

Poppyscotland make urgent appeal for help



The charity Poppyscotland which arranges collections and manages volunteers or Poppy People has said that it may not be able to sell the poppies made at their Warriston factory unless some new volunteers come forward.

The funds raised from the sale of the poppies offers life-changing support to the Armed Forces community in Scotland, but the charity says they need some Area Organisers.

Some of these volunteers have moved home or indeed have retired from their roles and there is now a gaping hole in the organisation of the Poppy Appeal.

With five million poppies made by disabled veterans in the charity's factory, this position as Area Organiser is not a job for the faint-hearted.

Isla Campbell Lupton, Volunteer Development Manager at Poppyscotland, said: "Our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do at Poppyscotland. Their support for the Scottish Poppy Appeal means we can make a positive difference to our Armed Forces community. Without them, we simply wouldn't be able to run the Scottish Poppy Appeal every year.

"We have a network of 460 dedicated Area Organisers across Scotland, but Edinburgh is an area where we really need more volunteers. We are now urgently looking for Area Organisers to step up and ensure that locals can continue to sport their red poppies with pride.

"By simply having someone holding a collection tin, we can raise 50 times more than a stand-alone tin in a shop. With a

team of volunteers, the charity can raise more in one day than having un-manned collection tins over an entire fortnight.

“As an Area Organiser, you will be a part of a very special team that helps to raise millions of pounds for Scotland’s Armed Forces community. Our ex-servicemen and women in Scotland urgently need our support. To volunteer your time, please visit www.poppyscotland.org.uk.”