

AN EVENT FOR SERIOUS FUN

BACKGROUND



Scottish Water provides a vital public service, essential to the health of the Scottish nation. They provide good, clean, safe and high quality drinking water to over 2.3 million households and over 130,000 businesses. Every day they supply 2.3 billion litres of treated drinking water and take away nearly a billion litres of waste water from 2.3 million homes. Scottish Water then treat it carefully before returning it safely to the environment.

Scottish Water contacted BlueSky Experiences, the award winning team building and event management specialist looking to organise an event for an away day for some of their staff as a thank you for their hard work. Scottish Water wanted an event that would help strengthen the communication and development within their team through the use of experiential team-working activities provided by BlueSky.

THE INDOOR TEAM BUILDING EVENT

The creative team at BlueSky designed a team building day at the Westerwood Hotel, near Cumbernauld that would address the business objectives of the client and deliver tangible benefits to the team.

In the morning there was a business meeting where the Scottish Water team discussed their KPI's and plan for the next six months.

The team-working afternoon started with an 'Energizer' session called 'Zoo Parade', where the use of blindfolds and a sense of humour is vital.

After the light-hearted 'Energizer' the serious challenges of the day began.

'Colour Blind' and 'Synergy', two excellent team-working activities were completed, helping the team understand the importance of a common language. On completion they demonstrate the importance



of clear and concise communication within a team and how the reality of the spoken word can be perceived in so many different ways.

The final activity of the day was 'Construction', a group project working activity designed to explore issues with communication within a team. Construction focuses on leadership and communication, demonstrating the team's natural behaviour in a safe environment, allowing numerous learnings to be taken from the experience.

The entire event was focused on the importance of good communication to increase the productivity and efficiency within the team.

Keith Phillips from Scottish Water commented: *"We gave BlueSky Experiences a tight brief and short turn around time for our event. We were very impressed with the range of suggestions they came up with. We wanted an event that combined practical business issues with positive team building activities. Our event was very well organised and the feedback we received from the team following the event has been extremely positive."*

BlueSky Experiences, the award-winning specialist in team building, team development, corporate entertainment and event management throughout the UK was founded in 2001.

Based near Perth, Scotland the company counts some of the country's leading corporates amongst its clients including Royal Bank of Scotland, HBOS, Shell, BP, Norwich Union, Scottish Power, William Grant and Diageo as well as a number of SME's.

The company prides itself on providing training which is that little bit different and creative whilst

still keeping corporate goals and objectives firmly in sight.

BlueSky Experiences has dedicated high quality venues throughout the UK as well as its own purpose-built team development and conference centre in Perth. The company has made a six-figure investment in the centre which boasts 700 sq metres of team building/conference space. The centre is set in 700-acres of land which provides a mountain bike track, rope climbing and a puzzle zone offering what are believed to be the best team-building facilities anywhere in Scotland.



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