

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

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FAITH IN YOUNG PEOPLE



September 2019

Project Update

BB Companies may not formally meet over the summer, but it's still a busy time for camps and residentials to take place, which very often are the highlight for a young person in their 'BB year'.

In July, 40 young people took part in our King George VI (KGV) youth leadership course which is aimed at 17 – 22 year olds wishing to become leaders in the BB. The course sees young people from across Scotland coming to our Scottish training centre (Carronvale) for a residential week of learning, then returning to their Company to put their learning and skills into practise over the course of 12 months, before returning for a final residential week at Carronvale.

"The BB has opened up so many opportunities for me... I have learned a lot in the Boys Brigade, I have grown a lot. I have discovered who I am. Our KGV course leader said the two most important days in your life are when you are born and the day you discover why you were born. I can safely say I have realised why I was born on this KGV course." – Mark, 4th Dunfermline (pic)

We were delighted to welcome the Deputy First Minister, John Swinney MSP and the Rt Rev Colin Sinclair, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to visit KGV - who both left Carronvale thoroughly impressed by what they had seen and heard.



How are we progressing in each area of our project?

BB Scotland had a presence at Heart & Soul in Princes Street Gardens in May, with our stand led by young leaders.

Following our Battalion Chaplains' conference in March we are also now seeing Chaplains conferences taking place locally – building the relationship between Chaplains and their Companies.

A big part of our KGV1 courses during summer focused on exploring the Christian Faith. The course Chaplains led daily sessions, and young leaders also had the opportunity to lead worship, which they did so personally and professionally. Our Scotland Chaplain has now produced a new resource for our leaders on leading prayer.



May & June is a time for awards presentations and displays taking place across the country. It is also an important time to celebrate and recognise the role that young people play within local communities, through for example the local volunteering they will complete as part of their Queen's Badge.



Over the summer we have managed to gather some amazing video footage of young people talking about the impact of the Brigade in their lives. With support from this project we will be able to produce some new short films highlighting what the BB is doing today. We are also planning on producing a poster set for Companies to be able to use to

promote themselves in their local community.

We launched our Mini-Grants Scheme to Companies in May. Grants of up to £1,000 may be applied for to help support: the development of a new Company or new Sections, development in existing Companies including the purchase of equipment, accessing training, trips/visits or promotional materials. The first round of funding has just closed with 23 applications for funding received.



Prayer Points

- New BB Companies are starting in Macduff, Calderbank, Edinburgh and Ullapool and we wish all involved a great BB session ahead. Please keep these new Companies and their leaders in your prayers.
- The Brigade UK wide is currently going through a strategic review with the aim of developing a new strategy for the organisation for 2020 and beyond. Please pray for this process and the for plans which will be developed.

Companions on the road...

In the first year of our Guild partnership we completed 180 talks in Churches across Scotland. Whether you would like to arrange a presentation for 2019/20, or if you have any questions about the project, please get in touch with us by emailing guild@boys-brigade.org.uk, calling 01324 562008 (option 1), or by writing to The Boys' Brigade, Carronvale House, Carronvale Road, Larbert FK5 3LH

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