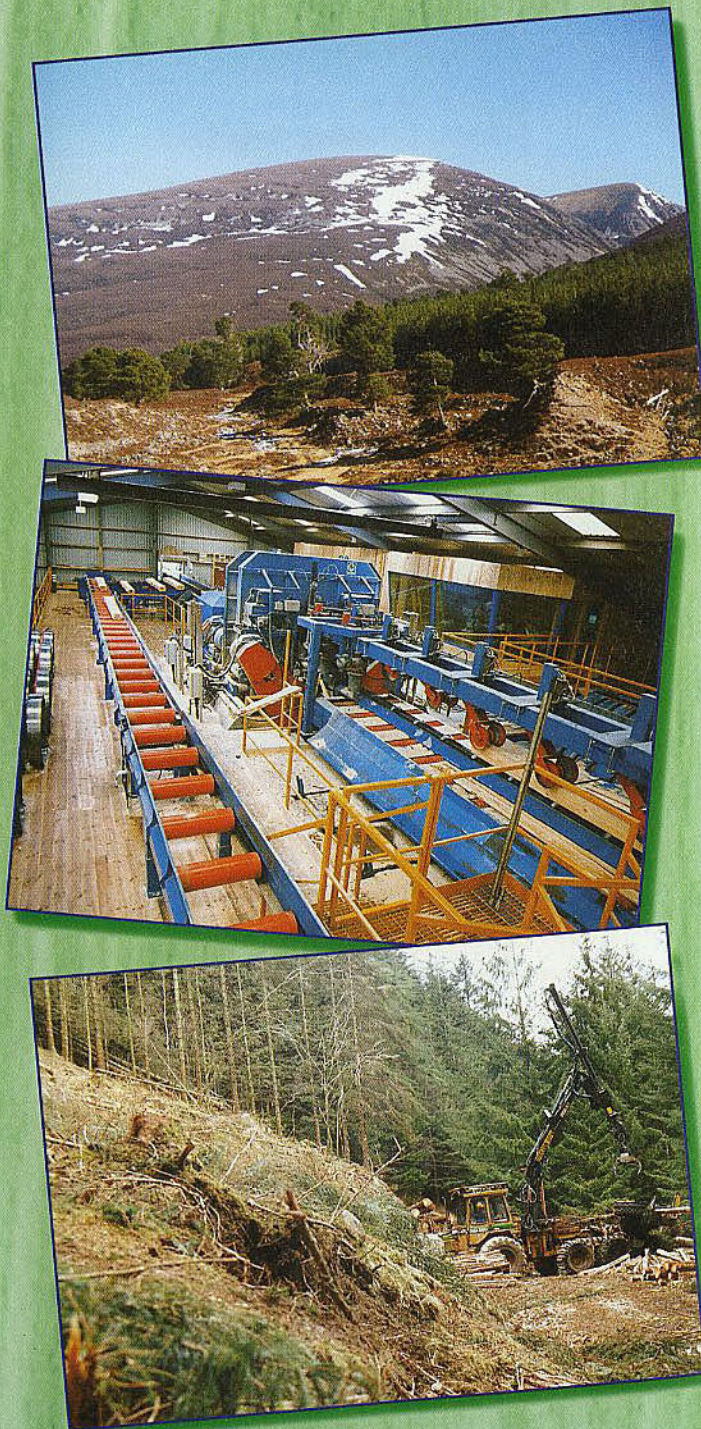
- ♦ To support teachers and help young people gain a better understanding of forestry and the forest industry
- ♦ Support forest activities as they appear in the school curriculum, and these will be entirely driven by the needs and desires of the class teachers

How the FEI Works

- ♦ The Initiative involves teachers, schools, colleges and other educational organisations in forest education activities
- ♦ The Highlands provide a rich resource of woodlands and several wood-using industrial sites which can help teachers develop activity-based programmes for their students, bringing what they learn in the classroom to life
- ♦ Teachers have access to woodland owners and timber companies through a comprehensive database

Who are we? . . .

- ♦ The Group consists of representatives of the Forestry Commission, the local Education Business Partnerships, local timber industry – sawmilling & manufacturing – teachers and independent forestry consultants



What can we offer? . . .

- ♦ Visits to forests, sawmills, board mills, nurseries and harvesting sites
- ♦ Support for individual pupil projects
- ♦ Support for teacher development work
- ♦ Support for class projects
- ♦ Talks & presentations to schools

Resources for Schools

Three publications have been produced to help teachers and young people make the connection between growing trees and how wood is used

- ♦ **"ONLY MADE OF WOOD"**
for Infants and lower juniors 5 - 7 yrs
- ♦ **"THE WONDER OF WOOD"**
is aimed at primary school pupils
aged 8 - 11 yrs (Key Stages 2)
- ♦ **"INVESTIGATING TREES
AND TIMBER"**
for secondary school pupils aged 14 - 19 yrs

The FEI is a partnership between the Forestry Commission, the Forest Industry Council of GB, the Timber Trade Federation and the Forestry Trust for Conservation & Education (Registered Charity 327856) who facilitate the initiative on behalf of the partners

