

The Facts: February 2010

What is ProjectScotland?

- ProjectScotland is a **national charity** providing opportunities which **help young people aged 16-25 realise their potential through volunteering.**
- We offer young people something different – the chance to **gain real skills, experience and confidence in something they actually want to do.** This ultimately increases the opportunities available to them in later life.
- We achieve this by helping to **change the image of voluntary work** by making it **appealing and meaningful to young people.**

What have we achieved?

- Since launch in May 2005 we have given opportunities to over **3,000 young people across Scotland.** This has delivered over **2.3 million hours of new voluntary work** across Scotland so far.
- **We are driving inclusion.** In 2008-2009 40% of volunteers came from the 20% most deprived areas of Scotland.

What are the outcomes?

- **8 out of 10** ProjectScotland volunteers go on to **positive outcomes.**
- Feedback from ProjectScotland volunteers shows that:
 - 84%** report increased confidence
 - 89%** report taking more responsibility
 - 93%** report improved communication and relationship skills
 - 87%** report improved team working skills

And:

- 92%** of volunteers agree that ProjectScotland improved opportunities available to them
- 97%** of volunteers would recommend ProjectScotland to friends

About our placements...

- Placements are **full time and last between 3-6 months.**
- Volunteers can **choose** from a variety of placements in areas like sport, the arts, the environment, fundraising and youth work.

What support do we give volunteers?

- During placement volunteers will be fully supported with **appropriate training and mentoring support.**
- Since May 2005, over **500 people have volunteered with ProjectScotland as mentors** to give guidance and encouragement to ProjectScotland volunteers.
- Volunteers are offered a subsistence allowance of £55 per week plus travel expenses.

Who do we partner with?

- **All projects are within non-profit organisations.** Since launch, we have significantly increased the capacity of our 300+ non-profit partners.
- **We are transforming the voluntary sector:** The youth and energy our volunteers give bring an enormous boost to the capacity of the voluntary sector. We are also helping charities understand young people better.

How are we funded?

- ProjectScotland continues to explore new opportunities as we are no longer funded centrally by the Scottish Government. We are now building relationships with key partners and funders who share our goal of creating a more confident and skilled Scotland.

Founding supporters:



- **Julia Ogilvy** is founder and chairman of ProjectScotland. Julia was named **Scottish Social Entrepreneur of the Year** at the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards in 2007.

For more information about ProjectScotland visit www.projectscotland.co.uk or call 0131 220 0700

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