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Although like most kids I spent a lot of time climbing on the rocks and sea cliffs around Portknockie on the Moray coast, I was introduced to climbing as a pastime later in life in 2006, when my son began climbing with the cub scouts. Since then I have been hooked and climbing has gradually taken over my life.

I am a member of the Buchan Climbing Club which is very much a family friendly club, based in the Peterhead area. We meet at the Peterhead community centre climbing wall once a week. The club tries to climb outside as often as possible, and as I found myself more involved in helping organize these sessions I trained for the SPA which I passed in July 2010. Most of my climbing happens on the sea cliffs around Peterhead and Aberdeen, but with any luck I'll find some new adventures this year.

My son first entered the YCS in 2007 and since 2008 I have either judged or belayed at many of the MCofS organized competitions and training events. The hard work and determination shown by the kids at these events make them hugely enjoyable to be a part of.

Since it was formed in 2008, I have been an active parent member with the Aberdeen kids club, the Granite City Rock Stars. Along with the other parents we help the kids with their competition training both indoors and at our outdoor meets.

I have been involved with different kids groups for many years, ranging from junior and senior youth clubs, to parent coach for our primary school football teams.