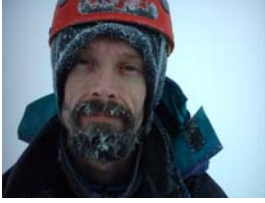


Ruairidh Mackenzie

10 Years of Voluntary Service for Scottish Kids Climbing



Ruairidh Mackenzie has been the MCofS Area Youth Coordinator for north Scotland for over ten years now. It all started when the BMC set up the British Regional Youth Climbing Series and we needed a volunteer to help run the competitions in the north. Ruairidh's sons were into climbing and with him securing a job as Climbing Manager at the Inverness Leisure centre he ended up taking on this voluntary role.

Since then he has operated every aspect of all the North Scotland competitions from route-setting (a demanding exercise – and getting more so as the kids get better every year), arranging and skilling-up volunteer belayers and judges; basically acting as our Chief Coordinator for the event.

When we started the REALrock sessions, Ruairidh was amongst the first to volunteer and ran several sessions every year for years.

With his sons, Robert and Dylan, excelling at the British lead and bouldering competitions and making it into the British Team, and so attending international competitions, he took on the role as a volunteer at British and International competitions for the BMC.

His talent for coaching children in the north saw more and more reaching British and international standards. This led to him being recognised as a British Team Coach for these children in North Scotland.



He sits on the MCofS's Sports Development Committee from its inception and later on the MCofS's Youth Working Group, which advised the MCofS Board on targets and initiatives and he helps MCofS deliver many other development objectives.

Ruairidh is trained as a Climbing Wall Manufacturers Association Route-Setter and as a trainer for the newly developing FUNDamentals Workshops.