

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

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FAITH IN YOUNG PEOPLE



August 2018 Project Update

The Boys' Brigade in Scotland is delighted that we will be working with the Church of Scotland Guild as one of their new project partners for 2018 – 2021. We look forward to the next three years of sharing and learning through our project 'Faith in Young People'.

We have been overwhelmed by the interest in our project with over 150 Guilds having been in touch with our Scottish HQ requesting speakers to hear more about our exciting plans.

Earlier this month, 30 BB volunteers spent an afternoon at our Carronvale House headquarters to see the materials and slides which will accompany our presentations to individuals Guilds. It is so encouraging to see the wider BB family's enthusiasm for our new partnership, and even take a lead in presenting our plans across Scotland.

We know that many of you have your own BB contacts locally, but please direct any enquiries to 01324 562008 or by email to guild@boys-brigade.org.uk in the first instance.

Many of our groups are only now getting back into their weekly programmes. However, it is so pleasing to see some of the fruits of our project beginning to show...



Growth in Faith

As part of our ambition to support children and young people to develop and grow their faith through their BB journey, we will be working together with Alpha Scotland. In time for the start of the new session, we will be distributing a copy of all the Youth Alpha materials, including the video clips on a dual branded (Alpha & BB) memory card to every BB company in Scotland.

Growth in Our Community

We want The Boys' Brigade to be more visible in our communities and in our churches. In mid-August we ran our first 'Community Champions' training event. We hope that this training will help resource and support key volunteers to increase our community engagement, support to companies and lead to a greater awareness of our work.



Growth in Young People

Youth Leadership



The Moderator, who was previously a KGVl course chaplain in 2009/10, spent time chatting with the young people and hearing their views on range of issues – including international affairs and their future careers. Susan was even questioned about the various celebrities she has married as parish minister in Dornoch!

The Moderator also spoke about our new partnership with the Guild:

“I think it is amazing that two fantastic organisations are coming together. The Guild are fantastic at supporting projects and have a vision sometimes lacking in the wider church. For the Guild to get together with The Boys' Brigade, an organisation which works with young people throughout the length and breadth of Scotland, is absolutely amazing and can only be a good thing.”

During this summer's KGVl Youth Leadership first year, the BB young leaders received a very special visit from the Rt Rev Susan Brown, Moderator of the General Assembly. The course offers a residential training opportunity to young people aged 17 – 21 who wish to move into BB leadership. This year the course was attended by 18 BB members from across Scotland.

New groups starting!

Two BB companies in the North-east of Scotland are expanding thanks to increased demand. 1st Rosehearty and 1st Pitsligo will begin this session with new sections for older members. This news comes as we start another new group – welcome the 14th Leith company!