

Scottish Adventure Activity Forum

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FORUM

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 - Stimulus for the recruitment of new members

The Role of SAAF

- **A forum for the exchange and sharing of information and views in the Scottish Adventure and Outdoor Activity sector.**
- **SAAF Aims:**
 - a forum in Scotland for the exchange of views and experience
 - advisory body to Scottish Government, Health and Safety Executive and other official bodies.
 - consider the implications of legislation as it affects the sector.
 - provide Scottish representation on the UK Adventure Activities Industry Advisory Committee (AAIAC).

The History of SAAF

- It was originally created by Alan Blackshaw in the early 1990s after the Lyme Bay incident
- The late Iain Davenport, from SportScotland, played a key role in developing SAAF by providing support and finance.
- On Iain's death the organisation lay dormant for a while until it was revived by Alan Blackshaw again in 2006
- Iain Peter took over the chair in 2009.
- Jane Campbell Morrison is the current chair, and took up the role in March 2013

Membership and recruitment

- Membership is limited to 3 year continuous terms
- Application for membership is welcomed annually from people active within the outdoor activity industry
- The appointments committee ensures that all industry sectors are represented
- Membership is entirely voluntary and unpaid
- Members must commit to communicate with their networks

Observers

- Observers are invited by SAAF
- They attend and contribute but do not vote
- Current observers from:
 - Health and Safety Executive (HSE)
 - Scottish Government
 - Sportscotland
 - Glenmore Lodge
 - Skills Development Scotland (SDS)
 - Scottish Advisory Panel for Outdoor Education (SAPOE)
 - Scottish Sports Association (SSA)
 - Institute for Outdoor Learning (IOL)

SAAF aims to engage with and influence

- Scottish Advisory Panel for Outdoor Education (SAPOE)
- Adventure Activities Industry Advisory Committee (AAIAC)
- Association of Heads of Outdoor Centres
- Scottish Sports Association
- Scottish Government
- VisitScotland
- Skills Development Scotland
- SkillsActive Scotland
- Other bodies as appropriate

The work done by SAAF in the past

- SAAF challenged and addressed proposals from Highland Council on introducing licensing of the delivery of adventure activities in the Highlands and ensured that this was not implemented
- Raised the profile of adventure activities with the Scottish Government and then consulted with the outdoor sector, before producing a report forming the basis of future licensing legislation in Scotland
- Brought the outdoor sector together to speak with one voice when required
- Co-ordinated the views of the outdoor sector in order to represent one industry

Future projects

- Adventure activity participation figures in Scotland – a benchmarking activity that will require SAAF to bring together a range of interested partners to help with funding the project
- Ensure that Adventure Activities stays high up on the agenda for the Scottish Government
- Continue to lobby for the interests of Adventure Activity providers
- Continue to keep our awareness at a high level and pick up on issues as soon as they arise
- Reporting and feedback on the needs of employers and the workforce

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Any final questions?

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