

BB Scotland

Newsletter November 2017



Training – Skills for Queen's Badge

There are still some spaces going for courses taking place in the next couple of weeks at Carronvale House. Please see the details below:

- 1st – 2nd December Enhancing Your Skills (Skills for QB)
- 2nd – 3rd December Enhancing Your Skills (Skills for QB)

Call 01324 562008 for further information, or drop an email to scottishhq@boys-brigade.org.uk

Young Leaders' Network Event - Save the Date

The first national event of its kind for some time will take place at Stirling University on **Sunday 25th February**. Each battalion will be invited to send two delegates aged between 16 – 25 to Stirling. This will be a chance for BB young people to help shape the future of BB, make connections and take advantage of various skills training workshops. More information will be sent out to battalions shortly, but please don't hesitate contacting Niall Rolland with any questions – niall.rolland@boys-brigade.org.uk

Leader Registrations

Thank you to battalions, companies and churches for their support to ensure that everyone aged 18 or older working within a company is PVG-registered and has also completed Brigade registration forms. In Scotland, a majority of companies have not registered their **chaplains**. They can do so (for free!) by completing an LReg5 form <http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/forms/LREG5May2017.pdf>

A reminder on correct practice and regulations is available here

<https://boys-brigade.org.uk/bb-gazette/safeguarding-children-young-people/>

World Mission Fund

Around 100 BB members were joined by Rt Rev Dr Derek Browning, Moderator of the General Assembly, for the World Mission Fund presentation in Dunblane Cathedral on Friday 17th November. Dr Browning received a cheque for £10,000 on behalf of the World Mission Council for the 'Climate Conscious Total Village' project to support environmental work in Bangladeshi villages. Learn more about the new appeal to support the 'St Andrew's Refugee Service' by visiting the WMF website <http://bit.ly/worldmissionBBGB>

Remembrance

The Boys' Brigade was well represented at church and civic events across Scotland to mark Remembrance Sunday. At the Cenotaph in London members of 1st Stevenston flew the flag for Scotland. Read more <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/members-take-part-national-service-remembrance/>

Battalions/companies are reminded that the Ancre Somme Association Scotland needs your support for the #RibbonOfPoppies campaign. The Association is keen to supply Poppy seeds (to be planted in Spring 2018) at a discounted rate. If you want more info or want to take part in this campaign, you can email: info@asascotland.org.uk

Update from our MSYPs

David Kong and John Paterson, our two members of the Scottish Youth Parliament, have provided a brief report on recent events. You can read their update and find out how to get in touch with them by visiting <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/update-from-our-msyps/>

Survey on out-of-school activities

The Scottish Government is conducting a survey on what children and young people are taking part in outside of school before the *Year of Young People 2018* starts. Please support this by sharing the survey amongst young people in your battalion/company

<https://response.questback.com/scottishgovernment/youngpeoplesactivities/>

DofE Scottish Leaders' Conference 2018

Taking place at Stirling University on **Saturday 27th January**, the Conference is aimed at all those helping to deliver the award at local level. Workshop topics include: eDofE, fundraising for DofE centres, the impact of volunteering and more. The workshop sessions will be delivered by YouthLink Scotland, Volunteer Scotland and the DofE staff team. Register for the event by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SLC18>
Cost per participant is £25.

Year of Young People 2018

A toolbox to support companies and battalions engage with YoYP2018 will be launched in a couple of weeks. There is already a dedicated web page to provide you with more information about the designated year: <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/yoyp2018>

It might be of interest to know that Church of Scotland churches are being encouraged to hold special services on January 28th to mark the beginning of the *Year of Young People*. You could consider how The Boys' Brigade can get involved and to promote our partnership with the church.

Can you help support how BB makes the most of 2018? There are still some spaces on our *YoYP Advisory Group*. In addition, the Church of Scotland is seeking a couple of people to help with plans for the General Assembly. Any seniors or young leaders (16 -25) interested in either of these opportunities and who have ideas and are passionate about The Boys' Brigade's work should email yoyp2018@boys-brigade.org.uk

Deep Impact 2018

Deep Impact is Scotland's National Training conference for Christians in voluntary or paid youth and children's work. Taking place in MacDonald Resort in Aviemore between 19th and 21st January, the event aims to inspire and encourage those working in Christian children's and youth work with new ideas, resources and opportunities for fellowship. Find out more by visiting <http://deep-impact.org.uk/>

Dates for your calendar

Here are a few notable events coming up in the next few months:

- Friday 22nd December – Scottish HQ closes at 3pm for Christmas
- Wednesday 3rd January – Scottish HQ reopens at 9am
- Friday 19th – Sunday 21st January – Deep Impact Conference, Aviemore
- Saturday 27th January – DofE Leaders' Conference, Stirling
- Sunday 25th February – Young Leaders' Network national event, Stirling
- Saturday 10th March – Scottish Bands Contest, Glasgow
- Saturday 17th March – Cross-country Championships, Johnstone
- 25th – 28th May – Cumbrae Camp
- 9th – 10th June – Kilbryde Hike
- 13th – 18th June – DofE Gold Expedition