



CHV Digest

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Issue 2

A biannual newsletter for alumni and supporters to keep you updated with CHV's latest news and announcements.

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A brief introduction to what we have accomplished over the last year.

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How you can support us to ensure we can continue to provide the best activities possible!



2024/25 Summary

This marks the end of another fantastic year of CHV! Thanks to the dedicated hard work of our volunteers, we have offered our services to 140 children across 156 activity evenings, 12 day trips and 2 residential camps.

Our 12 groups across Niddrie, Pilton and Sighthill enjoyed a fantastic year of activities, with an increased budget allowing us to provide more paid experiences across the city including AquaDash, Camera Obscura, mini golf and of course, a CHV favourite, trampolining.

This year has also seen some fun new partnerships including science nights at the Nucleus Building, coaching from the Gymnastics Society, cooking with Cyrenians Cook School, games with Korfball Society and the use of Napier University's and Stuart Melville School's facilities.





Semester 2 Highlights

We have had a fantastic end to 2024/25 and are pleased to share some highlights with you.

Volunteer News

Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to our incredible dedicated drivers and student volunteers who have clocked up well over 7000 hours of volunteering in total, and without whom, running our activities would not be possible. To all those who are graduating this year, we will miss you and wish you the best of luck for the future. For everyone else, see you next year!

As happens every year, our wonderful 2024/25 committee have sadly come to the end of their term. However, we are pleased to welcome the newly elected 2025/26 committee who already have some exciting plans underway for the coming year. Check out our website to see the committee for this year: [Our Team](#).



Our annual ball took place in March, and we had a record 118 attendees comprised of volunteers, alumni and friends. After a fantastic ceilidh and enough food to feed a small army, we made £2250 profit which we are incredibly pleased with. Thank you to everyone who came and see you next year for an even bigger and better ball!

Activities

A group of 21 children from Niddrie and Pilton had the opportunity to attend a 3-day residential camp at PGL. Volunteers and children alike had a fantastic time conquering fears, building friendships and making memories. Highlights included abseiling down the bridge, doing the leap of faith and singing non-stop in the bus (I've heard enough Taylor Swift to last me a lifetime).



We are also running a Progressions Camp this month for young people aged 13-18 from Pilton where the group have had the opportunity to help plan their food and activities and will be catering for themselves. This will be a great chance to develop leadership skills and independence and promises to be a fantastic weekend for everyone involved.

Alongside our regular activities, all our groups have been on a day trip in the second semester, allowing us to travel somewhere a bit further afield. Each group chose their activity, so we had a variety of destinations, including M&D's theme park, Ninja Warrior, Murrayfield Stadium and Edinburgh Zoo. We can't wait to see what new ideas our activity planners will think of next year!

Support Us

This year, we had almost 30 runners raising money for CHV in the Edinburgh Marathon Festival. Thanks to our runners, we made a fantastic £3000! Any donations to our JustGiving would be much appreciated and will help us to continue offering our activities and supporting the young people we work with [Donate Here: CHV JustGiving](#). Equally, if you are interested in running EMF 2026 for us, let us know at finance.chv@eusa.ed.ac.uk - places are already open for 2026 entry.

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