

Venture Scotland Volunteer Newsletter – December 2011

Hi Folks, I hope you're all warm, well and happy!

All Change at VS

Whilst we were sad to say goodbye to Kate, Ray and Chris, we wish a very warm welcome to the wonderful new members of the VS team.

Our new board members are Ann Landels, John Somers, Teri Wishart and Geoff Pearson.

We have three new Outdoor Development Workers: Jerome Kyndt in Edinburgh and Neil Schofield and James Hodges in Glasgow.

And last, but not least, Gillz McDiarmid, has been appointed as our Glasgow-based Volunteer Development Worker and now manages the Community Stage of the participant programme.

Niamh has taken over the bulk of Ray's responsibilities so will be your main contact for volunteering issues. Feel free to bombard her with ideas, suggestions, and queries!!



Venture Scotland Achievement Awards

Our December Achievement Awards were held in Edinburgh City Chambers on the 1st of December. The evening was a great success and as usual, there almost wasn't a dry eye in the room. We are extremely proud of our young people who have completed the Challenge, Adventure and Leadership stages and massively well done to those who committed to the year long Journey and completed the Community Stage.



Finally, a very Merry Christmas to you all, have a fantastic time and we'll see you in the New Year!!

New ideas: We want to hear from you!

Have your say about what you want from VS in 2012. Training? Networking? Events? Skills-Sharing? More Fun?!

We are really keen to hear your suggestions: Niamh will be holding two evening sessions in January (Edinburgh 11th and Glasgow 12th) to pool together ideas. Please come along and join in! In the meantime have a look [here](#) for January happenings.

2012 volunteering dates available now

What better way to start the year?!

The dates of our new programme are on our website, start to plan your year [here](#).

A HUGE THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Volunteers for their time and energy in 2011. Our volunteers are crucial and they are the backbone to all the work that VS does.

Also, well done to our new volunteers who completed the training weekend at the start of November... Aooooooooooooowww!!

Thank you and we look forward to working with you all in the New Year.



Please contact Niamh Condren, Senior Volunteer Development Worker, in the Edinburgh office with any questions, feedback or ideas. Tel 0131 475 2395 or email volunteer@venturescotland.org.uk.