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Mountaineering Scotland makes key new appointment

Stuart Younie takes up post as Chief Executive Officer

The body which represents climbers, mountaineers, hill walkers and snowsports tourers in Scotland is to have a new hand at the helm from Monday.

Mountaineering Scotland has appointed Stuart Younie as Chief Executive Officer, replacing David Gibson, who is retiring on Friday after more than a decade at the head of the organisation.

Stuart Younie comes to Mountaineering Scotland from Live Active Leisure in Perth, where he was Business Development and Programming Manager. He brings a wide range of senior management experience, including strategic planning, business development and operational delivery. He is also passionate about the outdoors, having skied and walked in the highlands since his childhood, and rock climbed since his university days. He has been a member of Mountaineering Scotland for many years.

Stuart has a BA Honours degree in Recreation Management specialising in countryside studies and is keen to promote the health benefits of an active lifestyle. He managed the Sports Development and Outdoor Education Services for Perth and Kinross council for eight years, working closely with volunteers, local clubs and schools. For the last six years he has been a voluntary director of the Scottish Sports Association and was appointed Vice-Chair in 2017.

Stuart grew up in Moray, and inherited his love of the Scottish hills from his dad Harry, and as well as his love of the hills he also enjoys fly fishing, mountain biking and trail running. He lives in Kinross with his wife and three young sons.

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About Mountaineering Scotland:

- Mountaineering Scotland is the only recognised representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers and ski-tourers who live in Scotland or who enjoy Scotland's mountains.
- Mountaineering Scotland provides training and information to mountain users to promote safety, self-reliance and the enjoyment of our mountain environment.
- The Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with over 14,000 members representing hill walkers, climbers and mountaineers, funded through a combination of membership subscriptions, non-governmental grants and investment from sportscotland, which supports public initiatives and services in mountain safety, mountain training and the development and promotion of mountaineering activities.
- Mountaineering Scotland also acts for 75,000 members of the BMC or British Mountaineering Council on matters related to Landscape and Access in Scotland.
- Mountaineering Scotland landscape and access work is supported financially by the Scottish Mountaineering Trust and the BMC
- Mountaineering Scotland has launched the ClimbScotland initiative to encourage young people to participate in climbing and support their progression. It offers a dedicated website and a development team, which will introduce young people to climbing at schools, climbing walls and via youth organisations with a range of activities and events, while developing kids clubs and providing specialist support to parents, volunteers and teachers.
- Mountaineering Scotland is the national governing body for sports climbing. It offers pathways to climbing coaching, organises and promotes a range of regional and national climbing competitions, and manages the Scottish climbing and bouldering teams. It contributes to the management of the GB teams with the ultimate aim of seeing a Scottish athlete achieve a podium position in the Olympic Games.
- The MCoS is a not for profit company limited by guarantee and incorporated in Scotland. Company number SC322717.
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