

Role Description

Title	Regional Representative	Responsible to	CDG Chair
Organisation	Mountaineering Scotland	Group	Climbing Development Group

The Role

The Regional Representative is a voluntary post that will help to represent the climbing community in their local area. The Regional Rep will provide advice and support to help to resolve issues such as crag access, conservation, ethics, accepted practice in equipping new venues and sustainability of existing venues for future generations.

It is anticipated that the lead will work with a small team of local advisors and where appropriate have a mix of knowledge in both summer and winter climbing. Regions have been defined as:

- **Western & Northern Isles** – Shetland to Barra
- **North** – North of the Great Glen including Skye, Rum & Eigg
- **West** – South of the Great Glen to the Clyde, from west of Inverness to Glasgow including the Inner Hebrides.
- **East** – South and East from Inverness to the Forth.
- **South** – Central belt south to the Scottish border including Arran.

Resource Management

- Liaise directly with the CDG Chair.
- Liaise and work with the other regional representatives.
- Co-ordinate the regional working group.
- Assist in managing access to the bolt fund.
- Liaise with Mountaineering Scotland’s Access & Conservation Officer.

Key Responsibilities

- Be a voice for the climbing community in their region.
- Host and chair local area meetings in relation to discuss climbing developments in their represented area.
- Assist in resolving local crag access issue, liaise with local climbers, landowners and Mountaineering Scotland’s Access & Conservation Officer.
- Help to co – ordinate action to address issues such as replacing dated equipment like bolts on sport climbs, historically significant abseil stations, replacing tat around trees with wire cable and maillon, creating new abseil stations where appropriate to protect a crags sustainability.
- Assist in co-ordinating crag clean ups, appropriately removing vegetation, repair work, development of new crags or cliffs for either trad or sport climbing, where appropriate tidying up and equipping of rarely visited trad venues.
- Liaise with the Climbing Development Group regarding national bolt fund and the provision of training for volunteers.
- Work with the Climbing Development Group on summer/winter national/international climbing meets in their region.
- Consult with key stakeholders such as landowners, access officers and local climbers with regard to outdoor climbing developments (bolting/crag developments/access)

Knowledge & Experience

- In depth knowledge of climbing venues in their region.
- In depth knowledge of responsible access.
- Knowledge of Mountaineering Scotland and local conservation vision.
- Experience of climbing widely within their region.
- Experience in access and/or conservation matters.
- Experience of working with people, local authorities and private companies.
- Experience of negotiating and building trusting relationships with individuals and agencies.

Key Competencies

- Good IT skills and ability to co-ordinate on-line seminars and conferences.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Familiarity with all forms of media outlets and how to use them.
- Good personal organisational skills and ability to organise others.
- Building positive relationships and working in teams.
- A self-starter with the ability to finish a project.