

ESPC raise funds for charity



The ESPC which is the local property marketing body has raised funds for its chosen charity Royal Blind by holding a quiz.

The sponsored quiz was attended by 30 teams of four people, with all money raised going to help fund mobility equipment designed to make the lives of wheelchair users that attend the Royal Blind School easier.

Hosted by Paul Hilton, Chief Executive of ESPC, the quiz master for the evening asked a variety of tricky questions on topics ranging from films to current affairs.

Paul said:

“We are thrilled to announce that we raised £2,400 for such a worthwhile charity through some outstanding support from our members and suppliers.

“Here at ESPC we have a fantastic working relationship with Royal Blind and are committed to supporting the charity throughout the year. Holding events like this is a great way to build funds that will change the lives of many pupils that attend the school, something we are extremely passionate about.

“Royal Blind provides education, care and employment for blind and partially sighted people throughout Scotland helping to raise the awareness of a disability that many of us take for granted, something we are extremely proud to support.

“We’d like to thank everyone who attended the quiz raising helping us raise £2,400 for Royal Blind.”

The money raised by ESPC will go towards the purchase of a SMART Platform. Designed to encourage self-development and to

help pupils actively participate in their own mobility, the mobility aids allow for an individual's bespoke wheelchair to be easily loaded via integral ramps onto various levels normally inaccessible by wheelchair users.

The mobility devices are also ideal for shared use as they let each user remain in their own wheelchair with their own unique seating and controls, allowing staff to assess an individuals' capability and needs. Each device also includes anti-collision sensors, carer control, voice confirmations, speed and motion control.

Kerrigan Bell, Senior Fundraiser at Royal Blind, said:

"Sight loss affects around 1 in 30 people and can have a profound impact on a person's life.

"Royal Blind exists to improve the quality of life for people with blindness and visual impairments through care, education and employment.

"We're delighted with how the event went – everyone had a great evening and helped raise lots of money for a great cause."

The ESPC team also sponsor the Royal Blind Ambassador, Paralympian and Commonwealth medal winner, Libby Clegg. Libby suffers from a deteriorating eye condition known as Stargardt's Macular Dystrophy disease, which means she only has slight peripheral vision in her left eye, and is registered as blind.

The charity quiz was held on 26th October at Edinburgh's 'Ghillie Dhu' and welcomed 120 guests comprising ESPC members, suppliers and charity representatives.

If you would like to support Royal Blind or find out more visit: www.royalblind.org/

Photo shows Amy Walker, Marketing Manager of ESPC, Jonathan Jack from Royal blind and Kerrigan Bell, Senior Fundraiser at Royal Blind.