

* THE YOUNG PERSON'S JOURNEY WITH VENTURE SCOTLAND

Initial Referral Meeting
(Explain course aims/video etc)

Pre-Weekend Meetings
(Whole group/logistics/cultural awareness/integration)
One or possibly two evenings/sessions

BOTHY VENTURE

**Bothy Venture Evaluation Meeting/
Pre-Advanced Bothy Meeting**
Introduction to John Muir Discovery Award

ADVANCED BOTHY VENTURE

**Bothy Venture Evaluation
Introduction/Induction to Follow-On**
At ABV with Development Worker

Individual Meeting/Discussion
INDUCTION TO FOLLOW-ON PROGRAMME

Choose level of participation

Mailing List

WORKING WEEKENDS

CONSERVATION DAYS

Large Scale Social Events

SIGNPOSTING TO OTHER AGENCIES

Regular attendance at Wednesday evenings

LONG BOTHY VENTURE (5 days)

CONSERVATION OUTDOORS PEER EDUCATION (COPE)

- Follow-on (individual support, literacy skills, training) • Opportunity to sit on the Participants' Council • Conservation days
- Working weekends (bothy maintenance)
- Outdoor activities (e.g. hill walking, mountain biking) • Accreditation through the John Muir Award • Accreditation through the Duke of Edinburgh Award • Social events



Bothy Ventures are open to Young People who:

- * Are aged between 16-30 years with limited opportunities or finances
- * Are male or female (though where/if deemed appropriate female only weekends can be organised)
- * Are able, in the opinion of the referrer and young person, to sustain an alcohol and non-prescription drug free weekend
- * Can self-medicate if currently taking prescribed medicines
- * Can manage the physical demands of the weekends including a mandatory 2km walk to the Bothy carrying clothes, sleeping bag and food (approximately 20 kgs)

How does a referring agency worker make a referral?

The worker or the young person needs to contact the office (at the number below) to discuss the suitability of the programme for the individual and arrange a meeting to take it forward. Alternatively, visit the website and download an enrolment form.



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INFORMATION FOR REFERRING AGENCIES



Venture Scotland believes in working towards a society that offers everyone the opportunity to discover the value of adventure and their contribution within the cycles and processes of the natural world and their community.

What is Venture Scotland?

Venture Scotland is a charitable organisation. Our primary aim is to deliver development programmes in an outdoor setting for young adults with limited opportunities.

What is the Bothy Venture programme?

The first step for participants is the "Bothy Venture." The programme consists of two residential weekends based at our bothy in Glen Etive. The wilderness setting of the bothy is used to introduce participants to various aspects of personal and social development, through involvement in a variety of outdoor activities, practical conservation work and community living.

In addition is the opportunity to attend City conservation days run each month help to integrate this experience and contribute to their accreditation through the John Muir Discovery Award.

How long are people involved?

Following completion of the Bothy Programme participants can go on to complete a Long Bothy programme and/or sustain their involvement with Venture Scotland through Conservation Days and Residentials, the John Muir Award Scheme and our Peer Education Programme.

What kit does the participant need to come on the programme?

The participant is responsible for bringing personal clothes and medication. Venture Scotland provides all technical and outdoor specific kit. Food, transport and accommodation needs are also met by Venture Scotland, who should be notified of any special requirements.

What is the cost?

Ideally, participants contribute £10 themselves per weekend with the agency paying £60 to cover the cost of the programme (though bursaries are continually on offer).

Safety, Insurance and Policies

Venture Scotland operates within existing legal requirements, and is licensed to provide climbing, trekking and watersports activities under the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA) scheme (Registration No L2268R0077). We subscribe to a Group Insurance Policy which provides Personal Accident and Public Liability cover. For full account of policies please contact the office.

