



July 3, 2018 – Glasgow mobility team

Welcome to your local team update. The next update will be sent out in October.

Service updates

We recently said goodbye to Senior Practitioner Jo Laverty. Jo said: "During my 26 years with Guide Dogs, I have been fortunate to meet many amazing people, both customers and colleagues. I am sad to be leaving Guide Dogs, but have many happy memories from my time at Forfar, Larkhall and Hamilton." Orientation and Mobility Specialist Margaret Stevenson has recently moved to the Edinburgh Mobility Team. We wish Jo and Margaret all the best.

We recently welcomed trainee Guide Dog Mobility Instructor Laura Davidson, who is in her second year of training.

Service User Representative Sinead McFarlane is keen to hear from guide dog owners and My Guide customers, and looks forward to meeting more customers this year. If you would like to speak to Sinead for a chat or some advice, contact 07717 517 571 or Sinead.Mcfarlane@guidedogs.org.uk. Rob Fraser, Assistant Service User Representative covers the Highland region, and can be contacted on: 07468 711 914 or via email at Robert.Fraser@guidedogs.org.uk.

Rob continues to host his popular coffee mornings, open to current or prospective guide dog owners. The next one is at the Spectrum Centre, Inverness, 10am – 12 noon, on 14 September. Our service user representatives wish you a good summer.

Campaign updates

- Guide Dogs Scotland supports the Transport (Scotland) Bill because it contains measures to tackle irresponsible parking on pavements, which can prevent people with sight loss from getting out and about safely. Find us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) to find out how you can support the Bill by submitting evidence in support of the legislation.
- We are running a survey with guide dog owners in Scotland in July around access to taxis. Speak to Emma Brown for more information.

Fundraising Updates

- St Aloysius School have raised enough money to name their own guide dog puppy!



Scotland

- Glasgow City Rollers raised over £2000 fundraising on Buchanan Street – well done!
- Guide Dogs will be fundraising at Kendal Calling, a festival in Penrith, 27-30 July. Get in touch if you're interested in volunteering.
- Does your workplace choose a charity partnership, or do you know of any partnerships opportunities with local companies? If so, please get in touch!

Volunteer Updates

- We hosted our local volunteer awards in June – congratulations to our fantastic award winners: Kerry Foulkes, Pauline Duff, Elaine Perry, Deborah Robertson, Lyn Carse, Catriona Macaulay, Mary Leckie, Lorna Money, Heather Liggat and Laura Macaulay. A full list of winners and runners up can be found on our [Facebook](#) page – well done!
- In addition to our category award winners, Margaret McCreadie was recognised for her long-standing service to puppy walking. We were also honoured to have family of John Veitch in attendance. John was a popular and dedicated volunteer who sadly passed away recently, and we wished to recognise John's contribution to Guide Dogs.
- Speaker training takes place in Glasgow on 28 August – there are a couple of spaces remaining.
- [Visit our website for more information](#) about volunteer roles, such as puppy raisers in Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway; speakers; sighted guides; and fundraisers for current groups, and new groups such as Cumbernauld!

Events

- We are returning to Glasgow Green on 22 September with our Use Your Senses 5K fun run. This event is suitable for all ages and abilities.

Contacts

If you want to find out more, contact the Glasgow Mobility Team by emailing glasgow@guidedogs.org.uk or call 0118 983 8123. You can also follow Guide Dogs Scotland on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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