

THE BIG FOOTPRINT

All Generations Walking Together!



What's THE BIG FOOTPRINT all about?

Week in week out, the Church, the Guild, BB and GB undertake incredible work with individuals, groups and the wider community. But so often, we are not seen and we are not heard.

The BIG Footprint is a chance for the Church of Scotland Guild, The Boys' Brigade (BB) Girls' Brigade Scotland (GB) and wider church to come to together to show how much we are at the heart of local communities.

The BIG Footprint follows in the footsteps of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland Rt Rev Susan Brown, whose moderatorial theme has focused on Walking Together. During her year in the role, Susan is highlighting the many different benefits of getting out and walking more.

Our ambition is that BIG Footprint events will be taking place across Scotland, and that each event will culminate in bringing people together for food and a blether. It can be a short wander or even something more adventurous – it's up to you!

We hope that The BIG Footprint will help to make a BIG impression by bringing churches and communities together to show the footprint of faith that exists in Scotland today.

The event will be like no other – and what's more – it will be a wonderful example of intergenerational working, with members from BB, GB and the Guild walking, talking and sharing together. But, if you don't have a Guild, GB or BB, don't worry – you can still take part in The BIG Footprint!

Ahead of Easter Sunday when Christians around the world gather to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, The BIG Footprint will be the chance for 'church' to show itself as a visible and active presence within local communities in a confident and engaging way.

When does The BIG Footprint take place?

Easter Saturday, 20 April 2019, is when most events will happen. But if this doesn't suit your church, organisation and community, please choose an alternative.

Where are events taking place?

There will be events in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen, but why not organise your own?! What will make The BIG Footprint have the BIGgest impact will be what happens locally – so get together with others and plan a community walk!

Want to run your own event?

Here are some ideas:

- Walk from one Church to another Church – connecting congregations and different BB/GB Companies and Guild groups
- A reflective walk (Programme resource cards available)
- Treasure hunt, nature trail or scavenger hunt
- Materials to hand out explaining more about your church or organisation
- Fun Run
- Cooking or baking programme item for the days running up to your event

Who else could you invite to your event?

- Your local MP/MSPs and councillors?
- Members of other faiths?

How can we promote an event?

Materials to help publicise your event, both for printing and for online, will be made available once you register, but by all means start your planning and promotion now!

What distance does our event have to be?

There are no rules on how long your community walk or journey should be. It might be a mile, it might be longer. What is important is the act of coming together, going out in to a community and inviting others to join the journey.

How do we register and find out more?

There is more information about The BIG Footprint - including details on resources, registrations, the hub events (in Dundee, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Edinburgh) and much more on the event webpage www.churchofscotland.org.uk/bigfootprint or by emailing bigfootprint@churchofscotland.org.uk

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