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THREE men who were horrifically sexually abused by a kids' club leader more than 30 years ago urged his other victims to come forward.

The trio were targeted at youth camps organised by pervert Colin MacDonald who plied his victims - children from a deaf club - with drink before pouncing on them.

George Drinnan, 45, Jim Colhoun, 48, and Joseph McIntyre, 46, told how they were abused by MacDonald, 61, on camping and ski-ing trips .

MacDonald, a deaf mute, was convicted of 10 charges of sodomy, sexual assault and lewd and libidinous behaviour, after a trial at the High Court in Kilmarnock.

He was found guilty of sexually abusing 10 boys aged between 10 and 15 over a 10-year period up to 1983, but his victims believe there could be up to 100 others .

Mr Drinnan speaking through an interpreter for the deaf, said: "I hope that others who have been abused will come forward. I think there are lots of them. Some don't want to come forward.

They are ashamed."

On abuse he said: " It's always on my mind. I still get flashbacks."

Mr Colhoun said: "He ruined my childhood. I just hope I can get closure when he is jailed."

Mr McIntyre said: " We couldn't tell anyone . . . it ruined lives. " MacDonald, of Wakefield but formerly of Glasgow, had denied the charges .

One victim told the court that when MacDonald abused him he screamed, but no one could hear as all his companions were deaf.

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The abuse took place during trips to the Highlands and at addresses in Glasgow and Ayrshire.

MacDonald was convicted of sodomising three boys and sexually abusing seven others.

The abuse came to light only two years ago when Mr Drinnan went to the police .

MacDonald, now on the Sex Offenders' Register, will be sentenced next month.

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