

BB Scotland

Newsletter December 2017



YouthVoice18 - Young Leaders' Network

The 2018 national meet-up for seniors/young leaders (16 – 25) will take place at Stirling University on **Sunday 25th February**. Following on from the invitations sent to battalions last month, registration/further information are now available at <http://bit.ly/bbyouthvoice> Although registration is open until the end of January, places are limited so early registration is encouraged. Each battalion is asked to invite at least two seniors/young leaders to this event. YouthVoice18 is going to be completely youth-led, informal and relaxed event - but also have plenty of opportunities to socialise, make connections, share ideas and develop skills. Battalions will receive updates on registrations.

Christmas/New Year arrangements

The Scottish HQ office at Carronvale House will be closing on Friday 22nd Dec at 3pm and reopening on Wednesday 3rd Jan at 9am. Emergency contact information is available during this period by calling 01442 231681.

Scottish Bands Contest

Taking place at Hutcheson's Grammar in Glasgow on Saturday 10th March, the annual musical showcase brings together BB bands (brass, pipe and woodwind) from across Scotland. You can find out more and download the band registration form here <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/events/event/scottish-bands-contest-2018/>

World Mission Fund

The new World Mission Fund appeal 'Playground for the StARS' has been launched. Money raised will go towards giving refugee children in Cairo a safe place to play, have fun and be themselves. Members of 1st Lenzie helped launch the new appeal on St Andrew's Day. Please go to <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/bb-marks-st-andrews-day-launching-new-fundraising-appeal-world-mission/> to find out more.

WMF Committee has selected February 2018 as a focus month – ideas and materials to help you get involved will be available soon.

Cross-country Championships

This is just a reminder that the Championships will take place in Johnstone, Renfrewshire, on Saturday 17th March. Please register your battalion teams by Friday 19th January. Further details are available here <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/events/event/scottish-cross-country-championships-2018/>

Spill the Beans

There has been some delay in the latest edition getting to us, but it is now available via the leaders' website. Visit <http://scotland.boys-brigade.org.uk/spillthebeans.htm> to get your copy. Alternatively, drop an email to niall.rolland@boys-brigade.org.uk

Funding – Co-op Community Fund/Tesco Bags for Help

SHQ has recently received notification that some companies have been successful in receiving funding through the supermarket community fundraising schemes. Not only are these super ways of raising money for a specific project, goal or equipment, they also act as a great way to shout about what The Boys' Brigade is doing in local communities. Has your battalion or company been successful in one of these schemes recently, - or would you like some ideas or guidance in applying for these kinds of things? Please contact us via newsdesk@boys-brigade.org.uk You can also get some ideas here <https://fundraising.co.uk/2017/06/21/four-big-supermarket-charity-token-schemes/#.Wi7ALEpl9PY>

Funding - Go for It

Whether your company/battalion is considering applying for a CoS 'Go for It' grant or looking into another source of funding, the fund has excellent resources and events to help with fundraising and planning.

Find out more http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/go_for_it/go_for_it_learning_and_resources

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

The Juniors' Giant Sleepover at Glasgow Science Centre has become a fixture on the BB Scotland calendar and receives excellent feedback from the children and leaders that have attended. 2000 young people and around 500 leaders have attended an evening of fun and learning over the last five years, evidence that STEM activities are interesting to young and old.

This consultation questionnaire will enable the BB SHQ to collect information on the level of STEM activities currently taking places across Scotland within Companies. Secondly the information will also enable the Brigade to focus on providing the right resources and programme materials to increase the number of Companies adopting STEM activities into their annual programme. Take a moment to complete this short survey <http://bit.ly/STEMbbscot>

Youth Work Awards 2018

Nominations can come from both adults as well as young people. Whether someone is a Captain, Officer, Helper, young leader or has a battalion role, there are various categories which are open to nominations for the BB. You may also nominate a section, company or battalion - depending on the category.

Nominations close on **Monday 15th January** and SHQ would appreciate your help in considering BB leaders for this. <https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/news/november-2017/national-youth-work-awards-2018/>

Dyslexia Unwrapped

Dyslexia Scotland is delighted to announce the launch of 'Dyslexia Unwrapped', their new website for children and young people aged 8-18 with dyslexia.

Dyslexia Unwrapped is a separately designed, interactive, age appropriate Dyslexia Scotland website for dyslexic young people, maximising the use of graphics, audio and videos to make it dyslexia-friendly.

<https://unwrapped.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/>

'Supporting Boys' Conference

This one-day training conference will create a series of interactive discussion forums for those working with boys and young men around behaviour, relationships, sexual development and mental health and consider how we can ensure boys are fully engaged and supported in these areas and, through such empowerment, better able to make the right choices.

It's a day conference taking place on Wednesday 7th February. You can get a 20% discount by using the discount code 'YouthLink20'. <http://policyhubscotland.co.uk/events/supporting-boys-conference/>

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 January – Closing date for Cross-country registration
- Friday 19th – Sunday 21st January – Deep Impact Conference, Aviemore
- Saturday 27th January – DofE Leaders' Conference, Stirling
- Sunday 4th February – Media Skills, Livingston
- Sunday 11th February – Media Skills, Aberdeen
- Sunday 25th February – Young Leaders' Network national event, Stirling
- Sunday 4th March – Media Skills, Paisley
- 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
- 14th – 20th July – KGVI Youth Leadership (New Entrants' course), Carronvale House

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