

## FFWPU UK: Highlights From The Scottish Community's Christmas Retreat

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**'Our Scottish Christmas retreat was definitely a 2023 highlight for many.**

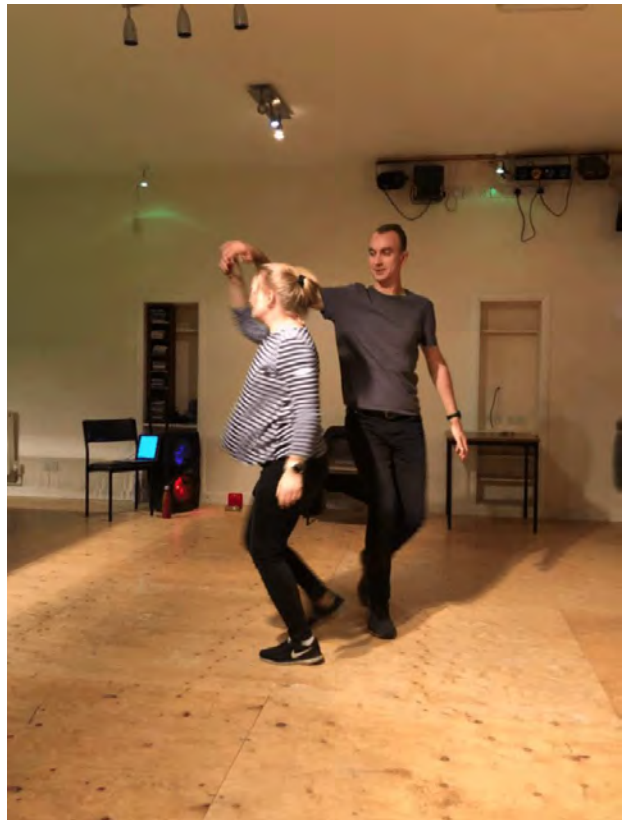
We are very grateful for everyone that came, especially those that travelled such a long distance! It was very special to be able to spend time with brothers and sisters from all over the UK for the weekend.



Somehow, we were able to squeeze a lot of activities into the weekend. In smaller groups we enjoyed sports, board games, sight seeing in Dundee, and archery lessons from Mr Iain C.

And our large group activities included Scottish Ceilidh dancing and our (world famous?) Christmas quiz! It was great to see people put their best into learning the dances and helping their quiz team!





Of course, we also had the usual, more spiritual activities. With morning Hoon Dok Hae and Sunday service.

It was a particularly moving Sunday service, with Mr Bernard C. offering a beautiful song that moved most of us to tears. Then Mr Dale R. also poured his heart out in his sermon, calling on us to deepen our hearts towards our brothers and sisters.



I'd like to send a big thank you to the organisers of this retreat for bringing us all together! In 2024 we are looking to have our retreat at a new location, so if anyone has any ideas please get in touch! '- Maryann M.