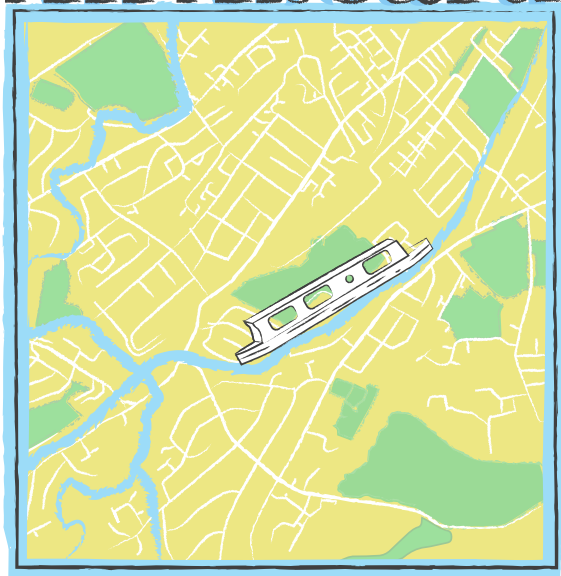




All Aboard



Navigating life together

What is it?

All Aboard is a canal boat run by People Know How in collaboration with Polwarth Parish Church. The boat hosts unique trips on Edinburgh's Union Canal for community groups and organisations to improve wellbeing, socialise and discover new experiences while surrounded by nature in the heart of the city.

Our partnership began in 2019 with a consultation and pilot that identified the Union Canal as the community's collective cultural heritage. In 2021, we purchased and launched our own custom-built canal boat and opened it as a space available to communities in and around Edinburgh.

The space now hosts trips with a variety of themes, all of which are run by our team of All Aboard volunteers, offering a unique volunteering experience.

Our work has been commended by the parliamentarians as "inspiring". We have also been featured by Allchurches Trust and made appearances on BBC Radio Scotland, STV News and BBC Songs of Praise.

Using the boat

All Aboard trips start at the Polwarth Pontoon behind Polwarth Parish Church at 36-38 Polwarth Terrace. The boat then turns at the Slateford Aqueduct and the Lochrin Quay. Trips typically take 2 hours and can accommodate up to 12 passengers.

After you get in touch with us, we'll work with you to facilitate your trip and ensure the safety of all passengers.





We host trips of all kinds, whether you have a specific theme or objective in mind or simply want to take some time to enjoy the scenery of the canal. Some past trips have included music concerts, art exhibitions, fundraising events supporting refugees, learning to cook, cleaning up the canal, science clubs for children, and more.

To book a trip, get in touch at
all.aboard@peopleknowhow.org

Volunteer

We offer unique volunteering experiences as a crew member or helmsperson on All Aboard. Volunteers support us in running and maintaining the boat, taking people of all ages on trips on the Union Canal.

Volunteer today to gain work experience, add to your CV, develop new skills, or simply enjoy some time on the canal!

To volunteer head to:

peopleknowhow.org/all-aboard



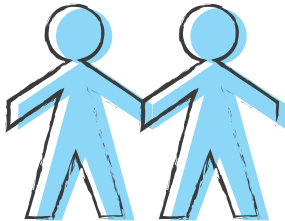
People Know How

People Know How is a charity that aims to improve wellbeing across communities.

They run services and campaigns in Scotland that place people at the centre, making their voices heard to improve their wellbeing, overcome barriers and solve social issues. They do this through collaboration with charities, universities, businesses, government and various other bodies.

The charity's core services are Positive Transitions, supporting children, young people and families, and Reconnect, supporting adults, young people and families to improve wellbeing through digital and social inclusion. They use their learning from these services to inform action-research projects, campaigning and lobbying on a national level.

Find out more at peopleknowhow.org



Polwarth Parish Church

Also known as the Kirk on the Canal, Polwarth Parish Church enjoys a unique city location adjacent to the Union Canal. With its eye-catching gothic architecture, the church is one of the most distinguished churches designed by the renowned architect Sydney Mitchell.

In 2001, a centenary project completed a refurbishment of the sanctuary, improving acoustics and allowing it to be used as a venue for concerts with seating for 300. There is also a labyrinth varnished onto the sanctuary floor, which is open for walking several times throughout the year.

In addition, the church has two halls, offering space for a variety of activities and events.

Find out more at polwarth.org.uk







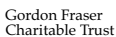
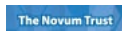
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