

Make Your Mark Inclusive Volunteering Conference 2026: Power in Partnership




Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) Edinburgh Zoo & MS Teams
4 February 2026

Time	Item
10:00	Event commencement – Peter Rawcliffe, Head of People and Places, NatureScot
10:10	Opening remarks Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
10:15	Keynote Presentation Zara Todd, Equity and Inclusion Expert specialising in training, participation and leadership
10:30	Towards a Better Understanding of Heritage Volunteering Debbie Maltman, Research Officer, Volunteer Scotland Dr Jeff Sanders, Head of Outreach, Society of Antiquaries of Scotland Marjorie Perotto, National Strategy Data Analyst, Historic Environment Scotland
10:50	Break (20 minutes + 10 minutes travel time to workshop)
11:20	Workshop Sessions Block 1 (35 minutes)
	Facilitating Employer-Supported Volunteering (Hybrid) Rosie Wylie, Head of Innovation & Operations, and Margaret Starkie, Engagement & Communications Manager, Volunteer Scotland
	From Principles to Practice: Building Inclusive Volunteer Experiences (In person) Fiona Woolhead, Volunteering Development Manager, Home-Start UK
	Meet the funder: Historic Environment Grants Team (Online) Frazer Gibson, Grants Manager, Historic Environment Scotland
	Community Heritage Climate Action Planning (Online) Lisa Snedden, Our Heritage Our Future Coordinator, Keep Scotland Beautiful
	Investing in Volunteers Surgery (In person) Andrian Murtagh, Head of Strategic Business Development, Volunteer Scotland
	In-Person Wildlife Walk & Talk: a brief tour and chat about volunteer engagement RZSS Rangers team
	Virtual Wildlife Walk & Talk: a brief e-tour and chat about volunteer engagement (Online) RZSS Discovery team
11:55	Travel time back to Lecture Theatre (10 minutes)
12:05	Panel – Valuing Voices: Recognition and Belonging in Volunteering Jess Wise, Panel Chair, Discovery & Learning Programme Manager, RZSS
12:50	Lunch (50 minutes + 10 minutes travel time after)
13:50	‘Our Museum’ working sustainably with young people Judith Hewitt, Museums Curator, Arts & Museums Service, Dumfries & Galloway Council
14:10	Volunteering within Villiers Revealed: A journey towards Queer Visibility Pippa Vidal Davies, Volunteer Manager, & Esther Shaw, Community Participation Worker, Culture Leicestershire, Leicestershire County Council





14:30	Break (15 minutes + 10 minutes travel time after)
14:55	Workshop Sessions Block 2 (35 minutes)
	Removing Barriers to Volunteering (Hybrid) Zara Todd, Equity and Inclusion Expert
	Joyful Volunteering: redesigning a volunteer programme that puts individuals at its core (In person) Rachel Cutress, Volunteer Manager, Young V&A
	Community Heritage Climate Action Planning (In person) Lisa Snedden, Our Heritage Our Future Coordinator, Keep Scotland Beautiful
	Valuing Your Volunteers (Online) Lexi Hemshaw, Volunteer Community Officer at Edinburgh Zoo & Iona Byrne, Senior Learning and Community Officer at Highland Wildlife Park, RZSS
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15:30	Travel time back to Lecture Theatre (10 minutes)
15:40	Final Reflections Alan Stevenson, Chief Executive, Volunteer Scotland & Chair of Make Your Mark
16:00	Event Close

Event Stalls

Available in *Oceans Room* during workshops & breaks

Stalls
Investing in Volunteers & Volunteer Scotland
Make Your Mark Campaign
Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
Scottish Stonemasons' Marks Project
Volunteer Organisers Network

Digital Posters

On view in *The Space* and *Oceans Room* during registration and breaks

