

**Our Aim is to make science and technology accessible to every age group locally.** In the year from autumn 2016 to 2017 we have :

**For adults :**

- Run a winter series of adults talks in the Café Scientifique format in conjunction with the University of Aberdeen
- Run 2 days of adult talks and workshops during the Mad March Science Festival
- Organised a Digital Scotland visit during the Science Festival
- Helped researchers with links to locals



Stephen Addy from the James Hutton Institute talking on the river bed changes to the Dee during the floods in Dec. 2015.

**For children :**

- Run the “Tarland Young Scientists” – an after school club for Tarland Primary School
- Carried out a trial for an after school Club with Towie Primary
- Provided support to Logie Coldstone school on the Tim Peake Challenge
- Organised a local Science Festival “the Mad March Science Festival” with Logie Coldstone, Tarland and Craigevar Primary Schools taking part



Tarland Young Scientist sampling the burn for their end of year project



MadLab participant at the Science Festival

- Brought “Mad Lab”, an electronics workshop to the Science Festival
- Ran holiday workshops
- Supported Aberdeen Science Centre (ASC) workshops in Aboyne, Ballater, and Tarland
- Built up a “library” of equipment for use in workshops and in Clubs
- Organised a visit to ASC when invited to bring a group to their special NASA event

**For the Community :** Our popular robots together with the Aberdeenshire educational robots, have turned out for :

- The Teddington Trust
- The Aboyne Winter Festival
- A session with the Guides
- A day for local children at the Aberdeen Science Centre

Tarland Young Scientists presenting whale migration at the Science Festival





**Organisationally :**

We registered as a charitable organisation with the Regulator in December.

Trustees are :

- Dave and Lesley Ellis
- Barbara Warren
- Steve Roberts
- Jim McLean

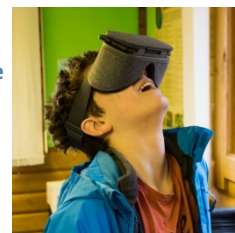


**Towie after-school club trial**

We developed policies for managing our involvement with schools :

- Design principles
- Health and safety approach
- Child Protection

**VCR experience at Logie Coldstone during the Science Festival**



**We would like to thank :**

- **Volunteers who have helped with workshops, talks and Club sessions :** Barbara Warren (First aider), Janet Cruse-Sawyer, Bob Menage, Jim McLean, Natasha Walker – STEM Ambassador, David Harper, Gillian Masson, Ernie Jamieson, Lesley and David Ellis, Marina Piper from the Deeside River Catchment Partnership
- **Our partners :** The Public Engagement with Research Team at the University of Aberdeen; Aberdeen Science Centre and Sonia Watson, STEM Learning Coordinator; Tarland, Logie Coldstone, Towie and Craigievar Primary Schools
- **The academics and volunteers who spoke at sessions :** Dr. Alasdair MacKenzie, Professor Pete Edwards, Dr Heather Morgan, Dr. Patricia Norwood, Dr Alan Bowman, all from the University of Aberdeen; Josefine Bjorkqvist from Macmillian Cancer Support; Dr. Stephen Addy and Dr. Annie McKee from the James Hutton Institute; Val Vannet; and Glenn Roberts of the NESBReC
- **Our main sponsors :** Marsterman (Cromar) LLP; The Jennie S. Gordon Memorial Foundation; the Rotary Club of Aboyne and Upper Deeside; and Wildfox Events and the Etape Royale.

**And over the next twelve months :** In addition to our normal talks programme, we plan to :

- run three after-school Clubs for : Tarland, Towie and Craigievar Primary Schools
- build our equipment library further and make it available for class use by the partner primary schools (as well as in the Clubs)
- build a sustainable funding base
- build up our volunteer base
- run a winter Science Festival
- look at whether we can run a local evening gaming/coding/ electronics club for teenagers to encourage digital skills



**Craigievar Learning Outside Workshop during the Festival**