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Mountaineers Celebrate Scotland's Mountains at MCoFS Annual Gathering

Scotland's mountaineers welcome Dave MacLeod to the Mountaineering Council of Scotland's Annual Gathering, to be held at Glenmore Lodge on Saturday 5 September. Recognised as one of the world's best climbers, Dave has successfully challenged some of the hardest rock, winter and bouldering routes in the world.

David Gibson, MCoFS Chief Officer said "The Gathering offers something of interest for all mountaineers. It's a great opportunity to get together and do what mountaineers do best - celebrate the mountains. We are delighted to welcome Dave, who features in a range of events and activities which will entertain and inspire Scotland's climbers and hill walkers."

The climax of the event is Dave MacLeod's new lecture "How soon is now? - Making moments to remember in climbing", which is followed by a hog roast, bar and live traditional music until late.

The programme includes climbing masterclass sessions run by Dave MacLeod; an insight into how search and rescue dogs are trained and used, run by Heather Morning, MCoFS Mountain Safety Adviser with her SARDA dog Milly; and an interactive lecture by Geoff Monk, founder and brains behind the Mountain Weather Information Service.

David Gibson added "We look forward to welcoming our members and invited guests to what promises to be one of Scottish mountaineering's most memorable events of the year."

Booking information including meal and accommodation options are as published on page 80 of Scottish Mountaineer, issue 43 May 2009. See also <http://www.mcofs.org.uk/gathering2009.asp> or call 01738-493 942.

Events Programme - 13:00 prompt to 15:30

Programme A	Programme B
13:00 Training and Working a Search and Rescue Dog with Heather Morning, Mountain Safety Adviser and 'Milly' <i>Milly is a fully qualified Search and Rescue</i>	13:00 to 15:00 Climbing Masterclass with Dave MacLeod <i>Places are strictly limited to 6 participants who will receive 1 to 1 tuition from Dave on</i>

<p><i>dog with SARDA Scotland. A short presentation explaining how the dogs are trained followed by a demonstration search by Milly and her handler Heather in the grounds at Glenmore Lodge. Approximately 45 minutes. Please indicate your interest to the MCofS office.</i></p> <p>14:15 Forecasting Mountain Weather: Art or Science? with Geoff Monk, Founder, Mountain Weather Information Service</p> <p><i>Geoff will make a short presentation and discuss your questions concerning the phenomenon that is Scotland's Mountain Weather, and the challenges faced by forecasters. Approximately 60 minutes. Please indicate your interest to the MCofS office.</i></p>	<p><i>the Glenmore Lodge bouldering wall. Please apply to the MCofS office.</i></p> <p><i>There will be some limited opportunities for spectators, who should also book in advance with the MCofS office.</i></p> <p><i>Participants and spectators must be current MCofS members or a member of a MCofS club.</i></p>
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Formal Meeting Programme - 16:00 prompt with EGM / AGM registration

15:30 Tea / Coffee and Cakes in the Dining Room

16:00 EGM / AGM Registration

16:30 Extraordinary General Meeting followed by Annual General Meeting (Lecture Theatre)

18:00 approx End of formal meetings

Evening Programme and Guest Lecture - starts 18:00

Guest Speaker – Dave MacLeod (Lecture Theatre)

“How soon is now? - Making moments to remember in climbing”

19:00 approx Drinks in the Bar

19:30 Dinner: Complimentary Beer Tasting / Hog Roast

21:00 till late Traditional Music in the Bar with [Mak-a-Din](#)