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

We are a Christian charity with over 2,000 volunteers and 100 staff working in four contexts: schools, nolidays, community-based missions, and training and equipping.

We work in partnership with churches, SU Scotland Associate Trusts and others to help children and young people across Scotland have an opportunity to explore the Bible and respond to the significance of Jesus. We offer safe places where they can have fun, meet new challenges, feel valued, accepted and free to express their views and consider their own beliefs as they engage with peers and Christian leaders. We aim to prioritise the needs of those from a disadvantaged background in all our activities

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## Summer is such an important time for ministry

Welcome to this latest edition of @SU. Here at SU Scotland we love the summer—the combination of warmer weather, lighter nights, long school holidays, amazing Scottish scenery and more combine to create the perfect conditions for fun, friendship and faith development.

he opportunity to spend several days or more doing life together in temporary Christian community, exploring the Bible and responding to the significance of Jesus is truly life-changing, whether for the first time or the hundredth time.

We're especially excited to have the first 'proper' in-person summer season in three years. To finally see a full programme of holidays, festival and mission events all set to take place again is an absolute joy.

## At the same time, our hearts are heavy as we see the continuing horror of the war unfolding in Ukraine.

Building on an international partnership stretching back 30 years, it's been our honour to pray even more fervently and support practically the 'Open Bible' SU team there. Most are still in the country, and some like Tima and his family (pg 4) have found a much-needed place of safety here in Scotland.

It's no wonder that coming out of a global pandemic, and with a war and cost



of living crisis dominating our news feeds, the impact on mental health for all—young and old—has been immense. Check out Jodi's article (pg 10) for some timely insights and tips.

Looking ahead, there's still plenty reasons to be faith-filled. Ministry at our centres continues to flourish as you'll see (pg 12), and we've just launched our brand-new new digital ministry stream (pg 20).

I hope you enjoy catching up on what's been happening and what's ahead across SU ministry here in Scotland. And please join us for the Big Celebration at Lendrick Muir on Saturday 20 August—we have so much to rejoice in and thank God for! ■

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### **Ukraine Lendrick** Muir







Tima and Tamara Stupak fled Kyiv with their three children. and a neighbour and her son, as the war was starting.

he sound of explosions and a direct hit on a nearby house were enough for Tima to be sure that their home was no longer a safe place and they had to get out, crossing the city by car and heading for the mountains.

Many weeks later they are now living at Lendrick Muir and we are delighted to welcome them to SU Scotland. The journey was arduous, dangerous and exhausting, with difficult decisions along the way and opportunities to serve refugees in Poland.

As many of you will know, SU Scotland has close links with Open Bible, the name for the Scripture Union movement in Ukraine. Over the years we have built links with the team, with many visits taking place between Ukraine and Scotland and support for the Open Bible campsite at Vorzel.

**Teams from Scotland have** helped to run camps and missions in Ukraine and recently, during the pandemic a successful English speaking club ran on Zoom.

At the start of the war, the Vorzel campsite was fairly well resourced with food, had a well for water and also a generator. The area was in the direct line of the Russian attack on Kyiv— and the team, including Gregori Stupak, Tima's father, ended up sheltering in the basement. When the Russian occupation of the area ended.

the campsite became 'an island of life', providing food and shelter to local people and enabling around 100 to survive.

Tima and Tamara had to drive out of Kyiv, into the mountains. Tima says, 'It was exhausting to have to make instant decisions about what to doreal life and death choices. At one point I made the decision to drive up the wrong side of a dual carriageway, rather than sit in the traffic jam. It was a terrifying experience, but I'm in no doubt it was the right thing to do. We know that not long after we were there, the bridge we drove across to cross the river in Kyiv was destroyed and later we saw images of where the traffic queue on the road was strafed, with cars burned and people killed.'

For the family, the journey to Poland took two weeks. staying one night in the cellar of a church and several days in a shack in a tiny mountain village, then taking three days to drive to Poland.

In Poland, the family were heading for a Christian centre that had become a refugee camp. Arriving at the centre, the children said it was 'almost like heaven'-safety, water and even hot showers after two weeks of fear, uncertainty and constant travelling. Instead of heading for a more settled life themselves, the Stupaks chose to stay and serve the refugees.

For the next six weeks they provided practical help welcoming those arriving daily at the centre, helping people with laundry, going to the pharmacy, matching the families with potential hosts in Poland and Germany and then saying farewells at the local train station.

Tima says, 'We saw God at work in many miraculous ways all through that time. We shared using the Psalms in particular a book called 22 Psalms for Hard Times. I felt like every bit of my whole life's experience up until that time was important preparation for being able to minister to people at the centre. In all, around 500 people came through the centre while we were there. God ministered to them, and to me, through these Psalms.'

An SU Scotland staff member has been able to sponsor the family to get working visas and come to Scotland. The children are now at school and everyone is adjusting to life in Scotland. Tima says, 'We can speak English, so it felt the right decision to come to a place where we know the language. We are

very grateful for the welcome we've had and the way our needs have been met.

'Through the whole journey we know that God led us and provided for us. but it was not easy. We were glad to serve people in Poland. It was extremely intense and lots of people came to know God. Now we need time to recover.' ■



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Esme Boyle talks about Easter Study Camp and what's on the agenda for summer.

his year I was fortunate enough to volunteer at an Easter study camp and am looking forward to volunteering at one of the summer camps later in the year. My experience at the study camp was incredibly encouraging, seeing God working through SU Holidays. After the impact of the pandemic it was so good to be together.

I saw how the young people we were working with had a range of opportunities to respond to the gospel and how the team responded to their specific needs in the teaching and group time—putting in extra work to ensure everyone had the best experience possible.

I had never attended a study camp before and was impressed with the programme and how it fitted the needs of the young people, encouraging them to study by creating the ideal environment—never pushing them beyond their abilities.

The activities fitted in well with the studying and allowed

for fun to be had. Everyone benefits from a break in thinking about exams!

When they didn't have their heads in their revision, the young people were able to socialise and enjoy all the different things the camp had to offer.

I watched them make friends fast over the week and learn about God in a way that gave them space to ask questions and explore for themselves. This for me was the most encouraging part of camp as I believe young people left with the resources they need to take their faith into their own hands.

That, as well as the memory of a good time with other young people, not to mention the important impact of time spent in focussed study.

As I look forward to summer camp at Lendrick Muir, I am confident that God will be working there too and there will be the same opportunity to share the gospel with the young people who come. With the range of activities available, I know the young people will have an enjoyable holiday! This I feel is always added to by the work put in by volunteers as they strive to get to know the young

people and ensure they are all individually enjoying themselves and feel a part of the camp. I saw this at Easter through the adaptation of talks, the work put into leader and instructor-led activities and the effort put into the evening activities. I know this will be the same as I go on to the summer camp.

For me, volunteering at SU Holidays is a great way to serve God and share his message with young people in a way that is more personal to them. On top of that it is great to see the campers enjoying a week's holiday full of socialising and different activities.

I have attended SU camps since I was 10 and became a Christian at my first camp which was in England. Since then I have attended SU Holidays in Scotland each year and then decided to be a leader when I was old enough to continue to be involved with the camps that I enjoyed so much when I was younger.

Esme Boyle

Esme has just finished a degree in Primary Education at Strathclyde University.

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# other young people grow in their faith.

Cam McBirnie shares about his busy volunteering schedule.

uring the Easter holidays we ran a holiday club at St John's Colinton Mains church, where we spent a day teaching the kids the Easter story. It was really good to see the children learn more about Jesus and the sacrifice he gave through dramas and a short teaching as well as crafts, baking (which was delicious of course) and games.

The absolute highlight of my Easter (besides Easter Sunday of course) was the camp I volunteered at. It was an amazing week at Alltnacriche and I loved teaching the kids about various stories from Genesis, focussing specifically on Joseph.

I also got soaked with water to raise money for our International Project. The kids could spend 10p to place a vote for a leader of their choice to get soaked with water. The winners—well losers really—were Calum Keys and me. It was all worth it because our event raised £60 to support the Kit out a Campsite International Project.

With summer approaching I am looking forward to a weekend camp at Scoughall and Basecamp at Kingscross. I also look forward to leading at two more holiday clubs. I really enjoy volunteering with SU Scotland. I love seeing other young people grow in their faith. At Alltnacriche, I spent a good half an hour reading Revelation with one of the kids. To be honest, he seemed to understand it better than I did, and it was great to watch!

There are so many benefits to volunteering. I get to grow in my faith too and the camps are always great fun. The activities are great, the food is great, the building we use, whichever one it happens to be are all great too. Overall, volunteering is a brilliant experience.

Cam McBirnie

Cam is from Edinburgh and has just completed S6 at Currie High School.



#### Join our ever-growing team of volunteers

There is such a wide variety of opportunities, we're certain there's a role with your name on it.

suscotland.org.uk/ volunteer



## Holidays are FULL-ON!



Coming back to residential events after such a long break is challenging for young people and volunteers alike, but the benefits

of being able to meet again in the real world are enormous too. 'It's so good to be back,' writes Jodi Duncan. was Assistant Team
Leader at a Voice Camp
during the Easter holidays
and have also been at a
weekend event since then.
Honestly, they were both
completely full-on and I still
feel like I'm recovering.

I have a pastoral role at these events, supporting the young people and trying to have 'eyes everywhere' so I can be aware of what help everyone needs. My observation is that there has been an escalation in the language that people are using to describe what they feel.

It's great that talking about mental health has become more normalised. I think this is really important because everyone has mental health! We have good days and bad days. We all experience different emotions.

There's just a risk that we have 'over-normalised'—that people can sometimes use more extreme language to describe their mental health than is needed. If someone says 'I'm having a panic attack', do they simply mean that they are feeling anxious? We need to be aware of that trend.

Feeling a range of emotions is normal and talking about it is

good. We don't all feel happy all of the time. And when I think about it, Jesus experienced a wide range of emotions. We meet him in the Bible being happy, sad, angry. We also see him spending lots of time with people and then deliberately choosing to be alone. There's important learning there!

I am noticing young people and team members struggling more with the intensity of camp than before. Being with people all of the time feels exhausting for many of us because we are not so used to it after the pandemic.

Noticing how young people are, I feel that many are acting much younger than I would expect—as if the last two years have passed but they are still the same age as at the start. We need to be aware of that and take it into account as we plan and organise activities.

At our recent events we found it really helpful to have a quiet space that young people could go to if everything felt overwhelming. We also offered some activity zones for crafts and other quieter, less intense activities. Of course there are challenges, but there are also wonderful benefits

of being together with a group of people.

We usually offer a music video activity and it is amazing to see the power of a group of young people working on this creative task and noticing the impact as they start to work as a group and achieve something together. This creates a deep sense of cohesion in the group. We've seen this happen time and again and have moved this activity to much earlier in our events, because of the impact that it has. We like to mix up the age groups, creating a sense of family, with the older ones helping the younger ones.

Jodi Duncan

Jodi is Clinical Director of Healing for the Heart, a charity which has a vision of lives being transformed and offers support and counselling for mental and emotional health and wellbeing. The organisation grew out of the work of a local church and offers counselling to around 100 clients every week, as well as running wellbeing workshops, supported volunteering programmes and inner healing sessions.

healingfortheheart.co.uk

## Top tips for wellbeing:

De-escalate the situation. You might need to sit quietly with a young person after a melt down and wait until they are ready to move on.

Create a quiet space.
Have a place where young people can go to have quiet time away from all the busy activities.

Have zones with different activities, including quieter activities such as crafts.

Have fidget toys available for moments when young people are expected to be paying attention for a length of time (e.g. evening meeting). These can help to settle anxiety and keep the young person in the room.

Create opportunities for small groups to work together on a creative project, to create cohesion.



Pray for the young people and the volunteers—what they

do is exhausting and they will really benefit from the support.



## There is so much to be excited about at our centres and campsites this summer.

#### Alltnacriche

Bookings for school residentials were busier than ever over the last few months. We've built close links with the local cluster of primary schools and enjoyed welcoming the community for an open day at the start of June.

#### · · · Gowanbank

SUperb Choice Holiday supporters raised £11K to develop a new crate climbing activity in memory of Andrew Mackie. An open day in April was a special occasion to remember Andrew's contribution to SU Scotland and SUperb Choice Holidays (now known as the Agape Holiday Fellowship) who organise group trips all over the world.

#### Kingscross

Our campsite on Arran is back in action this summer, starting as ever with the trip on the ferry from Ardrossan to Brodick, sleeping in tents for an authentic camping experience by the sea and making the most of an amazing location on the Island of Arran.

#### Scoughall

New cabins at Scoughall means it is more glamping than camping these days! SU Holidays have taken place here for more than 60 years. The sea and the sand dunes are just the same. And the campsite is as popular as ever.

#### •• Lendrick muir

What a busy summer term we've had already, with so many school groups visiting. Now we are gearing up for SU Holidays and of course Magnitude will mean a humungous tented village later in July. ■













Young people can enjoy time away in a safe, positive and caring environment at our Centres. That's true whether they come with their school, a local church group, a regional weekend or an SU Holiday.

### Laying foundations for future growth

Our current fundraising appeal is for development work at Lendrick Muir. Paul Bayton, Director of Centres says, 'In the last few months, we have been considering how to broaden the reach of our ministry, extend our school residential season into the winter months and build extra capacity.

'We sense that this is the right time to make strategic investments at Lendrick Muir for future growth. The central focus of this appeal is to develop the Sports Hall into a multifunctional space by adding a climbing wall, replacement floor, improved heating, sound suppression and movable tiered seating to create an auditorium facility.'

Support the Lendrick Muir Development Appeal

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#### **Become a volunteer**

There are always volunteering opportunities at our centres and campsites for anyone who can spare time—occasionally or regularly. We love having volunteers as part of our teams. Tasks include gardening, practical DIY, cooking, hoovering, watering the plants, making the coffee, supporting teams, lending a hand...

#### Join the team!

There are currently staff team vacancies at Alltnacriche and Lendrick Muir. These are inspiring, busy places to work—we need your skills to make a difference to our centres.

#### **Pray for our centres**

Please pray for SU Holiday events at all our centres and campsites this summer—for expeditions, activities, holidays clubs and missions too—taking place right across Scotland. Find out about the Prayer Hotline on page 23.



#### Meet Catriona Laird, Instructor at Lendrick Muir

'I came, expecting to stay for two years and here I am six and a half years later. I love everything about my job—it's active, it's outdoors, it's to do with education and it's all for God.

It has been a bit hectic lately but it is indicative of the really exciting opportunity to have groups back on site. It's a great team to be part of too. There are so many skills to be gained and it's great to offer up the space to groups to do that, and wonderful to be a part of.

Knowing I can maintain and develop the activities gets me out of bed even on days when there are no groups in, because I want them to have a quality experience when they come.

It's great to be in a position where SU are rebuilding after the pandemic, with more people coming in to support the growing opportunities we've anticipated over the last few years.'

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Like every school in Scotland, Loudoun-Montgomery Primary School in Fullarton, Irvine, was looking for ways to get through the pandemic. Paul Bleakley, Headteacher, explains how the SU Group kept going, even when groups couldn't meet in the school.

e have a long-running relationship with the local church. Fullarton Connexions and Dorothy Urguhart, who is part of the team there, has run the SU Group in our school for a long time. It is one of the strongest attended clubs in the school. It works because of the format, and because of the people who deliver it. It's a club that every young person can attend—the range of different activities such as crafts and drama is attractive and there's no sense of having to have a specific skill such as sport. Sometimes a pupil will ask if you have to believe in God to attend, but in reality evervone is welcome.

For a long time there, during the pandemic, we couldn't run any clubs in the school. The church offered to host the group, which happens at the end of the school day, so my task was to gather the children together and walk with them down to the church. Wind, rain and hail meant we didn't always enjoy the walk, but once they got there the group really did enjoy being in the bright, modern church halls and the facilities there are great.

Now that we can choose where to meet, the church

has invited us to carry on using their halls, and that's exactly what we're going to do. I see the value in the young people becoming comfortable in a different space, and also in building a connection with the church by becoming familiar with the place.

Poverty is a real issue in our community, so a club that is free and open to all, with a range of fun activities as well as the opportunity to explore the Bible is such a positive thing to offer.

As the guidelines lifted this year there was an opportunity for some of our pupils to join a weekend away at Lendrick Muir. 15 children from the school joined the event, with myself and another two teachers there to support.

I was hugely impressed by every aspect of the way that the weekend was organised. The team of volunteers had an incredible attitude and Lendrick Muir is a fabulous, comfortable place to stay. I have very many memories of BB residential events and others as a young person myself and I know what an impact this kind of event can have. This is the kind of event I want for every young person in our school.

Joining the team myself, I was aware of the level of scrutiny and safeguarding that is in place for volunteers. It's clear the standards are very high. Carol Baird, our SU Ayrshire Regional Worker, did an excellent job as the leader of the event and there was a real family feel about the times when the team met together in the mornings to talk about the day. The gatherings when we explored the Bible were fun. appropriate and engaging.

Generally if you take a group of young people away there is a level of anxiety involved in ensuring everything goes well. At this event this was replaced by a sense of a safe place, with everything done appropriately and to a high standard.

The school, the church, SU Scotland and Social Services all contributed to help keep the cost of the event low and this made it accessible for everyone, in a way that other residential events might not be. I am hoping that we can work with a similar model in future years.

Paul Bleakley Headteacher



### SU Groups near you

Be part of something amazing and change the lives of children and young people by helping them discover God's love and explore God's word at school.

Can you help us as we rebuild our network of SU Groups across the country. We need volunteers to create safe places for pupils to find out more about Jesus, read the Bible and enjoy time together. We've got loads of great resources to help you get started and we'll be there for you throughout the year.

To find out more about the SU Groups in your area—or to talk with someone about starting a new group in your local school—contact us at regional@suscotland.org.uk

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Almost 30 years ago I began my teaching career as a probationary teacher at Currie High School. Since then I have had various roles within the school as a modern languages teacher, then Principal Teacher, then Curriculum Lead.

arly in my time there another Christian teacher spotted a 'There is Hope' sticker on my car and asked if I'd be interested in starting an SU Group with him. The rest, as they say, is history! A lunchtime SU Group has met in my room over the years, with literally hundreds of young people coming through the group.

As I retire, it's inspiring to look back and realise that those young people who have come through the group have gone on to all sorts of different careers, including some who have done SU Gap years, have worked for SU Scotland or have been Christian youth workers with other organisations.

One of those people is Heather Merriman (above. front centre) who was a pupil at Currie High School and a member of the SU Group. Heather is now the Children and Families Worker for the local churches in the area and recently has co-led the group with me as well as leading holiday clubs, Messy Church and many other activities in the community. She is also a respected member of the school community where she contributes to counselling and supporting young people.

I am certain the group will continue as Heather is seen as a key worker in the school. She was one of the first nonteaching staff to be able to return to the school following lockdown, as her support around mental health and well-being is seen as vital.

Throughout the 30 years, the senior management have always seen the group as important and pupil-support teachers have often referred pupils to the group as a place for them to find company, friendship and support at lunchtimes. I'm looking forward to hearing how the group develops. I may be back in school doing some supply teaching, so will be able to stay in touch. ■

Catherine MacKenzie

Catherine (above right) lives in Livingston with her husband and attends Livingston Free Church.

## Asking the BIG Questions



Our SU Group at Stirling High School is led by pupils for pupils. It's a small close-knit group and we know each other well which means that we can explore big topics together in a way that is genuine and personal.

ecently we've looked at some big, difficult questions such as 'How does God fit into science?' and 'Why does God allow suffering?' We feel like it's an open space where people can ask any question that they have and we can explore together.

Not everyone in the group is a Christian, so the group is a place where we can speak about our faith in a way that is honest so that others can understand it. I think that Christian views can sometimes be misrepresented in the media, so it is important to have a place where we can say what we think properly.

For example, the media can present Christians as having extremely negative views about certain things, such as people who are LGBTQ+. The thing that I want people to understand is that God loves everybody.

At the moment we are beginning to think ahead to next year, considering what topics we might look at or which book of the Bible we will study. We hope there will be new people coming to the group and that we can continue to explore the big questions and the tricky topics that are really important to people.

Chloe Rodger

Chloe has completed S5 and is returning to Stirling High School after the summer for her final year.

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Meet
Jenny Hamill
our new
Head of Digital
at SU Scotland

From a simple message written in sand all the way to today's digital tech, we're always sharing God's love with children and young people.

any of us will already know Jenny Hamill, who joined the SU Scotland staff team in 2018. Here she chats to us about her brand new role as Head of Digital and what that means for sharing good news with children and young people in Scotland.

#### ❖ Why digital?

Digital development means equipping our front-line workers and volunteers with awesome digital resources, which we can also release into the world and give unlimited reach. That way we connect with more people.

We've started doing that already, and we want to do more. As Bible storytellers, we can raise the bar on how we tell our own story and allow others to take part in it.

Overall, we need to consider our youth comms strategy,

thinking through how we keep the conversation going with young people and increase our engagement on digital platforms.

#### What's the vision?

The vision is simply the SU Scotland vision—we want every child and young person to be able to explore the Bible and respond to Jesus... and we think digital has an important part to play in all of that.

#### What will you be doing?

OK, that's a tougher question, because I am still working on that. It's going to involve developing our youth communications strategy, our social media presence and creating great interactive materials, including video and perhaps even virtual and augmented reality... and making sure that whatever we do we do it to a high standard.

#### ❖ So is this your ideal job?

Is that a trick question? It does feel like all the things I've done so far feed into this. I had the privilege to be part of a digital group that was exploring the next steps and was involved in shaping the job specification, but I can honestly say that I did that without expecting to be the one to end up in the role with the challenge of delivering it all.

My background was in events management and marketing and then I became a Children and Families Worker in a church before joining SU Scotland as a Regional Worker. I've always been motivated by finding new and creative ways to communicate.

#### ❖ Why now?

The last two years have been a rather extraordinary time for us all. One of the things we were able to do was focus on creating high quality video resources that school groups could connect with.

Now, as people are once again able to visit school that type of resource will continue to be key to engaging children's interest and inspiring them to find out more. I'd say high quality resources are every bit as important as face-to-face ministry.

#### ❖ Are we on our own?

Not at all. We've got to the point we're at today through some fantastic partnerships and we want to continue with those. We've worked closely with some amazing people already, for example the team from SU Ireland who we worked with during the pandemic.

We're seeing inspiring ideas coming from elsewhere too, for example some organisations are already exploring Virtual Reality.

#### What's first on your agenda?

Well I'm off to Belfast where SU folks are getting together for some filming for the next round of SHINE materials that will be available for use in secondary school SU Groups in November.

Back at my desk, it's early days. There's a sense of developing strategy, depending on God and of course, growing excitement for what we might do next.

Jenny Hamill

Jenny lives in Glasgow's southside, with her husband, Mark and their three children, Joel, Gracie and Sarah.

#### Jenny's **top three digital hopes** for SU Scotland

#### 1 STORYTELLING

We are a movement of storytellers; it's what we do, but it's also how people know who we are. It's how we develop our outward facing comms, essentially our digital marketing.

#### **2** CREATIVE CONTENT

After the success of our digital curriculum resources in lockdown, we are keen to continue creating engaging videos that give us unlimited reach. We want to create content that is current and exciting, while communicating an unchanging message to a generation of digital experts! We long for them to catch a glimpse of his glory.

#### 3 PEOPLE INSIGHTS

While we often associate digital strategy with technology, it needs to be led by people. The gospel story never changes, but maybe the language we use to communicate it should or the places where we find young people. We've always gone to where the children and young people are... where are they now?

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#### **PRAYER HOTLINE**

Register now to receive weekly prayer information, prayer letters from Team Leaders prior to their events, and updates as needs arise.

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#### **MISSIONS**

Missions and holiday clubs provide a fabulous setting for children to have fun together and find out more about Jesus. Find resources and a list of holiday clubs running this summer online.

suscotland.org.uk/missions

#### **SU HOLIDAYS**

To find out about and book spaces on a summer Holiday, visit the holidays website:

suholidays.org.uk

#### **MAGNITUDE**

#### 23–27 July 2022 Lendrick Muir

Magnitude is a five-day annual Christian youth festival for young people aged 11–18. Based in the breathtaking Lendrick Muir, it is a week like no other: a space to encounter God, enjoy community and experience nature together.

magnitude.org.uk

#### BIG CELEBRATION— SAVE THE DATE!

#### 20 August 2022 Lendrick Muir

Our theme this year is Lighting up Scotland and our guest speaker is Tommy MacNeil from Stornoway. Join us for main sessions, seminars, activities and a ceilidh to finish off the night!

suscotland.org.uk/ bigcelebration

#### **GO CONFERENCE**

#### 14-17 October 2022 Lendrick Muir

Go Conference is SU Scotland's national youth conference for S4–S6 pupils who want to grow in their relationship with God and understand how the Bible shapes all areas of life... home, school and friendships.

suholidays.org.uk/go

#### COOKS' SCHOOL

#### 25–27 November 2022 Gowanbank

This training is open to new chief cooks or assistant cooks who are considering making the leap to leadership. Interested? Contact the Volunteers Department.

volunteers@suscotland.org.uk

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#### **SPOTLIGHT & EQUIP!**

#### **SPOTLIGHT**

30 September 28 October

EAST (S1–S2), 5:00-7:00pm Carrubbers Christian Centre Edinburgh

#### **EQUIP!**

26 August 2022 (North Only) 30 September 2022 28 October 2022

EAST (S3–S6), 5:00–7:00pm Carrubbers Christian Centre, Edinburgh

WEST (S1–S6), 7:00–9:00pm Location tbc

NORTH (S3–S6), 7:00–8:30pm Online

Enjoy time with your friends, sharing what's going on at school and spend time thinking through the Christian faith in the face of the big questions of today. With challenges, games and music.

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#### **Back to School**

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Summer is here and we are already prepared for what

**comes next!** Check out our brand new resources on the theme 'God's Golden Rules'. We have everything you need to hold an all-age church service or children's talk—plus crafts, prayers and activities for use in Sunday Clubs. **Find out more and register online.** 

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