



U.S. Consulate General Edinburgh

E-newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We hope your 2014 is off to a great start. Through this Newsletter we aim to keep you up to date with news and events which may affect Americans and notify you of events of interest in Scotland. Below, please find information about applying to participate in the International Young Scotland Program, joining the Edinburgh Baseball club/Scottish National Baseball League, the StAnza poetry festival featuring some excellent U.S. poets, information about the British American Business Council's upcoming conference in Atlanta, an appeal to assist the Consulate by becoming a warden, and information about American Women's Clubs in Scotland. Feel free to forward this e-mail to friends or co-workers. Please follow us on Twitter [@USAinScotland](https://twitter.com/USAinScotland) to learn more about our work here and opportunities like those below.

International Young Scotland Programme

The International Young Scotland Program application deadline is February 14. The program, in its second year is organized by the Institute of Contemporary Scotland and is open to participants who:

- **are age 18 to 35**
- **were born outside of the UK; and**
- **are in the early stages of a career or doing voluntary work in the community**

The program aims to recognize the increasingly vital contribution being made by people from overseas to Scotland's diverse and multicultural society. All places for the three-day program March 18-21 at Smiths Hotel at Gretna Green are **free of charge**, including accommodation and all meals.

Delegates will arrive on Tuesday 18th March and check-out after breakfast on Friday 21st March. The venue is two minutes from the M74 and half a mile from Gretna Green railway station. The event will combine debates, in-depth group discussions, and speakers. In addition, each delegate will research, write and present a 900-word paper on a subject of his/her own choice.

To apply: <http://www.youngprogramme.org/>

Edinburgh Baseball club/Scottish National Baseball League

From the Edinburgh Baseball club:

The Edinburgh Baseball club train and play every week from February until October at the Warriston playing field (5min from the botanic garden). The Edinburgh has about 60 members (3 teams in Edinburgh (same club)). The club is currently trying to attract more people either to play, train or watch games. Both male and female players are welcome and the club caters to all levels from former AA players to first time beginners.

<http://www.baseballscotland.com/>

Great Slate of Americans at StAnza Poetry Festival

A number of talented American poets will be heading to St Andrews March 5-9 to participate in StAnza 2014, Scotland's International Poetry Festival. Prominent Americans, including Dan O'Brien, Brian Turner, Ron Silliman, and many others will be on the stage at the festival, which is now in its 14th year. StAnza 2014 will cover two themes: Words Under Fire, to mark the centenary of the start of the First World War, and the Commonwealth, in anticipation of the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. You can view the full StAnza 2014 lineup at: <http://www.stanzapoetry.org/2014/events.php>

2014 BABC Annual Transatlantic Business Conference

British American Business Group is pleased to host the 2014 BABC Annual Transatlantic Business Conference in Atlanta at the Intercontinental Hotel May 20-22.

Connect with business leaders and senior decision makers from the UK and U.S. Promote your brand and raise your profile among a transatlantic audience. Benefit from 1 – 1 meetings with experts in transatlantic trade and investment. Who Else Will Be Attending? Senior executives actively engaged in transatlantic business. Business leaders planning to engage in transatlantic business. Senior professionals interested in gaining market intelligence across a wide range of transatlantic business topics. Professionals looking to raise their profile and gain powerful business connections in the corporate market both in the UK and North America. More details: <https://bab2014atlanta.com/>

The Consulate General is looking for volunteer Wardens!

The U.S. consulate operates a registration and Warden System throughout Scotland to ensure that, in the event of any emergency, disaster, threat or any other information which may be of interest to the Private U.S. community, a message can be distributed quickly and effectively to the U.S. Citizen population in Scotland through a local representative in your area.

The Consulate General in Edinburgh is currently looking for volunteer wardens for many areas of Scotland. The time commitment is minimal. We are particularly interested in volunteers who are a member of a club or community with many Americans. The time commitment is very small, and your

efforts in the event of a crisis are critical to your fellow Americans' safety. If you think you might be interested in volunteering to be a warden, please contact us at Edinburgh-info@state.gov for additional information.

American Women's Clubs in Scotland

There are two women's clubs set up for the American community in Scotland. One is based in central Scotland and the other in the Aberdeen area. These groups always welcome new members and can be a good social contact helping to provide interest groups, holiday celebrations and much more. For further information and details on how to become a member, please contact the respective groups:

American Women's Club of Central Scotland: Website: www.awccs.org Email: getinfo@awccs.org

Association of American Women of Aberdeen: Visit www.awaaberdeen.org and select the 'Contact us' option.

Public Holidays

The Consulate will be closed for public holidays on the following days over the coming months:

Monday, 20th January 2014

Monday, 17th February 2014

Monday 14th April 2014

Friday 18th April 2014

Monday 21st April 2014

General Inquiries

If you have any inquiries regarding information in our newsletter, or any other issues we may be able to address, please feel free to contact us via our information email address: Edinburgh-info@state.gov. It is monitored regularly, and we strive to respond to all requests promptly. The consulate continues to accept routine applications for American Citizen Services on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.