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# STEP OUT! SUMMER TEAM



# Step Out+

## Basic Information

Step Out+ is an exciting new programme from BUSY (the Baptist Union of Scotland Young People). It is a three month project where volunteers train, prepare and deliver children's and youth activities in churches around Scotland over the summer months. Step Out+ will enable you to put your faith into positive, practical action.

### What Step Out+ Offers You!

The Step Out+ project provides an opportunity to:

- Meet other Scottish Baptists.
- Learn practical skills.
- Discover some of your gifts and try them out.
- Work as part of a team.
- Help local Baptist churches with their evangelism and outreach.
- Experience on-the-job training.
- Participate in discussions and spend time in worship, reflection and prayer.
- Join in up to 6 week long missions during the summer.
- An allowance of £55 per week for the three months.
- A couple of free t-shirts (a Step Out+ one and a Step Out one – they will be well used over the summer)

### What Step Out+ Expects of You!

The Step Out+ project will stretch, challenge and enable you. Here's the minimum we expect of you:

- Live commitment to Jesus Christ – it's all about serving God, not ourselves.
- Available from early June to early September – dates will be finalised once the team has been chosen.
- Reasonably good health – it is a physically demanding summer.
- Willingness to try new things out of your comfort zone – you will be asked to do things you have never attempted of before.
- Active support of your home church – it's important to get them involved with you over the summer.
- Willingness to contribute to the teams and churches you are involved with over the summer – you will play a key role in helping the team and the church to work together.
- Ability to compromise and not expect to get things your way all the time – you will be part of a number of different teams with a variety of individuals that you have to help.
- A good sense of humour – you'll need to be able to laugh over the summer.

- A desire to grow spiritually – God will teach you heaps over the summer, if you are willing to listen to Him and those around you.

Here's some of the things you could be expected to get involved in (but the list is not exhaustive!!!):

- Leading teams throughout the summer.
- Praying out loud and leading team devotions.
- Leading games, crafts, small groups.
- Puppetry, drama and story telling in children's clubs.
- Sharing your testimony in a children's or youth club.
- Giving an epilogue at the youth club.
- Taking a leading role in church services.
- Get alongside church children and youth to encourage them in their faith.

Volunteers should be 16 years old and over and available to volunteer for three months, roughly beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June and finishing 31<sup>st</sup> August.

It is worth reading the 'Step Out A-Z' as this will give you a fuller picture of what Step Out involves (and just multiply it by 6 to get an impression of what SO+ could demand).

You will be expected to learn and develop certain skills and do some preparatory work during the month of June before heading off around the country. You will also be involved in the Step Out training weekend in June.

During the three months, you will get a limited amount of time off to go home and catch up on your rest, meet your family and friends and share in your home church.

### **Application Form**

Attached is an application form for this year's Step Out+ team. Once your application form has been processed your references will be sent for. You will be invited for an informal interview and induction late in March or early in April.

**Please take time to fill out the application form fully, IN BLOCK CAPITALS. The information asked for is important as the BAPTIST UNION OF SCOTLAND takes its responsibility for the wellbeing and safety of all team members very seriously.**

Please remember to include two passport-sized photos with your application form. Copies of your mini-biog will be sent to churches that you will be placed in over the summer so they can be praying for you. The additional passport-sized photo which will be used to make a personalised 'Step Out Mission' badge for use at training and on mission.

**Referees**

Please give the names and addresses of three people (one of whom should be your minister/church leader) willing to provide us with written references on your behalf. This is vitally important. We must be in possession of these references before you will be allowed to go on Step Out +.

If you have any questions that you'd like answers to before (or during) filling the forms in, then contact either Jillian or Ivy at the Baptist Union (0141 423 6169 option 4; [jillian@busy.org.uk](mailto:jillian@busy.org.uk) or [ivy@scottishbaptist.org.uk](mailto:ivy@scottishbaptist.org.uk)) and they will try to answer your questions as quickly as possible. They also have copies of the 'Step Out A-Z'.

**Please return the forms by the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 to:**  
**Step Out +,**  
**Baptist Union of Scotland,**  
**14 Aytoun Road, Glasgow,**  
**G41 5RT.**



# STEP OUT + SUMMER TEAM APPLICATION FORM



## 1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Post Code ..... Phone ..... Mobile .....

Email: .....

Age ..... D.O.B .....

T-shirt Size: ..... Driving Licence: YES / NO

How would you rate your health: Good / Fair / Poor

Have you ever had any serious illness or medical conditions? .....

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Do you have an current medical conditions or illness? .....

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Do you have any special dietary requirements? .....

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What do you enjoy doing in your free time? .....

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What do your family think about you joining a Step Out + team for the summer?

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## 2. Educational / Work Details

Which school do you go to: .....

Which school exams have you passed: .....

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Which results are you currently awaiting for: .....

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Which College / University do you attend (if any): .....

What jobs have you had in the past (if any): .....

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What previous experience of service with the Baptist Union have you had, if any?

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What, if any, previous experience of service with other Christian agencies have you had? (e.g. your home church; Scripture Union , etc)

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**Qualifications**

Bronze medallion/pool lifeguard qualification	YES / NO	Passed .....
Elementary food hygiene course	YES / NO	Passed .....
First Aid certificates	YES / NO	Passed .....
Other Qualifications:	.....	

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Have you ever been charged with or convicted of any criminal offence or do you have cases pending? (Except driving offences)

YES / NO

*(NB: Working for the Baptist Union with children and young people means that the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 do not apply. Consequently you are not entitled to withhold information on a criminal conviction on the grounds that it is 'spent' or forgotten under the provisions of the above Act.)*

(If yes, please give details including dates)

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*Please note that the Baptist Union will run a Disclosure check on you.*

### 3. CHRISTIAN LIFE DETAILS

When, how and why did you become a Christian? .....

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To which church do you belong? .....

Would they encourage and support your application to be a volunteer with the BU?

YES / NO

Have you discussed this application with your minister / church leaders?

YES / NO

Which books / CDs / DVDs have you found helpful recently and / or speakers at Christian events who've been of help to you.

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Have you had any previous experience of leadership? (Please give examples)

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What Bible verse / story / passage means a lot to you? (Briefly explain why)

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What are your strengths: .....

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What are your weaknesses: .....

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How would you describe your daily walk with God: .....

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Please give a recent example of God speaking to you or answering your prayers

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#### **4. GIFTS AND EXPERIENCE**

What skills and gifts do you already make use of and in what capacity? (e.g. Evangelism, teaching, administration, games, drama, crafts, etc.)

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What relevant training events have you attended which have equipped you for working with children and young people?

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Do you have any experience in any of the following areas. (Briefly mention relevant experience in the space provided)

working with a small groups .....

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giving a short talk .....

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leading games .....

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doing drama .....

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playing a musical instrument .....

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leading worship .....

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crafts .....

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puppetry .....

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planning a holiday club / children's event .....

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planning a youth club / teenage event .....

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technical (eg sound/lights) .....

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*Please detail other skills/experiences you feel it would be useful for us to know about at the end of the application or on a separate sheet.*

**5. STEP OUT +**

What has led you to apply to join a STEP OUT + team?

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*Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary*

Why do you think you are suitable to be part of a STEP OUT + team?

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*Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary*

Is there anything else that you want to tell us to support your application?

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*Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary*

**6. REFERENCE**

*Please supply the names of three people who have a reasonable knowledge of you as a person, to whom we can write for references. One of the referees should be your minister or church leader and another who knows you from school, college, university or employment. No more than two should be of the same sex.*

**1** Name:.....  
Address.....

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Post Code ..... Phone ..... Email .....

Relationship to applicant: .....

**2** Name:.....  
Address.....

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Post Code ..... Phone ..... Email .....

Relationship to applicant: .....

**3** Name:.....  
Address .....

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Post Code ..... Phone ..... Email .....

Relationship to applicant: .....

I confirm that the information given in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Signed Date

For those under 18: I confirm that I am happy for this application to continue.

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Signed (Parent or guardian) Date

Tell us in 200 words or less why you want to join a Step Out Plus team:

**MINI-BIOGRAPHY OF** .....

*(name)*

*(age)*

Where are you from?

What do you do (education/job)?

What are your interests and/or hobbies?

What are your likes?

What are your dislikes?

Do you have a special diet?

What food do you love to eat:

What food will you not eat:

What is your family background?

What is your current church involvement?

How has God been at work in your life recently?

Describe yourself in three words!

**Return by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 to:**

Step Out+, Baptist Union of Scotland, 14 Aytoun Road, Glasgow, G41 5RT

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