

Funding...

What funding we have received in the past has come mainly from regular or one off donations, allowing us to maintain our voluntary based work. In order for **Out of the Box** to employ Chris as a full-time Children's Worker we need to increase our donor base considerably. We are hoping this will be done through individuals and local churches willing to sponsor and get involved in events. We are also seeking one off grants and donations.

"Chris has an excellent rapport with the children. He is able to engage the children in lots of fun and creative ways, using his dramatic talent to good effect! He has bags of enthusiasm and exuberance which ensures that his message to the children is effective and makes his Christian faith come alive!"

*Wendy Scollay, Head Teacher
Kilchuimen Primary School*

Will you partner with us?

For more information and details of how you can support us or how we might be able to help you please contact us using the following:

Our website: www.outofthebox.me.uk

Email us: info@outofthebox.me.uk

Telephone us: 01463 713353

Write to us: **Out of the Box**
15 Castle Heather Road
Inverness
IV2 4EA



"inspiring children through creative arts"



Out of the Box (Scotland) Ltd is a regulated Scottish Charity SC 035701, set up in 2004 to provide Christian outreach using puppetry, song and various other forms of creative arts. Out of the Box is run by a team of volunteers, led by Chris Watt.

What we have been doing...

Over the past five years, Out of the Box has served many schools, churches and other organisations across Scotland in a variety of different ways, such as:

- Children's Outreach Events
- School Assemblies
- Scripture Union Camps
- Holidays Clubs
- The Royal Highland Show
- Church Services
- Family Events
- Puppet Training Events
- RE classes



Whether it is through a school assembly, a workshop, a one-off event or in the classroom we seek to develop children's **physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well-being**. We want to encourage children to be both **confident individuals** and **responsible citizens**.

We have found that giving children a **"hands on"** experience is the best way to engage interest and to ensure we achieve our aim of **child development**. Giving the space and opportunity to explore creative arts for themselves in an unthreatening, lively way enables every child to contribute – we recognise that every child is unique and special.

Our five years of experience has taught us that when we put on our events and workshops the response is tremendous – we keep getting invited back! We have also realised that to develop our work further we need a full time Children's Worker.



What our aim is...

For the next three years, beginning September 2009, **Out of the Box** would like to employ **Chris Watt** as a full-time **Children's Worker**.

Over the past four years Chris has been the full-time Youth and Children's Worker for Hilton Parish Church, Inverness. He has gained a reputation of excellence within the local primary schools and across the wider community for the energy and enthusiasm he brings to the projects he has undertaken and the various regular events he has been involved in. He has a natural ability to capture the imagination and get alongside children both in small and large group settings.



Chris Watt

The employment of Chris as a dedicated full-time Children's Worker would allow us to offer schools and churches throughout the North of Scotland the benefit of what we do.

"Chris's presentations are entertaining, stimulating and thought provoking. His blend of humour and engagement bring the stories he tells to life. His drive and enthusiasm motivates us all"

*Ian Kyle, Head Teacher
Hilton Primary School*

In schools – Chris would typically go and spend a day in the school. The morning would be spent working with groups of children exploring a theme in a workshop setting, using a variety of creative arts, including puppetry, song and drama. Then using what the children have learned in those workshops, Chris would involve them in a whole school assembly/concert in the afternoon.

For churches – Chris would be available to assist churches with their ministry to children in their local community. This could be anything from a school assembly to helping with a Holiday Club. Chris would be keen to explore with churches, on an individual basis, how he might be best used in their context.

"When I think of Chris, I think of children - from church, the community and primary SU camp - who are immediately engaged, energised, enthusiastic and obviously keen to learn."

*Margaret Lamond, Elder
Hilton Parish Church*

