

Partnership with Church of Scotland Guild

Questions & Answers – INTERNAL BB



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.

The Church of Scotland Guild is a movement within the Church of Scotland which invites and encourages both women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action. Although women make up the bulk of their membership, increasingly, men are becoming members. You can find out more information at http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/the_guild

BB Scottish HQ has prepared the following information to answer questions from members of the Brigade family about the new partnership. However, if you have a question not covered by any of those below, please get in touch with Scotland HQ.

Q. What is the Church of Scotland Guild's Project Partnership scheme?

The Guild's Project Partnership scheme sees them work with six Christian charities over a three year period with the aims of prayerful and reflective support for the aims of the project, raising awareness of the projects' work amongst the Guild and the wider church, and raising funds to support the work of project partners.

Q: Why did The Boys' Brigade in Scotland decide to apply to be a Project Partner of the Church of Scotland Guild?

We believe this is a great opportunity to strengthen our connections with the Church of Scotland, strengthen our links within individual churches around Scotland, raise funds to support our work and also raise our profile.

Q: How does this partnership fit in with the Brigade strategy?

One of the aims of the current Scotland workplan, under the 'growth' strand, is to broaden and deepen our partnership and relations with the Church. We believe this partnership will support the achievement of this aim. The partnership also supports other objectives, including establishing a mini-grants scheme that Companies could apply to in order to support growth.

Q: What reciprocal benefits will come from the partnership?

We anticipate opportunities for intergenerational collaboration between the Brigade and the Guild, increasing the profile and links between the BB, the church and local communities.



Q: What can a local BB Company do to support this partnership?

There are lots of different opportunities and possibilities that this project presents, including:

- Companies engaging with a Guild group meeting in their Church or potentially with a Guild in a nearby Church
- Intergenerational learning and programme possibilities – BB groups could support learning within a Guild group, such as digital/IT, whilst Guild members could support with learning on practical/life skills, such as finance, cooking and creativity
- Volunteering experiences/opportunities as part of working towards Queen's Badge
- Skills development opportunities through engaging with Guild groups - presentation, communication and social skills
- BB Company can provide practical help and support to Guild groups

Q: What role can Battalions play in the Guild partnership?

We hope this project will help to strengthening relationships between the Brigade and the local church. There may be opportunities for engaging and building relationships with Churches where there is no BB presence currently, but there is a Guild. We would encourage Battalions to support the development of this partnership by responding to calls for BB speakers to go along to talk to Guild groups about the work of the Brigade (speakers' packs will be available to support this).

Q: When does the partnership start?

The new partnership will be launched on the 12th April 2018 at the Project Co-ordinators' Conference in Edinburgh. The actual partnership will begin in September 2018 at the start of the new Guild session.

Q: How long does the partnership last?

The partnership will last for three years, running from 2018 – 2021. However, we hope that relationships that will develop and grow, locally and nationally, and that they will continue to benefit both the Brigade and the Church of Scotland Guild after the formal project concludes.

Q: How will the funds raised from the partnership be used?

Funds will be used to support the Brigade's strategic priorities of Growth, Quality and Voice. It is hoped that funding we will be able to launch new mini-grants in 2019 for Companies to support their efforts to grow.

Q: What if my partnering church does not have a Guild or is another denomination?

We see this as an opportunity for the Brigade to engage with all local churches irrespective of the denomination to build better relationships in communities between families, church members and the Brigade.

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