

ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY

Locally, each branch arranges its own annual programme. Typical monthly meetings include:- talks; films; outings; wine-tastings; music, social or sporting events; and soirées or matinées françaises.

Nationally, the Society collaborates with bodies including the Institut Français d'Ecosse, and the Alliance Française.

Exchange Visits. Open to members, visits take place periodically in conjunction with Scottish and French sister-societies.

Alexander Gray Fund. The annual grant enables students to go to France to pursue their studies in an environment where they have to speak French. The Fund helps to promote the publication of articles written in French.

The FSSS Language Prize is awarded annually to the most outstanding candidate in the Scottish Qualifications Authority's Advanced Higher French Examination.

The FSSS Lecture. Every two years, members, guests and the general public are invited to hear an eminent speaker from Scotland or France talking on a theme of Franco-Scottish interest. Texts of the Lectures are published by the Society.

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THE FRANCO-SCOTTISH SOCIETY

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The Franco-Scottish Society Of Scotland

The Franco-Scottish Society of Scotland was founded in Edinburgh in 1895. This was followed by The Association Franco-Écossaise in Paris in 1896.

The Franco-Scottish Society of Scotland is an independent organisation recognised as a Scottish Charity (No SC0 02507). Its members are spread over seven independent Branches, in Aberdeen, Dumfries and Galloway, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Perth and St Andrews. National office-bearers and Branch representatives form the Council of the Society which meets twice a year, generally in November and April.

The different Branches host the Annual General Meeting in rotation.

From the outset the Society aimed to foster contacts between the French and the Scots and to develop their traditional friendship enshrined - since at least 1295 - in the Auld Alliance. Through educational, cultural and social activities the Society continues to pursue these objectives today, believing that the development of Franco-Scottish relations in Europe and also in the commonwealth are as important as they have ever been.

In Scotland the Society offers a focus for individuals and groups who wish to keep in touch with France and its culture, language, attitudes and current affairs. No specialist knowledge of France or of the French language is necessary, but native speakers of French are of course particularly welcome.

Members receive an annual Bulletin from the Scottish Society. Information on and the programmes of the seven local Branches are given on the website:
www.franco-scottish.org.uk