



CASTAWAY FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCOTTISH BURNED CHILDREN'S CHARITY

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Hi there. My name is Claire Calder and I live in Applecross in the West Highlands of Scotland.

I am a widow in my 60th year and I am about to be castaway on the uninhabited island of Eilean Garbh



which is situated just west of the island of South Rona, in the Sound of Raasay..... <http://isleofronalog.com/>

This is an endurance challenge and I plan to stay for at least a month with only my 2 little dogs (and the midges!!) for company. I shall be wild-camping, off grid and totally reliant on the stores that I take with me and any fish that I catch.

I shall have little contact with the outside world except for emergency communications with the warden on Rona.

You may be able to follow my progress on his blog <http://isleofronalog.com/>

Why am I doing this, I hear you ask?

In 2002, at the age of 8, my daughter suffered a life-threatening burn to 50% of her body, in a camping accident whilst she was away from home. At that time we were living in Kyle of Lochalsh.



The skill and dedication of hospital staff saved her life.

The love and care of family and friends helped us through.

The support and encouragement of the Scottish and National Burns clubs gave my daughter the courage to live life to the full again. She is now a volunteer for the charity..... <http://theburnsclub.org.uk/>

This charity runs an annual camp and other activities for burned children from all over Scotland and also campaigns for fire safety awareness. It is run by volunteers from various professions, including the fire service, police and health service staff and is funded purely by donations.

It costs them around £10,000 to take 24 burned children to their week-long camp in August.

A family's weekend costs £4,000 to run.

If they have extra funds, they also take a group of children to the National Burns Camp in England.

I know just how much these activities and this support help burned children to re-build confidence and come to terms with their life-changing injuries, in the company of others who have been through a similar experience.

The families are not forgotten and there is always someone to talk to if things get too much.

I have been planning this fundraiser for some time and am finally doing it this year to celebrate my daughter's 21st birthday and all that she has achieved since her injury, with the support of the Burns Club.

I shall be on this castaway on the anniversary of her burn.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

I do hope that you will feel inclined to donate to this little-known, yet very worthy, charity.

Every little helps and please help me to spread the word.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Castaway Claire !!



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