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Dear Colleagues,

Higher Education Placements: applicants wanted

Our HEP programme has been an incredibly positive experience both for our HEP students and for the charity. Their input has been invaluable. Now we are on the search for the next intake.

Applications are down on last year however, so please use any networks and contacts you have to spread the word. It's a one year placement for those studying a degree in disciplines such as Geography, Biology, Ecology, Environmental Science or Education. [Here's the link to share.](#)

Staff Commuting Survey

There has been a great response so far to the [survey](#) to help us get a handle on our carbon emissions. Thanks for taking a few moments to fill it in. As promised last week, we have asked ALFA who are helping with this work for guidance on the last question about the costs of commuting. Fortunately, if you fill in the other 5 questions it is not essential to answer the last one. With the cost of fuel rising so rapidly it's highly likely that the number will be out of date rather quickly. The last day for responses is Friday 18th March.

Updated Customer Information Pages

During the pandemic, these much visited pages needed constant updating as guidelines regularly changed across the different UK nations. We needed to supply a lot of information and reassurance in equal measure. Now they have [been revamped](#) which has been a big and detailed piece of work. I'd like to thank Dawn Cook, Helen Robertson and Anna Lewis for setting out the information so clearly for our customers.

Marketing Team Changes

This week we say goodbye to Roisin McAteer who very ably stepped into the team as maternity cover. She has been a vital part of the team as we rebuilt our business. She will be greatly missed by colleagues and her staff alike. There will be a short gap before the team are back up to full strength. Therefore, as mentioned last week, please help the remaining team help you by sending all requests to the dedicated email marketing@field-studies-council.org

Ukraine Support

I know that many staff were deeply moved by the news in last week's catch up that Jaisen Ulfsson from Bishops Wood left for Ukraine. It's easy to feel helpless. There are of course a huge number of charities involved in providing support so I'm just going to pop a link in here to one, the [Disasters Emergency Committee appeal](#) which pulls together 15 of them.

Welcome / welcome back

- Lee Robertson, Relief Lead Cook in the North
- Malham Tarn Hospitality & Catering Assistant Laura Murfin and Lead Cook Stephen Taylor
- Millport Education Support Officer Jack Lock and Lead Cook Jordan Slater
- Castle Head Hospitality & Catering Assistant Charlie Marsden
- Dale Fort Hospitality & Catering Assistants Letitia Pope and Michael Camm
- Rhyd-y-creuau Hospitality & Catering Assistant Michelle Hansen
- Head Office Assistant Finance Officer Tiffany Yam

Stay safe and keep well

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