

Nights of adventure – June 13 2011

☒ Night of Adventure – Edinburgh will take place at Vue Cinema, Omni Centre, Greenside, Edinburgh on Monday 13 June 2011. Come along and listen to superb speakers from across the spectrum of expeditions, adventure and travel talking about their amazing exploits. We think it should be called Knights of Adventure because some of the speakers are truly brave and intrepid – see below for more details.

The first talk starts at 7pm, with doors opening at 6.30pm.

Tickets cost £14 and can be purchased online at the link below or by calling Hope and Homes for Children on 01722 790111.

For specific enquiries relating to this event please email david.james@hopeandhomes.org

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Confirmed Speakers:

[Alastair Humphreys](#)

Since taking part in the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge at the tender age of eight, Alastair has never looked back. His adventures include a four year bicycle ride around the world, a yacht race across the Indian Ocean and a 500 mile canoe expedition down the Yukon River in North America.

[Mark Beaumont](#)

A BBC documentary maker, best selling author and acclaimed public speaker, Mark Beaumont, 27, is currently at home in Scotland writing his second book, attending events and training for his next expedition. In 2007/8 Mark broke the World Record for cycling around the world, covering 18,296

miles in 194 days and 17 hours, breaking the old record by 81 days. In 2009/10 he cycled from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego, stopping to climb the highest peaks of Denali and Aconcagua on route.

[Andrew Murray](#)

Ultra-Marathon Man Dr Andrew Murray, 30, a former GP and co-founder of Marathon Medical Services, recently completed his epic challenge running from John o' Groats to the Sahara, covering 2,659 miles in 78 days and finishing a full week ahead of schedule. Andrew qualified in 2003 from Aberdeen, Scotland. He has worked on 6 continents in a medical capacity including as an expedition doctor at several ultramarathons, and at the world championships for mountain biking and motorcross enduro. Andrew was also the doctor for the only bike race to be staged at the geographical North Pole.

[Pete Rhodes](#)

Pete got seriously into climbing while at university in New Zealand, and hasn't stopped since. For recreation he gets on a highline or grabs a trial bike. When he has both feet on the ground he writes books; gives talks about his passion to groups ranging from Duke of Edinburgh's Award to charities, clubs and schools; and offers his services as a guide.

[Simon Varwell](#)

Simon describes himself as an occasional writer and even more occasional photographer. He has also been on a world-wide mullet search and written a book about it, which has been presented to no less than the Highland Literary Salon – among many others. The search continues!

[George Bullard](#)

Starting in his mid-teens as back-up to a team that swam the English Channel, George hasn't sat still for very long. He is

an inspired and entertaining speaker to audiences of all ages, whether talking about his adventures in Antarctica, with the British Schools Exploring Society, or, aged 19, undertaking the longest unsupported polar journey of all time in the Arctic, or driving in a tuk-tuk from Pokhara in Nepal to the southern Indian city of Cochin – 3,976km. Most recently he completed a Trans European cycle trip from the UK to Greece.

[Jamie Andrew](#)

Jamie Andrew is the Scottish mountaineer who had his hands and feet amputated following a horrific accident in the French Alps. Miraculously, despite his handicap, Jamie has carried on with his mountaineering career and has made some amazing ascents all over the world, raising many thousands of pounds for charity along the way. His motto is – Remember, nothing is impossible!

[Scott Napier](#)

Scott Napier smashed the world record for cycling solo from the top of Alaska to the bottommost tip of Argentina (about 13,500 miles) in just 126 days, passing through 13 countries on the way. Covering an average of more than 100 miles a day, he beat the previous record of 140 days.

[Don Lennox](#)

Don Lennox is a Scottish gym instructor who is attempting to break a world record when he runs across America. He is hoping to complete the 3,100-mile marathon in 45 days, smashing the world record in the process. Already the world holder for ocean rowing, he was part of the 14-strong British and Irish crew that travelled from Gran Canaria to Barbados in 33 days, breaking the record of 35 days.

[Paul Diffley](#)

Paul Diffley was an avid climber himself when he first decided

to point a video camera at another climber in 2003. Since then, he has formed Hot Aches Productions and filmed many of the world's best climbers, making several award-winning films in the process.