



MCoFS News Release

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Winter Safety Lecture Series Announced

The Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCoFS) has launched its Winter Safety Lecture Series today. 21 free lectures will be presented by 12 speakers at 6 venues across Scotland in January, February and March.

Alongside our familiar venues of the Clachaig Inn at Glencoe and the Mountain Café in Aviemore, the MCoFS is proud to announce a new partnership this year with Tiso and 7 of the lectures will be held at the Tiso Outdoor Experience Stores in Glasgow, Edinburgh (Leith), Perth and Inverness.

The aim of the lectures is to entertain and educate on winter mountain safety. In order to deliver this, an inspiring array of speakers has been chosen to present the 2011 lecture series and an entertaining evening out is guaranteed.

MCoFS Mountain Safety Adviser Heather Morning said: "All of our speakers have spent many years in the mountains and will draw on their own experience to illustrate hard lessons learnt."

Each presentation will last approximately 45 minutes and there will be opportunity at the end of each evening for any questions.

MCoFS Chief Officer David Gibson said: "Whilst these lectures entertain, they have a serious purpose; the number of mountaineering incidents is increasing due to more people enjoying the hills in varying and testing conditions. Our aim is to offer expert advice - and so help people enjoy the hills with a better understanding of how to tackle winter conditions - advice that one day could be invaluable."

The 2011 Winter Lecture Series is being sponsored by Buff, and at every lecture we will be inviting everyone in the audience to enter a free draw to win a Polar Buff worth £23.

For further information contact Heather Morning on 01479 861 241 or go to the MCoFS website at: <http://www.mcofs.org.uk/winterlectureseries.asp>.

Ends

Notes for Editors:

Full list of Winter Safety Lectures

The Clachaig Inn, Glencoe. (Tuesday evenings)

1st & 8th February. Roger Wild

15th & 22nd February. Adele Pennington

1st & 8th March. Tom Gilchrist

The Mountain Café, Aviemore. (Wednesday evenings)

12th & 26th January. Nick Carter

2nd & 23rd February. Simon Steer

9th February. Cameron McNeish

16th February & 2nd March. George McEwan

9th March. David "Heavy" Whalley BEM MBE

Tiso Stores. (Thursday evenings)

27th January. Stuart Johnston. Perth

3rd February. Tamsin Gay. Edinburgh

10th February. Rosie Goolden. Glasgow

17th February. Di Gilbert. Inverness

24th February. Stuart Johnston. Perth

3rd March. Stuart Johnston. Edinburgh

10th March. Stuart Johnston. Glasgow

All lectures start at 8.00 p.m. Check out the MCofS website at: <http://www.mcofs.org.uk/winterlectureseries.asp> for further information about the Winter Lecture Series, including deals on meals before the lectures.

The Winter Lecture Series is just one element of the MCofS's range of mountain safety initiatives. For information on our other mountain safety work, please go to: <http://www.mcofs.org.uk/mountain-safety.asp>.

The Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCofS) acts to represent, support and promote Scottish mountaineering.

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