

Lets Fish! could come to Edinburgh if funds are there

The popular Let's Fish! programme is underway with events scheduled at the Falkirk Wheel and Hamiltonhill Claypits in Glasgow and bosses hope to host sessions on the Union Canal near Edinburgh, but say finding funding continues to be a challenge.

The 50-minute sessions are tailored to suit and they are with a fully-qualified and licensed coaching team who can answer all questions.

Slots are available throughout the day from 10.00 to 16.00 and four places are allocated in each time slot.

The sessions are not just for children, according to Gus Brindle, chairman of the Scottish Federation for Coarse Angling (SFCA), who organise the events.

He said: "The sessions are open to everyone, from complete novices keen to try fishing for the first time to more experienced anglers looking for advice or guidance. Adults and children are welcome and all tackle and equipment is provided.

"If you want to bring your own tackle along to get some advice on setting it up and using it correctly you are more than welcome."

Dunfermline-based Brindle added: "Parents are welcome to sit in on these sessions so that they can learn together, making this a great activity for the family."

Session dates are July 10, Hamiltonhill; July 15, Falkirk Wheel; July 17, Hamiltonhill; July 22, Falkirk Wheel; July 24, Hamiltonhill; July 29, Falkirk Wheel; July 31, Hamiltonhill; August 5, Falkirk Wheel; August 7, Hamiltonhill; August 12, Falkirk Wheel. Look on the SFCA Facebook page for details of how to book.

PICTURE: Gus Brindle unhooking a first fish caught by Charlie during the first session of Lets Fish! Picture by **Nigel Duncan**



FOCUS: John, one of the coaches, shows Charlie how to cast. Picture **Nigel Duncan**



LOCATION: The Lets Fish! team were in the shadow of the Falkirk Wheel with their classes. Picture



HOLD ON TIGHT: Charlie is shown how to cast a rod by instructor Colin. Picture ***Nigel Duncan***



FISH SPOTTED: Excitement on the bank as a small fish makes a move in the weeds. Picture ***Nigel Duncan***