

AwF fund-raising in Northern Ireland in 2009

In our news item dated 26 September 2009 we mentioned fund-raising activities for AwF in Northern Ireland and showed a picture from one of them – John Osprey abseiling in Belfast.

Now we are able to provide more details in the following item, which is adapted from a story in *The Antrim Times*. A fish health expert, Rev. Dr. Scott Peddie is a Trustee of AwF (UK) and was formerly the treasurer and a board member of the *European Aquaculture Society*.

It is hoped that this story may give ideas to other supporters of AwF activities!

“Busy Summer of Fundraising Draws to a Close in Templepatrick, Northern Ireland”

A busy summer of fundraising by members and friends of The Old Presbyterian Church Templepatrick in 2009 has culminated in the presentation of a cheque for £250 to the international charity ‘Aquaculture without Frontiers’ (AwF). The funds were raised from a wide-range of activities including a sponsored walk in Antrim, a sponsored climb up Slemish Mountain, a car wash and an abseil down the side of the Europa Hotel in Belfast!

Commenting on the fundraising efforts, Rev. Dr. Scott Peddie, Minister of the Old Presbyterian Church said: “I am so grateful to the many members of our congregation, and their friends, who put in such a huge effort over the summer months to raise funds for our church and our nominated charity”. Dr. Peddie continued: “I’m particularly pleased that we could support AwF this year. Given its function in promoting and supporting responsible and sustainable aquaculture, AwF has an important role to play in poverty alleviation through improving rural livelihoods in developing and transition countries”. Explaining the value that this charity brings to the recipients of its expertise and financial assistance, Dr. Peddie added: “as a Director and Trustee of AwF (UK) I have seen first-hand the benefits that even small amounts of money can have on the lives of people living in impoverished communities around the developing world.”



***Getting ready for the sponsored walk in Antrim
(AwF (UK) Director Scott Peddie in the centre)***



Taking a breather half way up Slemish Mountain



Sabrina Lynn gets ready to abseil



John-Scott Erskine discovers a new talent for car washing