

Letter to the Editor

From Elaine Kinnell, NSPCC Scotland Schools Service Manager

Dear Editor,

This month, the NSPCC is calling on people across Scotland to help us deliver vital child safeguarding messaging to local schoolchildren.

Speak Out Stay Safe uses age-appropriate language and workshops with our friendly mascot Buddy to help children aged 5 to 11 understand how to recognise abuse in all its forms.

We have some amazing volunteers here in Scotland and during the last year they have delivered *Speak Out Stay Safe* to over 70,300 children in 373 schools across Scotland.

However, we want to reach every child in every classroom, and to do that we need more volunteers.

Our Schools Service feels like being part of a family, with volunteers meeting like-minded people and delivering workshops to help children understand that it is never their fault if they experience abuse, that they have the right to be safe, and how to get help from safe adults and the NSPCC's Childline service.

Volunteers receive full training and support and are only asked to visit two schools a month, but can make a real difference to children's lives.

To apply, visit <https://join-us.nspcc.org.uk/volunteers> or for further information contact volunteerrecruitment@nspcc.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

- Elaine Kinnell
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