

# THE BOYS' BRIGADE

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## FAITH IN YOUNG PEOPLE



### January 2019

#### Project Update

The whole BB family has been overwhelmed by the interest and warm wishes following our project launch last summer.

To date, volunteers and staff have met with 110 separate Guilds and we already have 62 scheduled for later this year. It is estimated that just over 3000 have attended one of our 'Faith In Young People' presentations.

On many of these occasions, we have been able to give BB young people a chance to talk about their journey through the organisation – what better way to share the message that 'The BB changes lives'?! It has also been encouraging to hear the stories of Guild members supporting their local BB company by getting involved in its programme. In one instance, members of a particular Guild were even put through their paces as part of a BB drill squad!

It's been terrific to visit all parts of the country to share why we have 'Faith In Young People'. Regardless of where your Guild is, The Boys' Brigade is happy to provide a speaker. Please use the contact information overleaf to arrange a presentation.

How are we progressing in the three areas of the Project?



## Growth in Faith

In February and March 2019 BB Scotland is running four 'Raise The Bar' roadshow events aimed at supporting our volunteer leaders. Amongst the topics covered will be sessions focussed on the promotion of Christian Faith resources including Godly Play, Scottish Bible Society and also building on our work with Alpha Scotland. It is hoped that over 150 BB leaders will attend these.

## Growth in Our Community

One of the initiatives launched by the Brigade's Year of Young People group was the 'BIG BB Brunch', a Scotland-wide simultaneous breakfast event which took place at the end of October. The main aim of the Brunch was to bring the wider community and different generations together. In many churches, members of the Guild got involved – either helping with baking or just by coming along. In total just under 7000 people across Scotland attended a brunch with 750 young people involved in the organising.



## Growth in Young People

### Small Grants Scheme

Thanks to the support of the Guild, work has begun already to launch a small grants scheme to support the growth of BB work locally. Individual BB companies will soon be able to apply for a small amount of money to help develop their programmes. This could be used to purchase new equipment, help with training costs or even support an outdoor activity, such as a camp or expedition. This is a particularly exciting step as members and leaders will see first-hand the initial impact of our partnership with the Church of Scotland Guild.

### New companies

The Boys' Brigade always welcomes the opportunity to partner churches in their youth and children's work. Whether they have had a BB company before or not, it's always a terrific moment to welcome new members and leaders to the BB family. Thanks to the work of our local Development Workers, work is underway to begin new companies in Macduff and in Wester Ross.



## Keep in touch

Whether you would like to arrange a presentation, or if you have any questions about the project, please get in touch with our team at Scottish Headquarters.

You can do so by emailing [guild@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:guild@boys-brigade.org.uk), calling 01324 562008 (option 1), or by writing to The Boys' Brigade, Scottish Headquarters, Carronvale House, Carronvale Road, Larbert FK5 3LH

You can also go online and visit <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/scotland/guildpartnership/>

