

COOL

youth work project



Annual Report
for the year ending
30th November 2007

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 five year old son, Joshua, and a daughter, Keziah, born on August 30th 2007. Following his BSc and Masters, Dave gained a teaching diploma and had three years experience as a youth worker before being employed by COOL.

Working in the Western 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 the high school in the area. Out of school work involves leading youth groups, holiday clubs and weekends away, and 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 SIX OF YOUTH WORKER'S WORK

SCHOOLS



Dave continues to be a familiar and popular presence in all of the schools in the area. He has completed 'The Story of the Bible' this year with most of the primary schools in the area and this has been very

well received. As one head teacher put it, "We feel it is particularly valuable to give the story of the Bible a context like this and actually present it as the story which it is, a real story, divinely inspired". Dave also had the joy of being able to share this material with other groups in other contexts and in other parts of Scotland. He has also been able to use clips from "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" to reinforce his messages. One of Dave's greatest gifts is in the utilising of a huge variety of media to engage the children and young people and enable them to think through the issues for themselves.

All eleven primary schools continue to receive regular visits from Dave at assemblies and he has now begun to look at what it means to be human. Dave was delighted to respond to a request for more frequent visits from Applecross Primary, which has been receiving little pastoral input since the Church of Scotland vacancy arose.

He was able to lead them in an Easter service held in the local church, to which fourteen parents and relatives came.

Once again, Dave was able to meet with all the Primary Seven leavers (eighty one children) and distribute the 'It's Your Move' booklets. Dave is by now well known to this age group and a welcome friendly face in the new and strange High School environment. This has been



reflected in a good number of First Years joining Dave's Club at Plockton each Friday lunchtime.

As well as the club, Dave continues to play an important role in the pastoral team at Plockton, working alongside local ministers in school assemblies and sharing fellowship with Christian teachers and

students. He attended a chaplaincy training day in February run by Learning Teaching Scotland on behalf of the school. Opportunities have also opened up for him to spend more time with the young people

living in at the hostel. His warm, open manner makes him easy to approach and be around and he is always up for some

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light-hearted banter or a game of cards. Together with a local minister, Dave led an Easter refection for S1-3 and was also able to present copies of the New Testament at a special assembly for S6 leavers. He has again been involved with other Christian leaders in an Ethics Day for S6 and was able to co-ordinate a Christian Focus Week which included input from 'The One Band', visiting from Old Machar Church in Aberdeen. To quote the head teacher, "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."

YOUTH GROUPS



Dave continues to be a great support to local youth groups, including 'SoundWaves' in

Broadford, which has developed from the interest shown by children attending the summer holiday club and has had up to fifty children of primary school age attending. A similar club, 'A2J' is now running in Breakish to cater for High School aged children from the same area. Kyleakin Youth Club is looking at ways of moving forward needing further helpers. Glenelg Youth Club is extremely popular, and it is encouraging to note that young people now in S4 are continuing to attend regularly. During the summer term, Glenelg has a weekly Bible study which was regularly attended by up to ten young people. The volunteers who run these

groups are very appreciative of Dave's encouragement, experience and resources.

It was decided that the youth event 'Worship on the Pavement' had run its course and the last of seventeen meetings was held at the end of last year. Dave is now looking at new ways of bringing people together and helping young believers develop their spirituality. With this in mind he has attended and assisted at youth worship events in Portree and Inverness but is still seeking direction on the best model for this area.

The very welcome arrival of baby Keziah into the Mockett household has meant a few changes in FN@D&Rs but this weekly time of Bible study and fellowship continues with about twelve young people from five different villages, although at a different venue.

EVENTS

Dave was able, through the generosity of owner and skipper Bob Craig, to take five students from Plockton High School on a Baltic cruise aboard a 46ft sailing yacht, 'The Morning Star.' They were joined by Bob's son Jeremy who gave his time to act as first mate and spent a week cruising the Gulf of Riga, stopping each night in



different harbours in Latvia and Estonia. The weather was variable and all had an opportunity to sail, cook and generally help run the boat as well as taking part in a study through which Dave sought to explain and explore the Christian faith, using Youth Alpha and Christianity Explored material. One young participant described all of this as a “tremendous experience, both physically and spiritually — the evening study times really helped me to realise what being a true Christian is all about, and most of all I’ve learned to ACT on being a Christian, instead of being in the crowd watching on.”

Dave is now booked to take another group of young people on a Vine Trust work party to Peru during July 2008.

Almost thirty Secondary School aged young people attended a residential weekend in Alltnacriche in March where the main event was paintballing. COOL chairman, Malcolm Gardiner, gave the evening talks.

During the Easter holidays the Youth for Christ KICK football coaching team returned for a four day event. This

had twenty eight participants who rounded off the week with a

formal dinner at Achmore hall. One of the team shared his remarkable testimony of how he had been miraculously healed from a knee injury (his medical records



state “Act of God”) and how God had taken him from the darkness of depression into the positive, fulfilling life he now lives.

Five summer holiday clubs ran again this year and were extremely well received,



reaching around 250 school aged people. Some churches have reported an increase in numbers attending their children’s work as a direct result of the clubs and adult volunteers have been greatly encouraged. The area, particularly Lochalsh and Glenelg & Kintail, was very blessed to have the participation of three American students who were expressive, gifted and sincere and a positive challenge to our own young people.

The title of the clubs this year was ‘Highland Gold’ to tie in with the Year of Highland Culture and had a Highland Games theme, which Dave co-wrote with the churches based on Scripture Union material. The teaching was based around the life of Paul and was given through video, story, drama, discussion, quizzes, crafts and worksheets. The Secondary School groups had their own afternoon sessions of fun activities followed by a meal and evening discussions.

CHURCHES

As well as the special services and clubs already mentioned, and co-ordinating the pastoral team for Plockton, Dave continues to meet regularly with local ministers for prayer and fellowship and to help out with preaching engagements where possible. Specific prayer meetings for the work of COOL are held twice a year in every area and we hope to raise awareness of the work of COOL through presentations at church services throughout 2008.

SCRIPTURE UNION

Colin Carmichael, SU regional worker based in Inverness, continues as the SU line manager to COOL and is also a great source of advice and support at the management meetings. Dave can attend training days and was also able to deliver a seminar on the work he has been doing at the High School to other SU workers. Some people expressed an interest in using some of his material.



SCOTTISH BIBLE SOCIETY

Dave produced a pamphlet entitled 'The 18 Certificate Bible' as part of a teaching programme he was working through with the teenage groups and the Scottish Bible Society have decided to publish it, possibly for worldwide availability, with an initial printing of 5 - 10 000 copies. As well as being an instructive and exciting project for Dave, COOL will receive a share of the Royalties, which could bring in a financial reward.



This interest from such a respected source reflects the high standard of insight and teaching skills which Dave, as the front man for COOL, brings to the young people of the area.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Another year in the work of COOL has passed, so it is time to write my part of this year's Annual Report, which marks the end of COOL's sixth year with Dave as our Youth Worker.

As always, I am so grateful to everybody who has made the youth worker project possible in the area. As a Christian, my thanks firstly go to God, who has motivated so many people to provide and pray for the work. My appreciation then goes out to all those who have responded in this way, and to the many people who provide for COOL in other ways, giving of their time and skills to work as volunteers in the work among youth in their own areas, and to those who serve COOL in an administrative capacity. Without the volunteers, COOL would be unable to operate and Dave would not be able to do his work.

Dave continues to be a well known face in our catchment area, having the on going privilege of access to the High School and all the associated feeder primary schools. Once again I would like to thank all the head teachers and staff who make him so welcome. As Dave has known many of the young people for several years, he has been able to build up relationships with them, being seen as somebody that they can confide in. Dave was able to produce

two short promotional DVDs about the work of COOL during the year. Some of the head teachers and teachers granted him short interviews to include within these DVDs, expressing their appreciation for Dave's input in their schools. Copies of these DVDs are available, on request.



Outside the schools, many voluntary youth workers continue to receive general help, encouragement and training as required, from Dave while they seek to develop the work in their own areas. There is always a need for more adults to offer their time and expertise to assist and lead young people's work locally. The ability to fulfil some of the objectives in last year's Annual Report has not been possible, due to insufficient help being available. This situation has been made more difficult as some volunteers have been unable to continue due to ill health, or other circumstances. In the section of the Annual Report entitled 'Year Six of Youth Worker's Work', as well as the three regular newsletters produced during the year, details about the work of COOL and in particular Dave's work within that, during the part year can be read. In

particular, another overseas trip was made available to senior pupils in the High School, this time to Latvia, and in 2008 a working trip to Peru is being planned in conjunction with the Vine Trust

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I continue to meet with Dave on a weekly basis whenever possible, to discuss and pray over the work, and issues arising there from. All work of this type has its times of encouragements, as well as discouragements, and I wish to record my thanks to Dave for his untiring work for the Trust. My thanks also go to Dave's wife Ruth, for her on going support, and the use of their home for some young people's meetings. I am also grateful for the support given by many of the local church ministers, who also maintain times of friendship and fellowship with Dave, as they seek to work for the mutual benefit of the young people in our catchment area.

The work of COOL is only possible due to the dedicated persons who make up the Management Committee, which is authorised by the trustees to undertake the day to day running of the Trust. This committee provides the necessary administrative, financial and other oversight of the project. I wish to thank all

those who give of their time and energy in this way and seek to ensure that the trust is run correctly within the OSCR guidelines and child protection legislation.

During the latter part of the year, the Management Committee was able to set up a further sub committee, which has the specific task of promotion of the project, seeking to make the work and its needs better known in the area.

Financially, the Trust has continued to receive faithful and generous donations from many individual supporters from the local area, and a few from further afield. The number of local church congregations supporting the work on a regular basis has increased from three to five. The financial support from these sources has increased by some 20% over the previous year. A sum approaching £27 000 (about 85% of our financial needs) has been raised in this

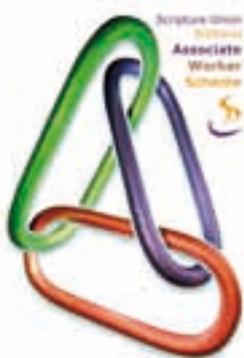


way. The £4 000, received from the Church of Scotland Parish Development Fund during the year, has enabled the trust to balance its books during this financial year. I am very grateful to all those who have made this possible.

The last part of the Parish Development Fund support, of £2 000, is due in early 2008. This means that there is an on going need for even more giving locally. The Trust is hopeful that through increased personal giving together with some fund raising activities initiated by the new sub committee, this will be achievable. If you are able to help support the work of COOL in this way, or are able to review your annual giving bearing in mind inflationary pressures etc, the treasurer

(or any other Management Committee member) would very much like to hear from you. They can provide you with the necessary information.

COOL has maintained its status as part of the Scripture Union Scotland Associate Worker Scheme. We value their support and expertise in many different aspects of the work. Colin Carmichael, one of the SU Highland Regional Workers, maintains a close contact with the Trust, attending Management Committee meetings whenever possible. He also meets up with Dave, offering help as appropriate. I really value this input plus the much driving that Colin has to do to achieve this. I have been a regular attendee at SU Associate Worker Group committee meetings in Glasgow, contributing to the running of the nationwide scheme.



PERSONNEL

The Management Committee has been pleased to welcome Moira Lane from Glenelg, who has joined the committee during the year. It is good to have representation from the Glenelg area once again. The Trust is also grateful to Fiona Talbot, who having returned to the area, is willing to use her expertise by joining the newly formed sub committee to promote the work in the area and wider afield.

Jill Clayton, a trustee and secretary to both the Trustees and Management Committee, has expressed her desire and intention to stand down from all these positions during the coming year. I am incredibly grateful to Jill for the many hours of hard work that she has invested in the Trust since its inception, and she will be sorely missed! The Trust now needs your prayers and help in finding a suitable person to replace Jill.

OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMING YEAR

TO BECOME FINANCIALLY SELF SUPPORTING

The Committee will endeavor to raise the final 15% of income needed to make the project totally locally supported. We aim to do this by visiting at least 50% of the local congregations in the coming year, to raise awareness of the work and the needs.

TO ARRANGE ONE JOINT YOUTH ACTIVITY

We have been encouraged over the past year by increasing numbers attending local youth groups, however because of our geographical area these numbers are relatively small. We aim to provide an opportunity for these groups to get together for a day of activities, fun and food.

TO ARRANGE A SECOND ALL AGE CELEBRATORY EVENT

Encouraged by the success of the Annual Celebration, we are planning a "Back to School" Celebration to take place at the end of August 2008.

TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING OF COOL EVENTS

Young people are invited to the bi-annual COOL planning meetings. We will look at ways to increase their involvement, perhaps involving a survey to find out what they would like to see us doing and providing.

TO ARRANGE A YOUTH LEADERS FORUM

To provide an opportunity for youth leaders from the many youth clubs and organisations across the area to come together to exchange ideas, possibly share resources and to provide training.

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 accounting records of the Trust 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.

29 January 2008

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
 FOR PERIOD 1 DECEMBER 2006 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2007
 CHRISTIAN OUTLOOK ON LOCHALSH *Scottish Charity No: SCO31455*

		Unrestricted Funds [£]	Restricted Funds [£]	Total Funds [£]	Last Year [£]
Receipts					
Individual Pledged Donations		10 970		10 970	8 905
Other Personal Donations		5 875		5 875	5 166
Pledged Church Donations		3 000		3 000	3 200
Other Church Donations		1 355		1 355	744
Gift Aid from HMRC		2 833		2 833	2 508
Parish Dev. Fund Grant		4 000		4 000	5 000
Open Door Café		1 880		1 880	1 620
Special Events	1		4 651	4 651	3 412
Peru	2		1 606	1 606	10 690
Books and Bibles			136	136	190
Bank Interest	3	794	66	860	654
Total Receipts		30 707	6 459	37 166	42 089
Payments					
Youth Worker Salary & NI		20 182		20 182	20 342
Pension & Life Insurance		1 771		1 771	1 719
Youth Worker Travel		3 443		3 443	3 856
Youth Worker Expenses		855		855	422
Youth Worker Telephone		461		461	332
Administration & Publicity		274		274	428
Other Sundries	4	0		0	198
SU Assoc. Worker Scheme		2 000		2 000	2 000
Insurance		418		418	574
Staff Development		430		430	0
Special Events	1		5 130	5 130	3 483
Peru	2		500	500	9 902
Books and Bibles purchased			466	466	252
Payments Sub total		29,834	6 096	35 930	43 508
Capital Expenditure (equipment)		0	0		0
Total Payments		29,834	6 096	35 930	43 508
Net of receipts /(payments)		873	363	1 236	(1 419)
Transfers between funds	5	(810)	810		
Cash funds last year end		19 315	2 053	21 368	
Cash funds this year end		19 648	2 891	22 539	

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

- 1 The following activities were undertaken during the period in connection with COOL's charitable objectives and there was a shortfall of £480 on these events. The Holiday Clubs shortfall was due to late billing for a minibus hire during the previous year.

	Alltnacriche weekend	KICK	Latvia Trip	Holiday Clubs	SoundWaves
	[£]	[£]	[£]	[£]	[£]
Income	1 735	1 005	1 227	543	141
Expenditure	2 081	1 115	1 215	578	141
Shortfall	346	110	(12)	36	0

- 2 Since no Peru trip was planned during this financial year, £1,750 was transferred to the CAF Gold account and interest of £66 was apportioned to the Peru account. The deposit plus accrued interest was transferred back to the Peru account in November 2007.
- 3 During this financial year a total of £794 interest was paid on unrestricted funds held in CAF Selector account (£585), CAF Gold account (£144) plus the current and deposit accounts held with RBS (£65). As detailed in note 2 above, a further £66 of interest was paid into the Peru account held with RBS.
- 4 The accounts show no expenditure in the other sundries category, which relates to activities such as the COOL Annual Celebration. This year, a local minister was our guest speaker and so no payment of travelling expenses was required.
- 5 The shortfalls on special events (see note 1 for details) and the distribution of books and bibles to school leavers (shortfall £330) resulted in a total of £810 effectively being transferred from unrestricted funds to cover the deficits in restricted funds.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
 FOR END OF PERIOD 1 DECEMBER 2006 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2007
 CHRISTIAN OUTLOOK ON LOCHALSH *Scottish Charity No: SCO31455*

	Unrestricted Funds [£]	Restricted Funds [£]	Total Funds [£]
Cash Funds			
Bank Balance - Current Account	7 490		7 490
Bank Balance - Deposit Account	2 983		2 983
Bank Balance - CAF Gold A/C	3 205		3 205
Bank Balance - Peru Account	0	2 891	2 891
Total Cash Accounts	13 678	2 891	16 569
Other Monetary Assets			
Donation from Open Door Café	200		200
Total other monetary assets	200		200
Investment Assets			
CAF Selector Account	10 000		10 000
Total Investments	10 000		10 000
Total Monetary Assets at year end	23 878	2 891	26 769
Liabilities			
Youth Worker Employment Costs	3 793		3 793
Youth Worker Expenses	412		412
Achmore Hall hire for Kick	25		25
Total Liabilities	4 230		4 230
Total Monetary Assets less Liabilities	19 648	2 891	22 539
Assets retained for the charity's own use			
	Belongs to	Cost [£]	Current Value [£]
Computer and multi-media equipment	Unrestricted funds	1 258	629

Approved by the Trustees on 25th January 2008.



M. Gardiner, Chairperson
 25 January 2008

PROJECTED FUNDING
FOR DECEMBER 2007 TO NOVEMBER 2008

	Income [£]	Expenditure [£]
Individual Pledged Donations (GA)	8 250	
Individual Pledged Donations (Non GA)	3 000	
Pledged Church Donations	3 600	
Donations Gift Aided	2 000	
Other Donations (Non GA)	2 500	
Open Doors Café	1 200	
Interest	800	
Gift Aid from Inland Revenue	2 500	
Other Church Donations	1 200	
Parish Development Fund	2 000	
Other Grant Funding	0	
Special Events (Fundraising)	1 000	
Books/Bibles	200	
Salary		20 160
NI Contribution		1 875
Pension		1 815
Life Insurance		50
Travel Expenses		3 600
Youth Worker Expenses		900
Youth Worker Telephone		480
Administration and Publicity		300
SU Assoc. Worker Scheme Payment		2 000
Other (Annual Celebration, etc)		200
Insurance		500
Staff Development		500
Special Events Contingency		500
Books/Bibles		220
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Total	28 250	33 100
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Opening balance 01.12.2007 is £19 648. The expected balance at 30.11.2008 would be in the region of £14 800 to £15 300 (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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Mrs. Moira Lane	Church of Scotland, Glenelg & Kintail
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Mr. Phil Picking	Church of Scotland, Lochcarron
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SERVING ON PROMOTION AND FUNDING SUB COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Fiona Talbot	Free Church of Scotland, Plockton & Kyle
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The Committee has adopted the Evangelical Alliance Statement of Faith
(<http://www.eauk.org/about/basis-of-faith.cfm>)