

3	<p>Developing a collaborative volunteering calendar</p> <p>Group members agreed to focus on:</p> <p>a) A joint spring promotion - Jonathan will write a press release. Group members should send details of their spring volunteering opportunities to Jonathan by the 14th of March.</p> <p>b) Similar promotions will take place for Volunteer week at the beginning of June and in October, before the tattie holidays.</p> <p>c) Links to the Highland Third Sector Interface and local Councils for Voluntary services will be put on the Highland Biodiversity and Highland Environmental network websites. They will be able to submit opportunities to Volunteer Scotland and to make links locally. The HTSI network also has good links with schools.</p> <p>d) Craig mentioned that it might be possible to add a volunteering calendar to the Trees for Life funding applications.</p>	<p>Jonathan writers - to be decided</p> <p>Caroline</p> <p>Craig</p>
4	<p>A system of grading volunteering activity</p> <p>Suzann carried out further research into this subject, but she and other members of the group concluded that there wasn't one approach that would suit everyone, and that it isn't a priority for the group.</p> <p>Discussion amongst the group tended to favour using a mix of symbols and written description to promote volunteering opportunities. These could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how strenuous the task is - leisurely, moderate, energetic, challenging • skills needed • duration • terrain • distance to site • contact number and website 	
5	<p>Cromarty Fisheries Trust - Lynn Brydon</p> <p>Lynn drew the groups attention to the Rivers and Fisheries Trust for Scotland bid to get 4 years funding for volunteer-led invasive species control. If the proposal is successful this will provide opportunities for volunteering across a range of activities including survey, monitoring and species control.</p> <p>At present rivers trusts are continuing with mink and invasive plants control, and so will have a number of opportunities during 2016.</p> <p>Lynn also noted that the Cromarty Fisheries Trust - has accommodation for groups that might be interested in volunteering or research.</p>	
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>Highland Wildlife Fair</p> <p>This will be held on Saturday 16th April in the new Inverness College building. Wildlife related groups and organisations will be invited to have a stall, and there will be talks through the day.</p> <p>Jonathan will invite employability officer to the fair.</p>	<p>Jonathan</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting 27th September at 10.00 in Highland Council</p>	

