

BB Scotland

Newsletter October 2017



Training – Skills for Queen's Badge

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

- 18th – 19th November Leading Sports (Skills for QB)
- 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

Staffing

Paul O'Shea, Development Officer for Lanarkshire, will be moving on to pastures new on Friday 20th October to start a new job as an Active Schools Coordinator. Paul has served in his role for the past four years and has worked closely with companies and battalions across the Lanarkshire Fellowship and beyond. The SHQ team wishes Paul every success and blessing for the future.

4th October – Juniors100 Memory Wall

The service of thanksgiving at St Giles' Cathedral was attended by current and former BB members, including special guests from 5th Livingston Junior Section, who laid flowers at the Sir William Smith plaque in the Cathedral. The memory wall, which will go live next month, invites Junior members, who are celebrating the 100th year of the section made of eight to 11-year-olds, to share their best memories.

Find out more <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100-memory-wall-project/>

Christmas – yes, Christmas!

BB Scottish HQ is on the lookout for creative BB young people to come up with a new Christmas card design to help us celebrate this very special time of year. Entries can come from any age group, but must be designed on A4 sized card or paper with crayons, pens, pencils or paint.

You may choose to send all the entries, or perhaps one per section - it's up to you! These will be put forward to the judging panel which will include the Scotland Committee Chair and Director for Scotland. Prizes will be awarded to the top designs from each age group with the overall winner's design being used for this year's cards from Carronvale.

Please submit entries by Friday 3rd November by post to:

BB Scottish HQ, Carronvale House, Carronvale Road, Larbert FK5 3LH

Remember to include these details with each entry :

- Name
- Age
- Section & Company
- Leader's contact information

Should you have any questions, please contact Rhona Drummond at Scottish HQ – rhona.drummond@boys-brigade.org.uk or by calling 01324 562008 (option 1)

Cumbræ Camp

The national company section camp makes a return to the Isle of Cumbræ at the end of May next year. Running from 25th – 28th May, the event will again feature a host of exciting activities – on land and on the water. To find out more and to register your company, please visit

<https://boys-brigade.org.uk/events/event/cumbræ-camp-2018/>

Year of Young People 2018 Youth Community Action Fund

The *Year of Young People 2018* aims to inspire Scotland through its young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally.

This new fund has been created to provide opportunities for local groups working with young people to facilitate informal education and learning opportunities that support this aim.

Proposals must:

- Engage young people aged 8 – 26 years.
- Be co-designed with local young people to ensure they are fully involved in the development, management and delivery of the proposed activity.
- Promote equality and be open and accessible to young people.
- Demonstrate sustainability (whether in attracting other resources or in leaving a legacy)

More information on the Guidance and access to the online application form is available here <https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/funding/year-of-young-people-2018-youth-community-action-fund/>
Closing date for applications is Friday 3 November at 12:00 noon

Spill the Beans

Spill the Beans provides worship and learning resources for all ages with a Scottish flavour. BB Scotland has made this resource, including the brand new edition available here <http://scotland.boys-brigade.org.uk/spillthebeans.htm> or by contacting niall.rolland@boys-brigade.org.uk

Safeguarding / Code of Practice

Karen Jay, Director for Youth & Children's Work, shares some changes to safeguarding policy and the launch of a new Code of Good Practice card for leaders. You can read this important update here <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/bb-gazette/safeguarding-children-young-people/>

Glasgow Archives

'Glasgow Archives' in the city's Mitchell Library is hosting a special exhibition to showcase battalion records and history of the BB – even as far back as its formation in Glasgow's west end in 1883. The exhibition will run from October 30th until November 22nd with additional talks given by BB historians on 2pm on Wednesdays 1, 8 and 15 November.

Ribbon of Poppies Campaign

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

Badminton Scotland Scottish Open Grand Prix

Badminton Scotland is making its group ticket offer available to BB companies for the event taking place 22 – 26 November in Glasgow's Emirates Arena. (Please email rhona.drummond@boys-brigade.org.uk for registration forms)

Badminton Scotland would also like to offer clubs FREE court time in the Velodrome on Wednesday 22nd November from 6.30 to 8.30pm and Friday 24th November from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. Clubs will also get FREE spectator tickets to watch the badminton before and after their session. All clubs need to do is contact Duncan Grant: duncan@badmintonscotland.org.uk with the number of participants taking part and Duncan will allocate the appropriate number of courts.