

November Newsletter for battalions

INFORMED

Youth Work Awards

There are just a few days left to submit a nomination for the national youth work awards! There are several categories to choose from, including faith-based youth work and volunteer youth worker. Whilst it's often against our nature to single individuals out, please give consideration to nominating BB leaders who you feel are doing fantastic work with young people.

You have until this Monday (26th November) to send in your nominations. All the information is available here <https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/programmes/youth-work-awards/>

As the focus is on youth work, the nominees should be those working with company/senior sections – or with young leaders.

BIG BB Brunch

Well done to the nearly 80 companies and battalions which got involved in the Scotland-wide breakfast event at the end of last month. It's estimated that 750 young people were involved in running events directly and that in total £33,000 was raised to support BB companies and other good causes. A short video about the BIG BB Brunch is available here <https://vimeo.com/302424684>



World Mission Fund

Last Friday St John's Church in Largs was the venue for the annual World Mission Fund Presentation. Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Rt Rev Susan Brown, presented the WMF trophies and also received a cheque for £6509 which will go to support refugee children in Egypt.

The next project will be to support The Boys' Brigade in Malawi and information about this will be sent out to companies next month.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S OPPORTUNITIES

Scottish Cross-Country Championships

This session's event will be hosted by Strathkelvin Battalion on Saturday 16th March 2019. Please find attached the entry form for the 2019 championships. **Closing date for entries is Friday 18th January**, to allow the host Battalion time to send joining instructions to participating Battalions in good time. Please pass to the person in the Battalion who has responsibility for cross country. It would be great to see more Battalions participating in the event, so if you haven't taken part before or for some time, please consider coming along in 2019. You don't need to have held a Battalion competition to qualify.

Following an offer from Banffshire Battalion to host, the 2020 Championships will be taking place in Buckie. If your Battalion would like to consider hosting an event in future years, please let Alan Hunter know. There are Guidelines for Host Battalions available if you would like to see what is involved before committing. If you would like more information please contact Alan Hunter alan.hunter@boys-brigade.org.uk or call 01324 562008.

Cumrae Camp 2019

BB Scotland's national residential event for company sections takes place from Friday 24th until Monday 27th May. Further information, including registration details, is available from <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/cumrae-camp-2019/> Companies can get a flavour of the event by seeing photos from the 2018 event here <https://www.flickr.com/gp/148798346@N03/F5DT70>

BB DofE Expedition

This is advanced notice that the Gold Qualifying Expedition takes place 19th – 24th June in Glen Doll. Early enquiries can be made to Scottish HQ by emailing scottishhq@boys-brigade.org.uk or calling 01324 562008 (option 1). Please also get in touch if you would like support with expedition and/or running the DofE award.

RESOURCE / TRAINING / SUPPORT

Expedition & Outdoor Leadership

Looking to develop your company/battalion's outdoor programme? We have lined up the following dates for the entry-level expedition and outdoor leadership training.

(Venues will be decided based on demand and location of the trainees.)

BASIC - Theory

Date: 29th January, 19th February, 26th February 2019 (3 nights/2.5hrs per night) or Date: 11th February 2019 – (1 day/7.5 hrs)

BASIC – Practical hike and camp – Two days

Date: The two weekends and locations to be confirmed. Likely to be in May 2019

The **BASIC** course is aimed at those that are new to E&OL and interested in getting young people outdoors. On gaining the BASIC certificate the leader will be equipped to teach and lead accompanied training expeditions in moderate and familiar terrain and in doing so, gain experience. The leaders must complete the theory and practical elements to gain the BASIC certificate. To express an interest in this training opportunity, please contact Scottish HQ – scottishhq@boys-brigade.org.uk | 01324 562008 (option 1) by **Friday 7th December**.

Generation CashBack

Now into its second year, the latest CashBack for Communities funding has supported over 500 young people in 22 companies in Scotland already. Funding is available to support young people (aged 10+) in the top 20% areas of social deprivation in each local authority. Even if you're not sure whether your company/battalion would be eligible, please consider getting in touch. Find out more <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/scotland/what-we-do/generation-cashback/>

Gideons

GideonsUK have been in touch with SHQ, having heard about our recent partnership with Alpha Youth, and our distribution of Alpha materials to every Company Section in Scotland. If you have any young people taking part in the Alpha Course who don't have a Bible or New Testament, Gideons would be very pleased to present a badged BB Gideons New Testament and Psalms to them. Also, you can request that a Gideon make a presentation to a young person or leader. To find out more, please contact Adrian Currie, Director of Scripture Distribution, (Scotland). Adriancurrie@gmail.com

Pounds for Purpose

If you had £500, how would you use it to change your world for the better? Do you see opportunities around you to make things better, but need some support and advice – not to mention some cold hard cash - before you can get going? Pounds for Purpose can help!

If you are aged 16-26, want to make a positive stand, and have an idea that can make a difference to people or the environment, Pounds for Purpose offers you the chance to get your hands on £500 to make it happen.

<http://www.firstport.org.uk/programmes/pounds-for-purpose>

(FirstSport is particularly keen to support young people's projects which apply before the end of December)

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Here are some notable dates coming up in the next few months:

- 30th November / 1st December - Enhancing Your Skills, Carronvale House
- 1st December – Statistical return deadline on OBM
- 1st – 2nd December - Enhancing Your Skills, Carronvale House
- 7th December – Closing date for Expedition course
- 12th December – Scotland Committee
- 24th December – Wednesday 2nd January – SHQ Office closed
- 12th / 13th January – BTO Part two, Carronvale House
- 18th January – Closing date for Cross-country 2019
- 16th March – Cross-country championships, Strathkelvin
- 23rd March – Bands Contest

For further information on any of the above, please email scottishhq@boys-brigade.org.uk

