

Annual Charity Walk to cross cleaner, quieter Forth Road Bridge

Refurbished bridge to 'host' Christian Aid's 2018 Walk



Organisers of this year's annual Christian Aid sponsored walk across the Forth are hoping this year will be even bigger and better with local people encouraged to join them to celebrate the relaunch of a cleaner, quieter Forth Road Bridge,

With support from his congregation at Queensferry Parish Church, the late Reverend John Carrie started the annual Forth Road Bridge Cross in 1972. The event, which, this year, will take place on Saturday 28th April, is now one of Scotland's longest running sponsored walks, raising over a million pounds for Christian Aid. John's wife Annette who lives in Queensferry will be joined by her grandson Angus Whyllie aged

11 from Kirkliston who will once again will be taking part with family and friends.

Lucy Kirkland, Events Fundraising Officer for Christian Aid Scotland said: "With the huge reduction of traffic and with fantastic views of two of Scotland's most iconic bridges, we hope that this year more people will be encouraged join us to help raise money for the world's poorest communities. It would be fantastic to see people 'Wear Red for Christian Aid' or come along in fancy dress to help us celebrate our work. The event has been a huge success for 46 years and this is down to the enthusiasm and commitment of communities north and south of the bridge and we are continually grateful to everyone for their support".

Joan McConnachie from Kirkliston age 76 who has taken part in the Bridge Cross for over 20 years said: "The Bridge Cross this year will certainly be quieter and more picturesque although we'll miss the car drivers beeping their horns, encouraging us on! It will be great to see some familiar faces and hopefully some new ones at this great family friendly event".

To take part in the Forth Road Bridge Cross, which will take place on Saturday April 28th from 2pm, please go to www.christianaid.org.uk/walks or call Lucy on 0141 2416138.