

# Learning by Volunteering – Promoting Excellence

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## Programme

0930 **Registration and Coffee**

1000 **Welcome and Introductions**

John Burt, Principal Angus College and Chair of Learning by Volunteering Project

John will welcome delegates and provide a brief overview of the Learning by Volunteering Project before outlining the activities of the day.

1005 **Dr Alasdair Allan, Minister for Learning and Skills**

Dr Allan's keynote speech will be followed by a question and answer session.

1030 **Learning by Volunteering Award Winners**

Dr Allan will present Awards to the three winners of the *Scotland's Colleges* Individual Learner Volunteer Awards, who will then give a brief overview of their volunteering and the learning they gained:

- Lee Donaldson, Dumfries and Galloway College
- Martin Paton, Stow College
- Nicola Hunter, Kilmarnock College

1100 **Coffee**

1115 **SQA Launch of Volunteering Awards** (to be confirmed)

1130 **Launch of Learning by Volunteering Toolkit**

Learning by Volunteering Project staff will showcase the toolkit, navigating through a selection of the sections.

1145 **Learning by Volunteering – Moving Forward Discussion**

In what ways can volunteering support College Learning and Teaching Strategies, eg. with regard to:

- overcoming barriers and inequalities
- implementing Curriculum for Excellence
- developing employability/essential skills
- active citizenship
- learner health and wellbeing
- learner confidence and motivation?

Other organisations will be interested in the ways that capturing learning gained as a result of engaging in volunteering activities can enhance the experience for individuals, teams and organisations.

1230 **Lunch**

1330 **Jim Leishman, MBE**

Jim is a Former Professional Footballer, Football Coach and Manager, and now Director of Dunfermline FC.

Jim has spent much of his career leading and developing teams. His strengths are considered to be his management skills and his ability to instill self-belief in his players.

In this session Jim will focus on the rewards that engaging in volunteering can bring to both individuals and to teams, as well as to organizations and communities.

1400 **Learning by Volunteering National Award Winners**

Jim Leishman will present awards to the three winners of the *Scotland's Colleges* Team Learner Volunteer Awards, who will then give brief overviews of their volunteering and the learning they gained:

- Angus College Student Representative Council
- Forth Valley Lifestart and Workstart Students Environmental Project
- Kilmarnock PEZ students who volunteered with Musical Minds

1430 **Learning by Volunteering – Moving Forward Discussions**

What initiatives to embed a culture of volunteering and improve participation in learning by volunteering opportunities could you develop with your partners?

This discussion will consider the ways that colleges can work with local and national partners in developing volunteering for their students and the ways volunteer involving organizations could benefit from this.

1515 **Conclusions**

John Burt will provide concluding remarks

1530 **Distribution of Learning by Volunteering Toolkits**

1545 **Close**