

## Special Recognition Awards

**Jim Mulligan** Event Support Volunteer, National Galleries of Scotland

### Arts, Culture and Heritage Volunteer

Jim is a brilliant volunteer. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his volunteering roles. Colleagues have really enjoyed working with him over the years that he has helped out with the public talks and special events for adult audiences. He approaches his roles with good humour and a strong ethos. Jim is fantastic with NGS audiences of all ages and is very flexible. Jim takes a great interest in the work of NGS, in the collection and displays and special projects. He is a great advocate for our work.

**Ying Yang** Charity Shop Volunteer, Save the Children

### Charity Shop Volunteer

Ying is a little ray of sunshine. She is a radiant and dedicated member of the Nicolson Street team, brings invaluable qualities such as intelligence, politeness, teamwork, and a quick learning ability. Her enthusiasm, even as a keyholder, and creative skills have greatly benefited the shop. Fluent in multiple languages, Ying fosters inclusivity and diversity, attracting volunteers and creating eye-catching chalkboard displays. Her confidence and commitment make her an exceptional ambassador for both the shop and Save the Children.

**Jo Barnes** Digital Inclusion Volunteer, Streetwork at Simon Community Scotland

### Digital Volunteer

Since September 2021, Jo has been a valuable member of the Digital Inclusion team at Simon Community Scotland. She has provided crucial support at the 'Digital Zone' and initiated a weekly drop-in space at Wellbeing Wednesday, empowering people experiencing homelessness with digital skills. Jo's dedication and kindness make a positive impact on the community. Nigel Gallear, the Digital Inclusion Manager, praises Jo's contributions, highlighting her assistance in providing devices to digitally excluded individuals. Jo actively promotes digital gender equality and has helped build confidence in women facing homelessness. Her compassionate approach has made a meaningful difference in the lives of those she supports.

**Pat Alexander** TCV Volunteer, Royal Edinburgh Hospital

### Environment / Conservation Volunteer

Pat Alexander, an 89-year-old volunteer at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, brings joy and dedication to his green health projects. He transforms patient spaces into serene areas, sharing his reliable and hardworking nature. Pat's presence is uplifting, and he selflessly offers help to fellow volunteers, even when exhausted. With many



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years of volunteering under his belt, Pat stands out as one of the oldest yet most youthful volunteers. His infectious smile and positive attitude make him an inspiration to all. Pat exemplifies the ideal retiree, remaining an active member of the team and showing what it means to be part of the gang.

**Derek Mackie** Kindness Caller and Volunteering Strategy Group Member, Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland

### Fundraising Volunteer

Derek's dedication to CHSS as a volunteer and fundraiser in memory of his late wife is truly remarkable. He has raised thousands of pounds, serves as a Kindness Caller, and actively contributes to the Volunteering Strategy Group. Derek's commitment to helping others knows no bounds, as he readily takes on epic fundraising challenges and shares his inspiring story to encourage support. His kindness and initiative make a significant impact, providing comfort and support to those in need. Derek's unwavering dedication embodies the spirit of CHSS and inspires others to make a difference in their communities.

**Davie Cunningham** Patient Engagement Music Volunteer, Volunteer Edinburgh – Royal Edinburgh Hospital Volunteer Hub

### Health & Social Care Volunteer

Davie's dedication to volunteering at the Royal Ed is remarkable. From playing music for patients to organizing events and adapting to diverse demands, he brings joy and energy to the hospital. Davie's ability to build meaningful relationships and uplift those who are unwell is commendable. His openness, flexibility, and commitment embody the values of inclusion and equality. Davie's improvisation skills and willingness to step out of his comfort zone ensure that everyone feels recognized and heard. His positive impact on the lives of isolated individuals is invaluable, making him an exceptional and cherished volunteer.

**Richard Andrews** Helpline Volunteer, Children 1<sup>st</sup> Parentline

### Long Standing Contribution to Volunteering

Richard's remarkable 20-year volunteering journey with Children 1st Parentline has brought practical and emotional support to countless families in Scotland. With over 1500 hours dedicated and 700 families supported, his unwavering commitment, care, and empathy have empowered parents and carers to achieve positive outcomes. Richard's proactive approach to continuous learning and his seamless dedication during the pandemic showcase his exceptional character. He eagerly participated in a mentoring initiative, sharing his expertise with trainees, and received glowing feedback. Richard's selflessness and enduring impact have undoubtedly improved the lives of numerous families across Scotland.



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**Gerry Waterston** Head of Finance Committee, Auld Reekie Roller Derby

### Sports Volunteer

Gerry, a dedicated member and volunteer since 2016 at Auld Reekie Roller Derby, leads the Finance Committee with exceptional planning and oversight. Her strategic financial management has transformed the club's stability, ensuring accessibility and supporting members during challenging times. Gerry's commitment, problem-solving skills, and caring approach have made her an invaluable asset behind the scenes, positively impacting the community and fostering a sense of inclusivity. Her dedication to handling sensitive information and supporting volunteers further exemplifies her unwavering contributions to the club's success. Gerry's efforts have truly made a difference and are greatly appreciated by the ARRD community.

**Cyrenians Residential Peer Mentors** Cyrenians

### Team of the Year

Cyrenians Communities offer temporary supported homes to those affected by homelessness. Residential Community Volunteers live alongside residents, creating a secure and stimulating environment while helping them develop skills and confidence. Despite challenges, volunteers bring fun, motivation, and creativity to the communities, organizing activities like roller skating, crafting, and cultural celebrations. Their diverse backgrounds enrich the experience, introducing new perspectives and cultural traditions. Peer mentors motivate residents to embrace opportunities in Edinburgh, fostering positive experiences and a brighter future. The volunteers' patience, empathy, and professionalism ensure boundaries are maintained while creating meaningful connections and uplifting spirits.

**Sheila Perry** Secretary, Corstorphine Community Centre

### Trustee Volunteer

Sheila, a true pillar of strength, has been with CCC since 1995. From drama club volunteer to chair and now secretary, she has guided the organization through challenges, including a fire. With her positive attitude, she manages the website, social media, and governance, always ready to support and resolve issues. Even during personal difficulties and lockdowns, Sheila remains dedicated and brings a smile to everyone. With 26 years on the committee, she is a reliable administrative support and a respected figurehead.

**Romilly Skipworth** Young Volunteer, St John Scotland Edinburgh Area

### Young Volunteer



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Romilly Skipworth, a role model young volunteer, began accompanying her mother to charity events at 11. With reliability and cheerfulness, she checked defibrillator sites, trained in CPR, assisted with office work, and served as a model volunteer. Romilly's impact led to developing a pilot scheme for young volunteers, creating procedures for future participation. Her trailblazing efforts and defibrillator work have saved lives in Edinburgh, inspiring others to follow her path.