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For the attention of *The Mountaineering Council of Scotland*  
Reference : Irish - Scottish East Greenland Expedition 2011- Request for support

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed please find my completed application form for expedition financial assistance on behalf of the Irish - Scottish East Greenland Expedition 2011 team.

Briefly we are a group of six keen mountaineers ( one Scottish and five Irish ) who wish to undertake a climbing and exploration expedition to the Renland region of Greenland in April/May 2011. Our principal objective is to explore this little known landmass at the head of Scorsby fjord and make first ascents of peaks and routes of that area. It is an exciting and important venture , not least for breaking new ground in the region but also to continue the pioneering tradition of arctic climbing and exploration. We hope to document and record the experiences of our venture from a visual and written perspective. This is a non commercial expedition.

In our research I have consulted with Paul Walker of Tangent Expeditions on relevant matters eg objectives, planning, logistics, conditions etc. We have also studied previous expedition reports and journals of climbing and exploration in Greenland. We have assembled a competent team of experienced and enthusiastic climbers all of whom are technically competent as well as being mature in attitude and responsibility.

As you know, mounting such an expedition requires funding. I have to say that given the very high expenses of logistics in Greenland, this aspect of resourcing is the biggest challenge facing us. Estimated funds required is a sizable £ 34, 360. We hope to cover part of the costs from personal funding, however we cannot fund it all. As you can appreciate failure to raise adequate funds will jeopardise the project. I will be applying for assistance from other grant sources also. However even assuming success in those applications plus our personal contributions we are still likely to be below target. Hence we would be very grateful for as much support funding as possible.

I hope that I have given you an understanding of the type of expedition we wish to undertake, in a responsible , environmentally and culturally sensitive manner. I would be very happy to discuss any aspect of our venture with you and answer any questions you may have. I earnestly hope you will look favourably on our request and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

I am,  
Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. MacCallum'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Rob MacCallum, expedition leader,

# MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND

## Mountaineering & Climbing Bursary



### APPLICATION FORM



#### 1. DETAILS OF APPLICANT:

(If under 18yr a parent or responsible guardian must complete this section on behalf of the applicant)

Name of Applicant:	Robert MacCallum
Age of Applicant:	55
Name of Guardian (if applicable):	-
Address:	Immadale 4 Ertive Gardens OBAN Argyll PA34 4SP
Contact Details (Email, Tel etc.):	01631 564653 (Rob)
Nationality:	Scottish
MCofS Membership Status (Club; Individual; Youth; Family etc):	Individual

#### 2. OBJECTIVE:

Discipline (see criteria):	Mountaineering
Brief Description: (Give detailed information in section 8)	To ascend unclimbed peaks & attempt new technical routes in the Renland area of Greenland
Venue:	Greenland (Kangerlussuaq)
Duration:	From: late April 2011 To: mid May 2011
Previous Experience relevant to the application objective:	Previous trip to Greenland involving first ascents in Regins bary

#### 3. DETAILS OF OTHER TEAM MEMBERS (if applicable):

(name, address, age, nationality, occupation and a summary of previous relevant mountaineering experience)

see list attached
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**4. BUDGET:**

(Complete all sections relevant to your application)

Costs £		Income £	
Travel:	£ 2400		
Food:	£ 600	No. of Members:	6
Accommodation:	£ 0	Personal contribution: £	
Equipment:	£ 1000	(each)	N/K
Peak fees:	£ 0	TOTAL £	
Liaison officer:	£ 0		
Porter hire:	£ 0		
Competition Fees:	£ 0	Other grants:	£ N/K
Miscellaneous:	£ 1560	Sponsors:	£ N/K
Contingency:	£	Other:	£ N/K
Agents fees (Tangard) £ 28,800			
<b>TOTAL £ 34,360</b>		<b>TOTAL £ N/K</b>	

**SPONSORSHIP AND OTHER GRANTS:**

(Give details here of what other organisations and sponsors you have applied to for grants, and with what results)

Mount Everest Foundation Gino Watkins Trust Mountaineering Ireland	}	No feedback yet
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**BANK DETAILS:**

(The bank account into which the grant will be deposited)

Name of bank account:	Irish Sea Fish East Greenland expedition 2011
Account number:	Branch code 87 37 63 A/c 7733 5868
Name and address of bank:	Lloyds TSB Ancois Crescent @ Ban. Ark. All

**5. REFEREES:**

(Please give the names and address of two referees who can comment on the relevance of your application)

NAME: <i>Bill Matthews</i> ADDRESS: <i>9 Pant Drive O Ben.</i> CONTACT: <i>01631-570604</i>	NAME: <i>Sim Osborne</i> ADDRESS: <i>31 Auster Road, Sordan Hill, Glasgow</i> CONTACT: <i>0141 959 2336</i>
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**6. FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING FOREIGN TRAVEL**

(Please complete where applicable)

<b>Permits:</b> To whom have you applied & when do you expect a decision:	<i>Danish Polar Centre - being arranged by Targent Expeditions LTD.</i>
<b>Regulations of the country to be visited:</b>	
i. Which Ministry, Embassy or Tourist Department have you contacted:	<i>N/A</i>
ii. What arrangements are being made for local employees and their compensation in case of accidents:	<i>N/A</i>
iii. What steps have you taken to study the political/cultural and religious aspects relevant to your visit and how do they affect your visit / objectives:	<i>N/A</i>

**7. COMPETITION INFORMATION.**

(Please complete where applicable)

Are you a member of the British Team?	
Have you paid the IFSC International License (or UIAA License) or similar?	
What relevant current insurance do you have?	

## 8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Give full details of your objective including the nature of the route / climb / peak, the type of difficulties envisaged and what sources of information you have consulted (written and oral). Include additionally photographs, diagrams and maps. Append additional pages if necessary.

Exploration of an area within Renland (Eastern Greenland).  
Sources of information: previous expedition Reports & consultations with Paul Walker who operates Timgant expeditions LTD (leading authority on mountaineering in Greenland). We have specifically asked him to identify an area within Renland as suitable for first time exploration.

Objectives: to explore glacier systems, identify & climb snow/ice routes & unclimbed peaks.

Aerial photo attached - supplied by Timgant. No reliable maps available. Objectives will be identified by reconnaissance during expedition phase & in consultation with Paul Walker at Timgant

## 8. DECLARATION:

I have read the Bursary Criteria and conditions and agree to abide by them.

Applicants Signature R. MacLellan Date 21 April 2010

Guardians Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Acting on behalf of applicants under 18yr)

### PLEASE SEND TO:

The Development Officer, MCoFS, The Old Granary, West Mill Street, Perth, PH1 5QP.

Note Although I realise that this is a joint Scottish / Irish expedition & have read the bursary conditions I would hope that a positive decision to support the expedition would be met on a proportional basis in so far as funding is concerned.

*Aerial photo of part of Renland.*



## **Team Members & Experience**

### **Gerry Galligan: 43. Irish. Risk Manager.**

Ten years mountaineering. Extensive experience, rock-climbing and hiking in Ireland and the UK, alpine, rock and ice-climbing in Europe. Mountaineering experience extends from the European Alps (France, Italy, Austria and Switzerland) to Norway, Canada, Bolivia, India.

Leader of the first ascent of Ramabang (6135m), Himachal Pradesh, India in 2008 (supported by MCI & Lowe Alpine). Pioneered explorations of the Debsa-Dibibokri valley system, Spiti, India. Soloed the first ascent of Konchok (5154m: SW face AD-), Ladakh, India 2008.

Made first Irish ascents of Mt Assiniboine (N Ridge), Alberta, Canada; Also FIA's of Bugaboo Spire (Kain route) and Pidgeon Spire (West ridge), British Columbia, Canada, 2007. Developed new route (*Caperallis Celtica*, AD grade) on Pico Austria, Bolivian Andes, 2009. FA *Distrust Direct* (HVS 5a) Dalkey Quarry, 2009.

Other ascents: Matterhorn (Hornli ridge) Switzerland, Aiguille de Sialouz (South ridge traverse), Barre Noire Couloir (France).

Currently climbs grade D alpine, Scottish Grade IV winter, WI 4 and HVS rock. Currently IMC chairman. Writer & Film maker. Note, films include *Ramabang* and *No Man Before Us*. Collaborated on other productions: *Bugged*, *Granite in Spires*, *Cabeza* and *Bolivian Journey*. These films have all been shown to wide acclaim at various national and international mountain film festivals.

### **Rob MacCallum. 54. Scottish. Tourism Accommodation Provider**

33 years continuous mountaineering; between 60/70 days per year spent in the mountains.

Extensive experience in Scotland summer and winter rockclimbing to VS/HVS, leading VS. Winter climbing up to grade 4/5, leading 4, numerous routes in Scotland summer and winter e.g. the classic ridges and gullies of Ben Nevis in winter.

Experience of nordic ski touring in Scotland, several trips to Norway and a previous trip to Greenland Regnys Berg area - ski touring and mountaineering.

Overseas trips to Norway - Ryjuken ice; Pyrennees in summer; Maritime Alps in France, the Bregaglia region in Italy and the Monte Rosa area in Switzerland.

Notable ascents: traverse of the Matterhorn by the Italian and Swiss ridges in a day. North ridge of the Piz Badile.

Also two expeditions to the Canadian Rockies including ascents of Mount Assiniboine and Bugaboo Spire.

Two expeditions to South America climbing Anconcagua and Alpine peaks in Bolivia including La Cabeza.

Trekking trip to Patagonia, Torres del Paine.

Member of MCoS.

**Sinead Pollock. 29. Irish. Freelance Mountaineering and Adventure Sports Instructor.**

Climbing, Mountaineering & Ski-Touring experience in French Alps, Dolomites, Allgäu Alps, Tyrol, Swiss Alps, Northern & Southern Spain, Scotland, Wales & Cyprus.

Example ascents: Winter - Tower Ridge (Ben Nevis) & Aonach Eagach Ridge. Multi-pitch rock – Cenotaph Corner, Dream of White Horses, Britomartis (Wales). Overall leading Rock HVS, Scottish Winter IV, Alpine AD+

Qualifications: Mountain Leader; Single Pitch Award; Winter Mountain Leader; Mountain Instructor Award; Mountain Instructor Certificate (trainee). Member of MI.

**Darach O'Murchu. 34. Irish. Freelance Mountaineering Instructor.**

Darach spends most of his time in the hills and mountains of Ireland and the UK. Ten years mountaineering experience in European Alps (Italy, France, Spain and Switzerland), North America and New Zealand. Currently climbs Scottish/Winter Water Ice Grade IV, Grade D mountaineering, VS rock-climbing, and 6a French Grade sports.

Notable ascents: FA Ramabang (6135m) Indian Himalaya; Matterhorn (Hornli ridge); Barre Noire Couloir (Ecrins, France), Salbitchjen & Jungfrau - ordinary route (Bernese Oberland).

Further example ascents: Ben Nevis (winter): Green Gully (IV), No.3 Gully Buttress (III), Observatory Ridge (IV), Tower Ridge (III), Comb Gully (IV), Glovers Chimney (III), Gardyloo Gully (III).

Winter Multi-pitch ice: Les Formes du Chaos (III/4, 300m), Ceillac. Paolo Folie (III), L'Argentiere La Besse, January 2006.

La Cremerie (various II & III), Gorge du Glacier, Argentiere-Chamonix, January 2005.

Holds International Mountain Leader and Winter Mountain Leader Awards.

Member of IMC, Mountain Meitheal & MCoS.

**Rowan Kavanagh. 35. Irish. Project Manager.**

10 years mountaineering with numerous seasons in Alps (summer) and Scotland (winter). Extensive rockclimbing around Ireland.

Example ascents: Ama Dablam (SW ridge) Nepal; Aiguille du Peigne, Dent de Geant, South Pillar of Midi (Rebuffat route), France.

FA *Distrust Direct* (HVS 5a) Dalkey Quarry.

Climbs Scottish winter grade 4, Alpine D, multi-pitch rock to E1, WI 4.

Currently involved in Dublin-Wicklow mountain rescue team. Qualifications: Mountain skills (BOS) & REC3 First aid. Member of IMC.

**Declan Cunningham. 39. Irish. Rope Access & Industrial Safety  
Trainer/Journalist**

25 years hiking and scrambling in Ireland and 10 years mountaineering and rock climbing experience. Mountaineering and trekking trips throughout the Alps (Italy, Switzerland, France, Austria) as well as Bulgaria, Russia, Africa, Nepal, Australia and New Zealand.

I ran my own trekking company, Ascents Of Adventure, which organised successful trips to Elbrus, Kilimanjaro and Aconcagua.

Currently Deputy Team Leader with Dublin Wicklow Mountain Rescue Team and have been a full team member for almost 10 years.

Notable ascents include: Mont Blanc, Mt Maudit, Mt Blanc de Tacul 3 monts traverse, Mt. Disgrazia (Italy), Kilimanjaro via Western Breach (Africa), Island Peak & Lobouche East (Nepal).

Recently qualified as an Emergency Medical Technician with PHECC (Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council). Also hold the Single Pitch and Mountain Leader Awards.

Currently climbing AD Alpine, Scottish Grade III and VS on rock.