



Scottish Police Federation

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Dear Colleague

Over The Wall - Information

Over the Wall is a charity that offers free life changing activity camps for seriously ill children aged 8-17. It wants to ensure that police officers with children in this situation know about the charity and have the opportunity to benefit from it.

In addition, a number of serving officers already volunteer to help the charity at camps etc. and new volunteers are always welcome.

The charity was first established by the American actor Paul Newman and its UK CEO is Kevin Mathieson, ex Grampian Police and ex Tayside Police CC. A number of previous camps have been held at Tulliallan.

Attached is a self-explanatory flyer and I would be obliged if you would circulate this as widely as possible, place it on office notice boards etc.

Finally, if you know of colleagues who have seriously ill children, please bring this to their attention. As well as the contact details on the flyer, they can contact us about this in confidence on otw@spf.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Calum Steele
General Secretary



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Do you or someone you know have a seriously ill child? SPF has joined forces with Over the Wall, a charity founded by Paul Newman to offer FREE life changing activity camps



Scottish Police Federation has joined forces with Over the Wall - a UK wide charity that offers FREE life changing activity camps for seriously ill children aged 8-17. We provide free of charge therapeutic recreation camps to help children with life-limiting illnesses and their families, reach beyond the perceived limitations of illness to rediscover a whole new world of possibilities.

We give children one glorious week of experiences that are memorable, exciting, fun and empowering, in a physically safe and medically sound environment.

Over the Wall offer **three types** of Scottish camps:

- Seriously Ill Children - Tuesday 8th- Sunday 13th July, Strathallan School, Perth
 - Family Camp - Tuesday 1st-Saturday 5th July, Strathallan School, Perth
 - Siblings Camp - Tuesday 1st - Saturday 5th July, Strathallan School, Perth

To discuss an application to camp please contact Roddy Davidson, Regional Co-ordinator: 07967 441 937 or email roddy@otw.org.uk or visit our website www.otw.org.uk

Get Involved - Camp Volunteers

Police Scotland have been hugely supportive of Over the Wall, with many officers raising money, and last year our camps were based at Tulliallan Police College. There are a variety of camp volunteer roles, have a look at our case study on page 2 where Neill Whiteside, a Police Officer from Scotland about volunteering.

Rob Roy Challenge 2014

And lastly, our main fundraising event in Scotland is the Martin Currie Rob Roy Challenge, Saturday 21st June 2014. Over the Wall are one of three charity beneficiaries and we need teams of four to take part in a 55 mile run and cycle across the spectacular Rob Roy Way.

For more information and to register visit our website: www.otw.org.uk

Or contact Angela Parker on angela@otw.org or call 07740 404 967





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Volunteer Case Study



"I am a serving Police officer and have been volunteering with Over the Wall for the last four years now.

I got involved via other serving police officers, who had volunteered at previous OTW camps, and I could see that volunteering had left a powerful impact on them and that working at the camps was challenging, and great fun too.

The camps have fun at the centre of all activities and make a real difference to the lives of young people affected by serious illnesses.

I would encourage other officers to think about volunteering for camp, no specialist skills are required and full training is provided.

The Over the Wall staff achieve an impressive balance whereby the campers only see camp as a great fun experience, but behind that, there are impressive layers of safety, support and 1st class medical care.

Summer camps are a big part of the calendar for volunteers, but there are regular reunions, socials, interview days and fundraising activities throughout the year to help volunteers stay connected and continue to work well together as a team. Joining in fundraising activities with other volunteers led me to run the Great North Run in full uniform and to do a 10,000ft skydive (never again!)."

