

COOL

youth work project



Annual Report
for the year ending
30th November 2006

Constituted as a Trust and as a registered charity in the name of
Christian Outlook on Lochalsh, Scottish Charity Number SC031455

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Established in March 2001, COOL has employed Dave Mockett as a full time youth and schools' worker since November 2001. He is married to Ruth and they have a four year old son, Joshua. Following his BSc and Masters, Dave gained a teaching certificate and had three years experience as a youth worker before being employed by COOL.

Working in the North West Highlands of Scotland, covering a geographical area of approximately 300 square miles, Dave

travels between eight and nine thousand miles each year as his work takes him into the eleven primary schools and one high school in the area. Out of school work involves leading youth groups, holiday clubs and weekends away, as well as training and supporting voluntary youth leaders.

Dave is supported in his work for COOL by the management committee, local church leaders and youth leaders. His work is greatly valued and appreciated by the head teachers of both the secondary and primary schools who also offer support and encouragement. As an SU Associate Worker, Dave is also supported nationally by SU's extensive network of schools' workers. The SU Associate Worker Scheme gives training, development and management support to the committee and supervisory line management sessions for Dave. Day to day line management is provided, whenever possible, at weekly meetings with Malcolm Gardiner, chairman of the Trust.



YEAR FIVE OF YOUTH WORKER'S WORK

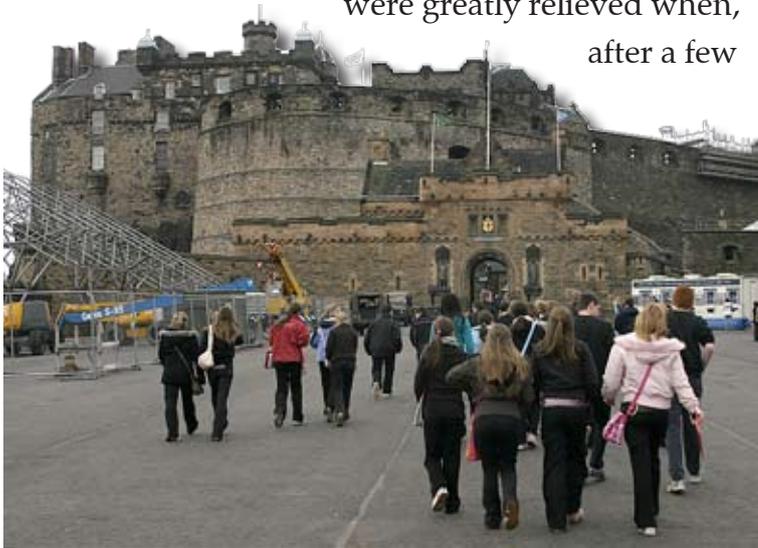
SCHOOLS



Plockton High School continues to be Dave's primary place of work where much of his time is spent informally; listening to and helping young people with the social, spiritual and emotional issues they face.

As a member of the Christian Support team, Dave has co-ordinated the local clergy in preparing for school assemblies and the annual Ethics Day Conference for S6 pupils which encourages reflection on personal beliefs. Every Friday lunch time around twenty pupils attend Dave's Club, enjoying activities, chat and discussions. The "safe space" of Dave's Club has been especially appreciated by pupils who have had difficulty settling in to the larger environment of the High School, it is a place where friendships have been made and quieter students have gained confidence. Weekly visits continue to be made to the hostel where Dave's support was greatly appreciated by staff, pupils and parents after a residential pupil was badly injured in a road traffic accident. All

were greatly relieved when, after a few

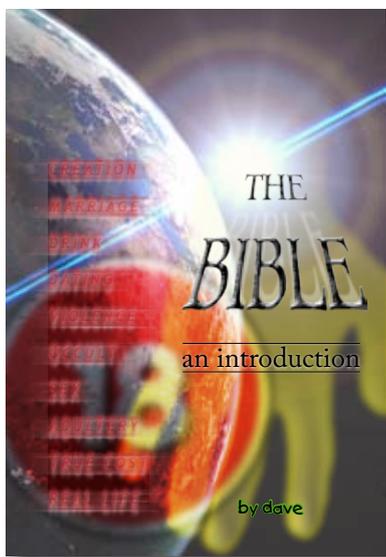


months, the pupil was recovering well from severe injuries. Recently Dave was asked to join a group of S2 pupils and teachers on a trip to Edinburgh to visit the Scottish Parliament, Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh Castle and Bible World.

All eleven primary schools have been regularly visited over the past year, some up to seven times a term. Head teachers have said how much they value Dave's input into the religious education curriculum and have commented on the children's enthusiasm when he is scheduled to lead an assembly, the element of fun with upbeat songs and interactive hi-tech presentations keeping the children's interest in the teaching. Each year Dave has spent time with the P7 classes in each of the schools distributing 'It's Your Move' booklets helping the transition from primary to secondary school. He has also been present as a well known familiar face, in the high school when those same children come for their familiarisation visit. Dave is currently a co-opted member of the School Boards in Kyle and in Glenelg.

YOUTH GROUPS

Youth Groups in Glenelg and Kyleakin have continued to benefit from Dave's regular support and youth leader training.



The '18 Certificate Bible' was the title of a series of talks, this was followed up with a 16 page booklet which is proving very popular, encouraging young people to search their own and their parents' Bibles, and we are currently

investigating the possibility of making this booklet more widely available. Following the success of the summer holiday club, a new monthly children's club, 'Sound Waves,' was started in September in Broadford. The leaders have greatly appreciated the monthly bible study and training evening in preparation for each club night. Other youth groups, Brownies and Brigades have been supported during the year. A monthly attendance to help supervise the Youth Café in Kyle has resulted in an increase in the number of young people attending FN@D&R's, a weekly meeting held in Dave & Ruth's home in Braeintr.



EVENTS

The annual weekend away to Alltnacriche, attended by 31 young folk including a group from Fort Augustus, was a tremendous success. Teaching on 'The Word of God' given by Rev. John Urquhart of Strath & Sleat Church of Scotland, was very well received.

A new event this year was the football week run by Youth for Christ's Kick Team. 24 local pupils learned football skills and heard testimonies from the visiting team. The week climaxed with a formal dinner, the Rev. Roddy MacRae of Glenelg & Kintail Church of Scotland being the guest speaker.

A holiday club reunion was held in February which was attended by over 70 young folk from across the area who enjoyed a day of fun, games and activities in Auchtertyre Primary School.

Holiday Clubs took place in Plockton, Glenelg, Lochcarron, Shildaig and Broadford during the summer holidays. Dave provided pre-club planning and training meetings for all but was only involved with leading Broadford where they were joined by a team from Greenbank Church of Scotland, Edinburgh. All clubs used Pyramid Rock material. Lochalsh club ran with minimal input from Dave, leaders gaining confidence as the week progressed. All the clubs were thoroughly enjoyed by the children and leaders alike. Dave led teenage clubs in Kyle and Broadford whilst Glenelg and Lochcarron ran their own teen clubs.

Worship on the Pavement has been held twice each term during the last year. Numbers have remained low but those who have attended have enjoyed and appreciated the events, being



encouraged by the times of worship and prayer. The decision was taken at the end of this year to stop WOTP whilst we look at different opportunities. It has run for four years and met seventeen times.

CHURCHES

During the past year Dave led a community carol service in Lochcarron, a Kid's Praise evening in Broadford and a Youth Service in Portree. Prayer Meetings focusing on young people were held during May and November in Lochcarron, Kyleakin, Kyle and Glenelg. It has been very encouraging to hear of the work being done by volunteer youth workers across the area, and has raised awareness within the churches, encouraging regular prayer and support for all involved.

SCRIPTURE UNION

COOL has continued to benefit from the support and expertise provided by Scripture Union Scotland. Dave has attended regular staff training meetings; a talk given on the Religious Observance Law in Scotland was particularly informative and helpful. There is also some reciprocation as Dave shares with SU. Colin Carmichael, SU Regional Worker based in Inverness, meets regularly with Dave and attends most of the committee meetings, offering valuable guidance and advice.

PERU

During July 2006, five students from Plockton and Portree High joined Dave and Ruth on a Vine Trust Work Party to Peru having each raised in excess of £1400. For two weeks they were part of a 30

strong team working with SU Peru. For the final week, Dave and Ruth led a tour to Machu Picchu, paid for by the students themselves. The first week involved visiting SU's jungle home at Puerto Alegria, seeing the slums where street boys came from and getting alongside the boys. This allowed an opportunity to swim in the Amazon, play football and do crafts with the boys. The second week was spent in the mountains in the new village of Kusi, on the site of the devastating 1970 landslide. The village is partly completed and the team continued the building work — foundation digging, mud mixing, brick making, brick carrying, bamboo carrying, bamboo stripping, sanding, painting and other labouring jobs. There was also a chance to visit the village school to take a lesson. After the trip, Dave reflected that although the work had been hard and the constant travel left the group quite tired, it had been extremely worthwhile. "It was good to get to know the team and it was humbling to consider the impact the trip had, even as one is considering a change of University course as a result. COOL works all year round in the community and schools, and the Peru project reinforces the valuable service we provide to local young people."





CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



As I reflect on the work of COOL after another year of having Dave working in the area, I realise that he has now been with us for five years. From my perspective as chairman, those five years seem to have passed

very quickly with so much happening in the area.

My first reaction is that of gratitude. I am so grateful to everybody who has made the youth worker project in the area possible. Naturally, as a Christian, my thanks firstly goes to God, who has motivated so many people to provide and pray for the work that is going on, and for Him sending Dave and Ruth into this area.

Then my thanks goes to the numerous people who provide for COOL in many different ways, many in financial support, but many others also in giving time to work as volunteers in the work among the youth in their own areas, and in serving in an administrative capacity. Without the volunteers, COOL

would be unable to operate, and Dave would not be able to do his work.

Dave has become a well known face in our catchment area, and has been granted access to all the primary schools, and the High School in Plockton. I am thankful to all of the head teachers, and the many staff, who make Dave so welcome. This means that all the young people in our area see Dave on a regular basis. Dave has been able to develop relationships with these young people, and is able to help them in a variety of ways, often by just being there for them.

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Perhaps a good way of summing up what Dave has meant to the schools is by quoting a comment made by a local head teacher in the past year: ‘Dave’s presence and his enthusiasm for his work along with his energy and knack for making meaningful connections with pupils of all ages, make him a valued asset, and we are grateful for all his

contributions, and hopefully his work in schools will continue’.

Outside the schools, Dave has been able to help, train and encourage many voluntary youth leaders and workers, to become involved in projects among the young people in their own areas, fulfilling many

of the objectives that were set in the 2005 Annual Report. One youth leader wrote: 'Dave is a fantastic resource of information on Youth Work and Worship, and it is a great help to be able to call him and ask his advice and help in youth work matters.' This is also reflected by young people, as one student recently remarked following some Bible teaching sessions: "Thanks Dave. Your teaching was highly helpful to me and has greatly fired me up for this new term and about the Bible." The part of this year's Annual Report entitled 'Dave's Year', as well as the three regular newsletters distributed during the course of the year, tell of new clubs started locally, and the many other activities that have taken place, including the very successful visit to Peru.

I have the privilege of meeting with Dave regularly to discuss and pray over the work that is going on. The work that Dave does is not always easy and difficulties and discouragements are sometimes encountered. I wish to thank Dave for his untiring work, both in the difficult as well as in the encouraging times, and thank his wife Ruth for her personal support and the use of their home for some of the meetings involved in the work. I am also grateful to the various local church ministers who meet with Dave as they mutually encourage one another in the work among the young people in the area.

Dave can only continue in his work because he is ably supported by the Management Committee, which is authorised by the Trustees to look after the day to day running of the Trust. This committee consists of various

gifted people from the different local churches who freely and ably provide administrative, financial and other oversight of the project. I wish to thank all of the committee members for the time and energy they spend in ensuring that the Trust runs smoothly and within the frameworks of charity law and child protection guidelines. During the year the Management Committee has set up

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one or two sub committees to oversee the financial side of the work and the production of newsletters and this seems to be enabling us to work more efficiently.

Whilst mentioning finance, the project has only been able to continue due to the generous giving of many local individuals, and some who live further away, as well as three local churches supporting us on a regular basis. My thanks goes to you all for your faithful support in giving and in prayer. COOL has also continued to receive support from the Church of Scotland Parish Development Fund and one of the reasons COOL is still in a financially healthy situation is due to

the past support from the Lloyds TSB Foundation in Scotland, and the Co-op Community Dividend Scheme and we are also grateful for all their support.

However, in the longer term the project does need an increase in regular giving from local supporters and churches and, if you are able to review your giving or

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start to help us financially, we would very much like to hear from you and provide any information that you may require.

The work continues to be associated with Scripture Union (SU) Scotland and I value their on going input, especially in the personal representation of Colin Carmichael who drives long distances

to join us for many of our committee meetings and who also meets up with Dave when it is practical for them both to do so. I attend three SU committee meetings each year to represent the issues that the more rural youth worker associated SU Trusts face and so we are able to contribute to, as well as receive from, SU Scotland.

May I encourage all our supporters, who regularly pray and provide for the work not to grow weary in doing good, to quote Paul writing to the Christians in Galatia, so that the work of COOL, particularly through the work of Dave and the many volunteers, continue to enrich the lives of young people in our very rural area.

PERSONNEL

We were very pleased to welcome Charles Clark who joined us in September. Charles lives in Sleat and so will fill a gap that we have long recognised, representing the people of South Skye on the committee. There were no other changes to the committee or Trustees during the past year. We are very grateful to and thank all for their continuing commitment.

OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMING YEAR

TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE LOCAL SUPPORT FOR COOL.

Over the course of this year, new video footage is being amassed in order to produce two promotional videos (a shorter and longer version) to give people a clearer idea of the work of COOL. We would hope to use these resources to further promote the work throughout the local communities.

TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Following the success of setting up sub committees to look after specific aspects of committee business, we will continue investigating the extension of this principle to other aspects of the committee's work.

TO DEVELOP SUCCESSFUL VENTURES IN OTHER COMMUNITIES.

Building on the success of SoundWaves, the new follow-up to the holiday club in Broadford, we will liaise with other communities as to the need and practicalities of running further children's clubs. We are running these with a view to building on and feeding existing youth clubs.

TO PROMOTE OWNERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT BY YOUNG PEOPLE.

Dave now has a number of core groups of young people throughout his area which we will encourage to take further ownership of their respective meetings. This is partly done through keeping in touch and sending birthday cards, but we also will look to involve the young people in the delivery of certain aspects of clubs. We will also consider how these groups could beneficially impact the children's work.

TO ENCOURAGE DISTRICT WIDE ACTIVITIES.

Over the last year COOL has had a positive impact on other groups across Scotland. This year we will seek to run three joint activity days to bring local youth clubs together and also provide further resources for groups from further afield who do not have numbers or resources which COOL can provide. This in turn is beneficial for local young people. We will continue to liaise with local youth leaders as to how we can best support volunteers and develop more communication between groups.

REPORT BY THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

CHRISTIAN OUTLOOK ON LOCHALSH

SCOTTISH CHARITY NO: SCO31455

I have examined the Trustee's report, the Trust's accounting records, and the Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Balances that are attached as part of this document. To the best of my knowledge and belief, and in accordance with the information and explanations given to me:

- a. The Trust is eligible under section 7 (1) of the charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1992 to choose to have an independent examination, instead of an audit. I therefore do not express my opinion on the view given by the accounts.
- b. The Receipts and Payments Accounts and Statement of Balances have been properly prepared from the records of the association and are in agreement with them.
- c. The Receipts and Payments Accounts and Statement of Balances comply with the Charities Account (Scotland) regulations 1992 and with the Trust's constitution.

Signed

Robert Anderson M.C.I.B.S., B.A.

15th January 2007

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
 FOR PERIOD 1 DECEMBER 2005 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2006
 CHRISTIAN OUTLOOK ON LOCHALSH *Scottish Charity No: SCO31455*

	Unrestricted Funds [£]	Restricted Funds [£]	Total Funds [£]	Last Year [£]
Receipts				
Individual Pledged Donations	8 905		8 905	9 720
Other Personal Donations	5 166		5 166	4 890
Extraordinary Personal Donations (>£2K)	0		0	7 500
Pledged Church Donations	3 200		3 200	1 775
Other Church Donations	744		744	
Gift Aid from Inland Revenue	2 508		2 508	4 539
Parish Development Fund Grant	5 000		5 000	3 000
Open Door Café	1 620		1 620	1 661
Alltnachriche Weekend (payments)		1 680	1 680	
Kick Event (payments and donations)		1 045	1 045	
Holiday Clubs (payments)		687	687	1 365
Peru (donations and fundraising)		10 690	10 690	1 566
Books and Bibles		190	190	68
Bank Interest	648	6	654	298
Total Receipts	27 791	14 298	42 089	36 382
Payments				
Youth Worker Salary & NI	20 342		20 342	19 798
Pension Contributions & Life Insurance	1 719		1 719	1 679
Youth Worker Travel Expenses	3 856		3 856	3 556
Youth Worker Expenses	422		422	879
Youth Worker Telephone	332		332	
Administration & Publicity	428		428	250
Other Sundries (Annual Celebration, etc)	198		198	0
SU Assoc. Worker Scheme Payment	2 000		2 000	0
Insurance	574		574	574
Staff Development	0		0	500
Alltnacriche Weekend (expenses)		1 880	1 880	0
Kick Week (expenses)		916	916	0
Holiday Clubs (expenses)		687	687	1 589
Peru (expenses)		9 902	9 902	2 319
Purchase of Books and Bibles		252	252	273
Payments Sub total	29 871	13 637	43 508	31 417
Capital Expenditure (equipment)	0	0		1 258
Total Payments	29 871	13 637	43 508	32 675
Net of receipts /(payments)	(2 080)	661	(1 419)	3 707
Transfers between funds	(260)	260		
Cash funds last year end	21 797	990	22 787	
Cash funds this year end	19 315	2 053	21 368	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
 FOR END OF PERIOD 1 DECEMBER 2005 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2006
 CHRISTIAN OUTLOOK ON LOCHALSH *Scottish Charity No: SCO31455*

	Unrestricted Funds [£]	Restricted Funds [£]	Total Funds [£]
Cash Funds			
Bank Balance - Current Account	3 028	269	3 297
Bank Balance - Deposit Account	2 919		2 919
Bank Balance - CAF Gold A/C	3 061		3 061
Bank Balance - Peru Account		1 784	1 784
Total Cash Accounts	9 008	2 053	11 061
Other Monetary Assets			
Gift Aid from Inland Revenue	1 474		1 474
Total other monetary assets	1 474		1 474
Investment Assets			
CAF Selector Account	13 000		13 000
Total Investments	13 000		13 000
Total Monetary Assets at year end	23 482	2 053	25 535
Liabilities			
Youth Worker Employment Costs	3 675		3 675
Youth Worker Expenses	491		491
Total Liabilities	4 167		4 167
Total Monetary Assets less Liabilities	19 315	2 053	21 368
Assets retained for the charity's own use			
	Belongs to	Cost [£]	Current Value [£]
Computer and multi-media equipment	Unrestricted funds	1 258	943

Approved by the Trustees on 25th January 2007.

M. Gardiner, Chairperson
 25th January 2007

PROJECTED FUNDING
FOR DECEMBER 2006 TO NOVEMBER 2007

	Income [£]	Expenditure [£]
Individual Pledged Donations (GA)	6 250	
Individual Pledged Donations (Non GA)	2 750	
Gift Aid from Inland Revenue	2 500	
Donations Gift Aided	3 000	
Other Donations	1 750	
Other Church Donations	750	
Extraordinary Donations	0	
Pledged Church Donations	3 000	
Parish Development Fund	4 000	
Other Grant Funding	0	
Open Doors Café	1 500	
Alltnachriche Weekend	0	
Kick Event	0	
Holiday Clubs	0	
Books/Bibles	150	
Interest	700	
Salary		19 200
NI Contribution		1 750
Pension		1 750
Life Insurance		50
Travel Expenses		4 200
Youth Worker Expenses		500
Youth Worker Telephone		420
Administration and Publicity		450
SU Assoc. Worker Scheme Payment		2 000
Other (Annual Celebration, etc)		0
Insurance		600
Staff Development (2 years)		1 000
Alltnachriche Weekend		250
Kick Event		250
Holiday Clubs		0
Books/Bibles		300
	Total	
	26 350	32 720
	Profit / Loss	-6 370

Opening balance 01.12.2006 is £19584.21. The expected balance at 30.11.2007 would be in the region of £13,250 to £13,750 (if the special events are self funding).

OVERSIGHT OF COOL

TRUSTEES

Mrs. Jill Clayton	Church of Scotland, Lochalsh
Mr. Malcolm Gardiner	Lochalsh Christian Fellowship, Kyle
Rev. John M. MacDonald.	Church of Scotland, Lochalsh
Rev. Roddie Rankin	Free Church of Scotland, Plockton & Kyle

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair:

Mr. Malcolm Gardiner (<i>Trustee</i>)	Lochalsh Christian Fellowship, Kyle
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Treasurer:

Mrs. Alison Beaton	Free Church of Scotland, Plockton & Kyle
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Secretary:

Mrs. Jill Clayton (<i>Trustee</i>)	Church of Scotland, Lochalsh
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Mrs. Alison Angus	Church of Scotland, Lochcarron
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Mr. Colin Carmichael	Scripture Union Scotland
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Mr. Charles Clark	Church of Scotland, Strath & Sleat
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Mr. Noel Gordon	Church of Scotland, Lochalsh
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Mrs. Ruth Harris	Lochalsh Christian Fellowship, Kyle
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Mrs. Linda Inglis	Free Church of Scotland, Plockton & Kyle
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Mr. Phil Picking	Church of Scotland, Lochcarron
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The Committee has adopted the Evangelical Alliance Statement
of Faith (<http://www.eauk.org/about/basis-of-faith.cfm>).