

Scottish Mentoring Network Awards



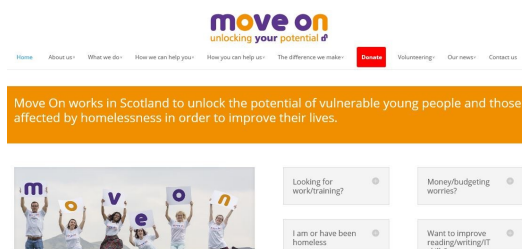
Move On won a plethora of awards at the Scottish Mentoring Network Annual Conference on 4th November including the coveted **Project of the Year Award**, plus:

- Highly Commended Staff Member - Laura McKechnie
- Highly Commended Staff Member - Kelly Roberts
- Commended Mentor - Kevin Porter
- Commended Mentor - Alastair Gray

This is a fantastic achievement, reflecting the impact that our mentoring work has on the lives of the young people we support, particularly those who have been in care. Congratulations to all concerned.

New website

We recently launched our new website, with a host of new features including events calendar, social media links, blog and much, much more! Take a look at www.moveon.org.uk—you can even sign up to receive this newsletter! We're keen to encourage as many people as possible to contribute to the blog—please contact us through the website or speak to any Move On member of staff if you'd like to do so.



Success stories

As our name suggests, we encourage young people to “move on” to access new opportunities after leaving our service. However, we love hearing updates on their progress. Here’s some examples of what they are doing.

Charlene

This summer, we sponsored Charlene who represented Scotland in the Homeless World Cup in Amsterdam! The women’s team got through to the trophy stage, but even greater than their successes on the pitch were the international friendships they made. Charlene and our Executive Director John Hinton were invited to a reception with Scotland’s First Minister, pictured.



Kyse

Kyse popped into our office a while ago to let us know that he’d just started a job at Tesco. Here he is in his new uniform with FareShare manager Scott Crawford.



Callum

Callum recently achieved the “Ascent” Saltire Award for over 500 hours volunteering. Through Move On, Callum has accessed volunteering and employment opportunities with the Care Inspectorate as a Young Inspector and he has volunteered as a youth worker leading a games club for young people in Leith.



In total Move On helped young people access **189** education, employment, training or volunteering opportunities last year.

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Let's Get a Move On

Anyone walking through Glasgow Central Station during the day on 3 September would have witnessed teams from Move On and our corporate sponsors DAC Beachcroft and Zurich Insurance, all taking part in a fundraising static cycle race. The event raised nearly £2,300 and we would like to thank everyone involved for a magnificent effort. Thanks too, to Zurich Community Trust, who matched their employees' contributions, Network Rail, The Gym Group, who provided the bikes, and Malcolm Cochrane, who risked several parking fines to take photos on the day!



Partnerships

We always talk about the "Move On family", including service users, staff and volunteers and, increasingly, our partner agencies whose values mirror our own, and whose services complement ours. The partners we regularly work with include:

- The Care Inspectorate—we train groups of young people and support them to help with inspections of youth services throughout Scotland
- Venture Trust—our many joint activities include a Big Lottery-funded project, where Move On is supporting them to set up a peer mentoring programme for women offenders

Staff news

- Congratulations Amy, on the recent birth of Sebastian
- Welcome back Marianne, after maternity leave
- Welcome to new staff Angus and Natasha in Edinburgh and Rebecca in Glasgow

Move On #ChristmasWRap

Every year, Move On links its Christmas campaign to **#GIVING TUESDAY** the national day of giving which takes place on Tuesday 1 December. This year, we are raising money towards providing a wider range of activities for care-experienced or homeless people supported by our mentors, befrienders and our Youth and Community Skills training programme.

We are inviting everyone involved with Move On to contribute in one of two ways:

- Compose a rap about anything to do with Move On and get it to us by Friday 27 November in any way you can (back of an envelope, e-mail, text or social media). Prizes will be awarded!
- On Thursday 3 December, Move On staff and volunteers will be at St James's Centre in Edinburgh, wrapping Christmas gifts for the public. If you're able to help out at any time during the day, please let us know, either through a Move On member of staff, or e-mail janet@moveon.org.uk.



New funding

We could not achieve everything we do without financial support from our funders (too many to list this time, but they are all on our website!). Since our last newsletter, the following trusts, foundations and statutory agencies have donated towards our work:

- Bellahouston Bequest Fund
- Life Changes Trust
- Misses Barrie Charitable Trust
- Royal Bank of Scotland
- Who Cares? Scotland
- Zero Waste Scotland

We are also delighted to hear that the American Women's Club of Central Scotland has chosen Move On as its charity for the next 2 years! Many thanks to all.

How to donate to Move On:

- Via Donate on our website www.moveon.org.uk.
- Via our Facebook page.
- Or send a cheque made out to "Move On" to our Glasgow address below. **Thank you!**