

YOU BELONG HERE

MOTIV8



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SU Scotland have been running residential events for young people for decades welcoming around 3,500 young people each year. Weekend events take place throughout the year, with longer events during the Easter, summer and October holidays.

Our activities are intended to excite, challenge and broaden young people's experience. They include skills like woodcarving, opportunities like walking in the Cairngorms and thrills like king swing and zip lines. Great food, good friends, caring leaders, time to explore the Bible and who Jesus is are features of every holiday.

We recognise that a standard SU Holiday for young people from Scotland's poorest communities may be one or two steps too far... we get that. That's why we have been delivering Motiv8 Holidays for more than 15 years offering the same life-changing time away, but with the extra support and more relaxed boundaries that young people may require.

SU Scotland's vision is to see every child and young person in Scotland exploring the Bible and responding to the significance of Jesus.

Our twin values of dependence on God and deepening relationships affect all ministry areas: growing meaningful relationships with churches, organisations, volunteers and crucially young people.

The Bible resounds with a commitment towards those who experience life at the margins. Partnering with local churches and youth projects, we are committed to giving significant focus and attention to young people whose life experience can mean fewer choices, resources and opportunities.

We want Motiv8 Holidays to be residential experiences for young people where they can grow in friendships and in faith.



MOTIV8 HOLIDAYS?

We want to get it right for your young people and are more than happy to help you consider which type of event may be best.

Motiv8 Holidays are more suited to young people who may benefit from the following:

- A relaxed programme
- Realistic expectations around cultural norms, language and Bible engagement
- Later bedtimes and morning start times
- Shorter length of residential

HOW CAN WE ACCESS MOTIV8 HOLIDAYS?

Motiv8 Holiday Partners are individuals, local churches or youth projects who have year-round contact with young people in Scotland's poorest communities. In addition, Partners:

- Send at least one adult, known by the young people to be part of the Motiv8 Holiday team
- Can request places on standard SU Holidays for young people who will flourish within that environment, but for whom finance may be a barrier
- Are invoiced for the heavily subsidised cost of each young person attending a Motiv8 or standard SU Holiday, covering any financial shortfall a young person may experience
- Ensure that young people are able to get to any agreed transport organised



Assault Course



Cycling



Abseiling



TEAM

All Motiv8 Holidays:

- Are led by experienced and trained Team Leaders who have regular engagement with young people living life at the margins
- Provide a high ratio of team to young people, ensuring young people are well supported.

All Motiv8 Holiday team members:

- Go through the SU Scotland volunteer application process (including application, references and PVG)
- Serve under the event Team Leader, within the vision and values of SU Scotland
- Are asked to make a donation to the cost of the Motiv8 Holiday

COST

One of the most significant challenges we anticipate for young people from priority communities is finance. We do not want cost to be a limiting factor.

Through the generosity of hundreds of people each year, the SU Holidays Sponsorship Fund significantly reduces the cost of a young person attending a Motiv8 or standard SU Holiday.

Even this amount is likely to be beyond some families, and so we ask the Partner to cover any deficit.



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JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

LOCATIONS



Alltnacriche



Lendrick Muir



Gowanbank



Scoughall



I've been a volunteer on Motiv8 Holidays for over 10 years and I hope to still be in another 10! I have also referred some young people to Motiv8 Holidays.

As well as having lots of fun, experiencing new places and activities, young people are offered space to explore the Christian faith. For some young people, these Holidays allow them to simply relax and be themselves. It's a place where they can have some time away from the stresses of home, school and their community.

Sarah, Motiv8 Partner

WHAT NEXT?

To request spaces on Motiv8 Holidays, email **tim.raynes@suscotland.org.uk** with the number of male and female places required. We will match requests with the total number of places available and confirm allocations as soon as possible.

If a standard SU Holiday is the preferred option, please advise of this at the same time so we can arrange the appropriate booking process.

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SU camps were a place to just be me! To forget about life for a while and just to be free. To meet new people learn new skills and reach new possibilities.

Young person

