

## Staff Association

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The objects of the SCRI Staff Association are;

To promote and encourage social and other activities in such a way as to bring together all grades of staff and in doing so further good relations between staff.

To operate any facility which will benefit a reasonable number of members, that number being at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

To raise money for the year's chosen charity.

The committee has worked diligently over the past year to uphold these objectives.

The larger events held during the year were the Christmas disco, lunch, and children's parties. In June the Association held the annual summer barbecue for staff and their families, with over 250 in attendance. Two popular quiz nights were held in the Fort Hotel in Broughty Ferry. Some other events that took place included windsurfing, dingy sailing, bowling/zapp zone night, hill walking, and a photo competition. Blood donor sessions are arranged several times a year and are coordinated to allow staff time to attend. Financial support was given to the production of an SCRI calendar, featuring images from in and around the Institute. This was offered for sale to staff and the public, with the proceeds donated to charity. The Association continues to support the golf, fishing, and football fraternities along with the Corporate Sports membership at Dundee University, also Yoga and Tai Chi sessions.

Member's benefits include entry into a monthly draw to win meal and cinema vouchers, use of National Trust corporate admission cards, Booker cash and carry card, discounted costs of the Christmas lunch in the staff restaurant, fresh cut trees and children's par-

ties. A subscription to "Which" magazine is provided for the SCRI library. Members are offered 25% off the full cost of any event/activity when they participate. Subscription fees remain at £1.50 per month and membership, currently around 200, is open to anyone working at SCRI. Any individual who has maintained membership for 10 years or more and reaches normal retirement age receives a cheque for £50. The office bearers and committee are elected annually at the AGM where members are encouraged



to nominate both local and national charities to be beneficiaries of the funds raised throughout the year. The nominated charity for the year past was the Ninewells Dennis the Menace Cancer Campaign, which received a total of £1760.

The Staff Association remains an integral part of SCRI, as it contributes greatly to the corporate well being, while helping the Institute gain recognition with external organisations such as Investors in People, Work Life Balance, and most recently Scotland Health at Work Initiative (SHAW).