

## Supporting Young Leaders

This year, your gifts will be helping those on our young leaders training programme. Young leaders are crucial volunteers as they often connect with campers in ways older adults can't. Our young leaders are desperate to get back to camp and you can help them:

"SU camps were the highlight of my summer when I was younger so I can't wait to help other young people flourish and have fun just like I did, especially given the disruption and fear that COVID has brought."

"COVID cancelled a lot of events. I was sad to miss out on Basecamp (young leader training event) and my first camp as a trainee leader. They were replaced by online events, but they couldn't replace the usual fellowship and growth that campers and leaders experience when immersed at a week-long or weekend event."



## Giving Ideas

Some supporters choose to dedicate birthday or anniversary gifts. Others run, walk or climb, while still others choose to organise special collections or fundraising events with their church.



## Prayer Hotline

Every year we run an email-based prayer hotline during the holiday season to share news and urgent needs as they arise. If you would like to join this hotline, please visit [suscotland.org.uk/hotline](https://suscotland.org.uk/hotline)



**Thank you to all our supporters.  
Please give generously in 2021!**

A large print version of this appeal is available: [info@suscotland.org.uk](mailto:info@suscotland.org.uk)

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## Sponsorship Appeal 2021

## Letter from Jackie



Dear friends

I am writing to ask you to make a gift to our annual Holidays Sponsorship Appeal.

We have all had cause to lament 2020. For young people, it was a year of disruption to education, relationships and the opportunity to explore the Bible and respond to the significance of Jesus. 2021 looks set to be a year of gradual reconnecting and we want many young people to hear the message of hope that God loves and is for them.

With the economic fall out of the pandemic affecting many of families across Scotland, we are anticipating a gift made to this appeal will be more important than ever.

This is what your gift will make possible:

- 📍 **Make SU Holidays accessible for everyone** – families who can't afford a holiday for their children, refugees and those affected by a family member in prison.
- 📍 **Motiv8 Holidays which prioritise ministry among the disadvantaged** are heavily subsidised. These crucial holidays can only happen through donations to this fund.
- 📍 **Enable a strong team of committed volunteers to run our holidays**, all of whom make costly sacrifices of time and energy. Not every team member can contribute towards event costs.
- 📍 **Subsidise spaces** for up to 70 young leaders on our COMMISSION training events.

2021 will be another challenging year for us all. Alongside online events, day camps are planned for the Easter holidays and summer term and we look forward to returning to residential holidays as soon it is safe.

We don't know how the next few months will unfold but we are committed to working with young people in whatever way becomes possible and safe. Please give generously and enable this to happen.

Jackie

Jackie Ringan  
Director of Development & Holidays

## 2020 Sponsorship Appeal

Last year, your generous response to this appeal enabled young people to take part in day camps and groups of disadvantaged young people to participate in activity days. Some funds have been carried forward to 2021 but we don't want any child or young leader to miss out. Please give generously.



*"Most of my friends are not Christians or live far away. I was really looking forward to camp, where I could meet others who were my own age and even live relatively nearby. Camp online meant I still got to meet some of these people and we had a great time studying the Bible and doing activities. I just can't wait until we can all meet up face to face!"*

- Bexx, Perthshire



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## Kenny & Alison McKie

After over 40 years of leading SU Holidays, 2020 saw us having our first attempts at leading SU Holidays online! It was great to be able to meet up on our screens with young people who had been at the real events the year before and we have no doubt that God continued to work out His purposes! However, online activity, creative and imaginative as it was, was not 'the real thing'.

Our SU Holidays are built on relational evangelism and this atmosphere is hard to create online. Being at an SU Holiday is such an exciting experience

for a young person: living in Christian community, experiencing the love of Jesus, hearing and seeing God's Word in action, meeting and making new friends, getting to know the leaders, returning year – is impactful.

Your gifts to this appeal will enable us to welcome and work with as many young people as possible when we are able to resume face-to-face and residential ministry.

Kenny and Alison share more of their 'retirement' year at: [suscotland.org.uk/appeal](https://suscotland.org.uk/appeal)



## No Labels Attached

Ten years ago, SU Scotland was approached by Prison Fellowship Scotland to provide places on SU Holidays for the children of men and women serving a sentence in a Scottish prison. With a commitment to prioritising children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, SU Scotland welcomed this opportunity!

Today this partnership (now also including Circle Scotland) has meant that 300 young people whose lives have been adversely affected by a family member in prison or those who live in crime-prone

communities, have had the opportunity to experience the adventure of an SU Holiday and to explore the Bible often for the first time. We always make it a priority to ensure that these young people come with no labels attached - just another young person enjoying all that SU Holidays have to offer - not as the child of a prisoner.

Growing up with a mum or dad "in the jail" and dealing with the attached stigma can be a big deal. This often comes on top of the pressure of having to take on more responsibilities at home to fill

the void, which can lead to a huge sense of isolation. This year, this sense of isolation has been compounded by the pandemic with less opportunities to see friends and very little opportunity to visit their parents in prison. We are hugely excited and hopeful of being able to once again provide holidays to young people who have been most impacted by the pandemic.

Your sponsorship makes this happen.

John Nonhebel  
Executive Director  
Prison Fellowship Scotland