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John Muir Award Providers' Gathering (Scotland)

Friday 7th November, Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, Glasgow (09.30 – 16.30)

Our Gatherings give John Muir Award Providers' and participants a chance to network, share good practice, and explore new ways of getting involved.

John Muir Award – Healthy People, Healthy Places

This year's Gathering will have a theme of how contact with 'outdoor' environments help with people's health and wellbeing.

Who's it for? Scotland-based Award Provider representatives/staff, and up to 5 John Muir Award participants from an organisation

What will it cost? £20 per person including lunch and refreshments.

What do I do now? Put the 7th November in your diary. Bookings are being taken now – book early to be sure of places!

Contact Vicky at the John Muir Award on 0845 458 2910 (info@johnmuiraward.org), with names and numbers of those attending.

Youth Awards in Scotland One Day Conference (Scotland)

Hilton Edinburgh Airport on Monday 6 October 2008

This Youth Scotland conference is aimed at those providing personal development opportunities for young people in Scotland including youth workers and teachers.

The Awards Conference 2008 is your opportunity to meet the range of Awards available in Scotland to value, recognise and accredit young people's achievements.

The event will include the launch of Youth Scotland's new publication "Amazing Things - A guide to the youth awards in Scotland"; youth work awards support for the Curriculum for Excellence agenda; a Market Place of Awards providers; and much more.

The day delegate fee is £60 including restaurant lunch and refreshments. Download the booking form at: www.youthscotland.org.uk/events/awards-conference.htm or

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Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) report shows huge support for wild land (Scotland)

A new report has shown that the vast majority of Scotland's residents value its wilder landscapes. They are treasured as an important part of Scottish identity and a valuable economic asset. Based on interviews with people across the country, one message came out loud and clear - Scotland's wild land is important and should be looked after. Key findings were:

* The vast majority of residents (91%) think it important for Scotland to have wild places. There is very strong support for the conservation of wild land in Scotland.

* Wild places are valued because they are seen as part of Scotland's culture, heritage and tourist industry.

* They are also seen as important for wildlife and nature, the environment, and the local economy.

* Half the people interviewed believe that wild places in Scotland are under threat and that action is required to preserve wild areas in Scotland.

The research was carried out in partnership with the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA), and is available on the SNH website at <http://www.snh.org.uk/strategy/pd02c.htm>

Chris Bonington 'I Chose To Climb' Talks (Scotland)

Citizens Theatre, Glasgow, 2 September

Perth Concert Hall, 20 September

One of the most successful expedition leaders in the history of mountaineering, Chris Bonington can rightfully claim the title of Britain's best known mountaineer. His career has

included nineteen expeditions to the Himalayas, including four to Mount Everest. In these fascinating talks accompanied by stunning visuals and video, Chris will talk about his discovery of climbing at the age of 16 and take the story up to his historic ascent of the South Face of Annapurna. Knighted in 1996 for his services to the sport, these are must-see talks from one of the greatest climbers of our time.

BBC Breathing Places Free Resources (UK)

Breathing Places is a major BBC Learning campaign to inspire and motivate you to create, enjoy and care for nature-friendly green spaces where you live.

New Free Resources – Explore the Shore with your own Beachwatch pocket Guide and Rockpool Bingo Activity.

www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces/doonething/quick/beachwatch.shtml

Breathing Places Schools (UK)

Join Breathing Places Schools and turn your school into a wildlife haven. Every term they will provide you with a free simple Do One Thing activity for you and your children to enjoy. Whether you are a wildlife enthusiast or an absolute beginner, you'll get all the support and resources you'll need. The launch of Term 3 Feeding Wildlife topic will go online week beginning 8th September.

www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces/schools/

John Muir Trust 2009 Wild Nature Diary, Calendar & Cards (UK)

The John Muir Trust is pleased to offer its Wild Nature Diary and Calendar; Christmas and Greeting Cards ranges; fair-trade clothing and other merchandise to our members and supporters. Your purchases help promote the protection of wild land and wild places. Please visit our secure online shop and encourage your friends and family to order from our range too! We also have a special offer on all prints online, with many prices reduced to clear. Order online today! www.jmt.org/shop

John Muir Trust Group Membership (UK)

Love the wild? Help keep it wild... Join Us.

Group Membership is for clubs, schools, youth groups, not-for-profit organisations

The John Muir Trust is a membership charity. It relies on the support and goodwill of its members and partners.

By joining, your group will:

- Demonstrate your group's commitment to wild places
- Help sustain the John Muir Award as open to all, in engaging thousands of people in the natural environment
- Stand up for wild land by adding your group's voice to help the Trust campaign for wild places
- Reinforce John Muir's message that everyone needs to value and conserve wild places for nature and people

If your group engages with wild places then take action to safeguard these important places by joining the John Muir Trust.

For more details visit www.jmt.org/group-membership.asp