

THE SCIENCE OF GREAT TEAM BUILDING



BACKGROUND

Sensation Dundee is one of Dundee's premier visitor attractions. The centre, which attracts over 60,000 visitors a year, is part of the Scottish Science Centres Network, along with Glasgow Science Centre, Our Dynamic Earth and Satrosphere Science Centre in Aberdeen.

Sensation aims to inspire the scientists of tomorrow and to spark renewed interest in university science courses, currently in decline. Sensation: Dundee Science Centre is a registered educational charity engaged in promoting the public understanding of science.

Sensation approached BlueSky Experiences, the award winning team building and event management specialist to create a team away day for their staff. They were looking for an event that had a fun team building element to it but most importantly, would allow the CEO to communicate the new corporate strategy going forward.

THE TEAM BUILDING EVENT

The away day started with a company meeting in the morning at the BlueSky purpose-built team development and conference centre near Perth, where the group discussed their new corporate strategy.

After lunch the group split into four teams taking part in the 'Great BlueSky Multi-Activity Team Challenge', consisting of four activities: The Ultimate Adventure Zone - The Sensation team tackled Scotland's premier low ropes course – a unique and exhilarating experience; consisting of 27 motivational challenges where trust and support are essential for team success in completing an extensive low ropes journey.

Team Challenge Zone consisted of a series of fun puzzles that tested the Sensation's team's creativity, strategic and lateral thinking skills to the max! Then they moved on to the Motorized Zone that enabled the Sensation team to try their hand at some high octane activities such as hover crafting.



The Shooting Zone incorporated laser clay shooting where each team was required to steady their nerves after all the high octane and adrenaline rushing activities in the other zones.

Once these had been completed the group came together and nominated their best 'warriors' for the ultimate competitive activity - Sumo wrestling and gladiator dueling, in life-sized inflatable suits!

The day was rounded off with a prize giving ceremony with Medals and Wood Spoons awarded!

Laura Thornton, HR manager with Sensation commented: *"We hold regular away days for our staff and we were looking for something different. We contacted BlueSky Experiences and were immediately impressed with their ideas. They listened to our needs and understood the type of event we were looking for in terms of our budget."*

Laura continued: *"Their creative approach was excellent; the event enabled us to welcome some new staff as well as thank existing staff for all their hard work over the last six months. I was very pleased with the service I received from BlueSky, they were attentive, knowledgeable and friendly which made the activities really fun and enjoyable. I think their facilities are amazing and they have a great venue and brilliant staff, which is a huge bonus. All our staff loved the event – from management to public facing staff. We will definitely use them again."*

BlueSky Experiences, the award-winning specialist in team building, team development, corporate entertainment and event management throughout the UK was founded in 2001.

Based near Perth, Scotland the company counts some of the country's leading corporates amongst its clients including Royal Bank of Scotland, HBOS, Shell, BP, Norwich Union, Scottish Power, William Grant and Diageo as well as a number of SME's.

The company prides itself on providing training which is that little bit different and creative whilst

still keeping corporate goals and objectives firmly in sight.

BlueSky Experiences has dedicated high quality venues throughout the UK as well as its own purpose-built team development and conference centre in Perth. The company has made a six-figure investment in the centre which boasts 700 sq metres of team building/conference space. The centre is set in 700-acres of land which provides a mountain bike track, rope climbing and a puzzle zone offering what are believed to be the best team-building facilities anywhere in Scotland.



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