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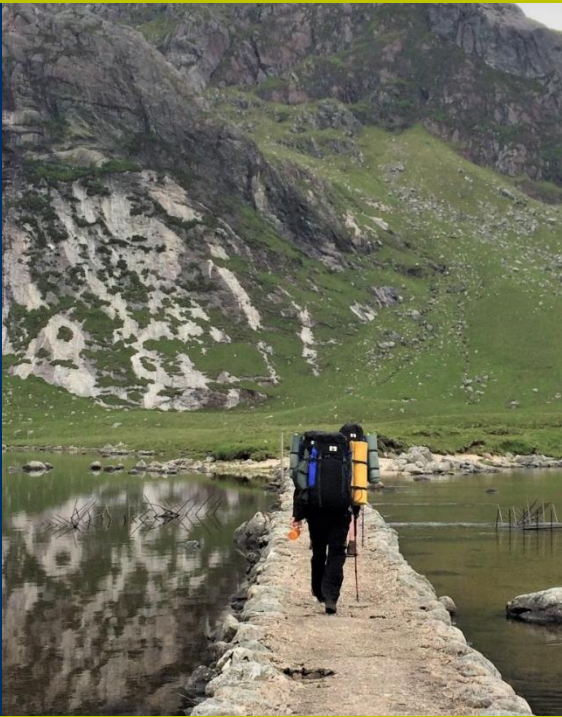


Delivering outdoor personal development programmes supporting people to gain the life skills, stability and confidence needed to reach their potential.

- ✓ 16+
- ✓ For those currently involved in the justice system
- ✓ Open to those from across Scotland (excluding Moray and Highlands & Islands)

For more information, or to refer, please visit: www.venturetrust.org.uk

What we do



We deliver personal development programmes in communities, green spaces, and Scotland's wilder places to support people currently involved in the justice system. Support can last for up to 9 months and we run both 5 and 10-day wilderness journeys with cohorts which are either mixed-gender or women-only.

Nature offers inherent challenges for people to reflect on beliefs, attitudes, and behaviours. Adapting to this new environment, resilience is increased, participants develop understanding of how to interact with others, and improve impulse control in challenging situations. Activities in nature provide opportunities for individuals to practice this learning.

The programmes allow individuals to address complex circumstances and patterns of behaviour, tackle re-offending and help with their rehabilitation.

"Getting out and about, trying to piece back my life and reach for better things. It's been fantastic. I've got my positivity back and I've done things that were way out of my comfort zone. I don't even know how I did it, but I took part and didn't back out. That was the best thing."

Jackie, Participant on 5-day Women-only Journey

Eligibility and Referrals

Eligibility: Anyone aged 16+ and currently involved in the justice system as a result of offending or alleged offending behaviour*. They must also be one of the following:

- subject to a community order (e.g. CPO)
- subject to another intervention delivered or directed by justice social work services (e.g. diversion from prosecution, a structured deferred sentence)
- currently have a Justice Social Worker

Referrals: We can accept referrals for individuals at different stages of their involvement in the justice system. For example:

- an assessment request may be made by the court
- a request could be made to add our programme to a current order (Programme/Supervision Requirement or added as part of 'Any Other Activity')
- working with another organisation but currently have a Justice Social Worker

*We do not currently work with registered sex offenders or those subject to Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)



"Venture Trust's programmes are not easy, nor are they quick fixes. But if I have learned one thing, from years of working with this very special organisation, it is this: Venture Trust's programmes work."

Sheriff David N Mackie

How to Refer

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If you are requesting an Assessment to help decide whether someone is suitable for a Venture Trust core service as part of an order, use the option 'Court Assessment Request'.



"It's great to have a life back. To not feel hopeless or like you are nothing or useless. Venture Trust has helped me to become somebody again. The life that I have now is brilliant compared to what it was like. I thought I was a failure and that I was going to die in that horrible existence of addiction, prison, violence and fear."

Stephen, Participant on a 10-day Journey