The charity for Scots in London

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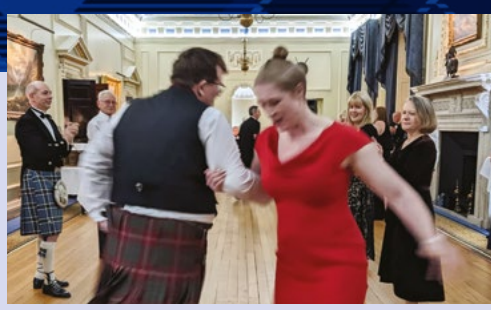
St Andrew's Festival Ceilidh



We are pleased to announce that ScotsCare will be hosting its first ever Ceilidh on Saturday 16th November at St Columba's Church, Pont St, SW1X 0BD from 7.00 to 10.30pm (doors open from 6.30pm).
Live entertainment will be provided by the Craigievar Ceilidh Band and London Scottish Pipes and Drums.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. We will have a caller to guide dancers, step by step so everyone can join in regardless of experience. Tickets are **£20 each** and can be bought via this link **www.scotscare.com/project/scotscare-ceilidh/** . Your ticket includes light bites. A bar will be available to purchase drinks. All profits from the evening will go back into ScotsCare's services.

We look forward to seeing you on what will be a festive and memorable evening.

SCOTSCARE PODCAST

The second series of the ScotsCare Podcast started back in June. Guests in part one of the series, included ex-Scotland player Pat Nevin, now football pundit and author; Coinneach MacLeod, The Hebridean Baker, Michelle Gomez, Scottish actress (Green Wing and Doctor Who); John Webster, Head of Scotland House and Ruth Devlin, Menopause Matters. This series will run in three parts, part two will start on the 4th of October and part three in late January.

Like the first series, guests are a mix of talented Scots, from the entertainment, sporting and professional worlds. The host **Marcus Railton** discusses how Scotland has influenced them and who they've become, as well as their careers. Although the guests are successful, many have faced setbacks and challenges as our clients have; as Scots away from home, creating new lives and connections.

Our next episode goes live on Friday 4th October with **Brett Grellier** from **Brett Grellier Psychology Service**, who provides psychotherapy services for the charity, offering an insight into how our clients are supported.

Volunteer Boat Party

In July, ScotsCare hosted its annual volunteer 'thank you' River Thames boat party cruise. Nearly seventy staff, trustees and volunteers and their guests enjoyed a sunny evening on the river. ScotsCare Chair Kevin Lynch and trustee Joyce Harvie spoke, both of whom highlighted that without the support of volunteers, ScotsCare wouldn't be able to do all the work it does.

Three volunteers received awards for their long service - **Douglas Weir** (befriender) and **Shakira** (receptionist, tech buddy, social events, mailings) were given five years volunteer service awards. And a special thanks was also given to **Easton Bilsborough** for his 8 years' service as a befriender as he was leaving to move to Scotland before going travelling.

Out in the community

This summer we've had stalls at Pride in London, Black Pride, Angel Canal Festival and coming up on Sunday 15 September we will return to Queen's Park Day (NW6) from 12 to 5pm.

Having stalls at community events gives us an opportunity to meet new and existing clients, donors and volunteers and spread the news about the charity and the support we provide.

The diverse footfall at events like **Pride in London** and **Black Pride** is immense, allowing us to reach more and more people. It was also great to revisit the **Angel Canal Festival**, Islington, to connect with local clients in one of the major broughs we deliver support.

Fundraising Events

This November, we will be taking part in the CEO Sleepout on Monday 25th November at Lords Cricket Ground. Are you interested in taking part, sleeping in the stands through the night, to raise money for homeless Scots in need in London? Sign up here - https://ceosleepout.co.uk/london/

Or do you have another fundraising idea in mind? If so, please email us on fundraising@scotscare.com

Save the date - our annual **Christmas Carol Service** and reception will be held on **Sunday 15th December** at **Crown Court Church** in Covent Garden, London.

Are you looking for a Blether buddy?

Are you a ScotsCare client looking to be a bit more social? We have carefully selected Blether Buddy volunteers who can either meet up with you at your home or out and about, or call you, once a week, to have a friendly blether about whatever you feel!

Please let our Volunteer Coordinator Louise know, on **020 7240 3718** or email **info@scotscare.com**. You do not have to have had support from us recently to be eligible.

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