

Anthony Nolan Recruitment Event

On the 2nd December, The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) delivered a presentation to students about the life saving partnership the SFRS have formed with the blood cancer charity Anthony Nolan. The aim is to raise awareness of the work of the charity and also to encourage volunteers to join the donor register. Any students (or teachers) between the age of 16 and 30 are eligible to sign up to be a potential lifesaver. Over the last 10 years the SFRS volunteers have added over 15,000 people to the bone marrow register and, to date, this has given 54 seriously ill patients a chance of survival through a stem cell or bone marrow transplant.

The SFRS representative explained all that is involved in the process with a view to recruiting volunteers in school on Monday 9th December. A swab of the inside of the cheek is all that is required to join the register and the process for bone marrow donation is very straightforward but for anyone with any concerns there is further information available at the Anthony Nolan website at...

<http://www.anthonynolan.org/sfrs>

All attending students were given information about becoming a member of the donor register and we have encouraged them to discuss this with someone at home before deciding to volunteer to join the register. Below is a link to a short video they were shown as part of the presentation, this will give you more information about what becoming a member of the bone marrow donor register will involve:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhIisa9KxIk&t=1s>

There was also a video of a 17-year-old girl Kirsty, who told her story and described her experience of saving a life through stem cell donation.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENjzHO_fHL0