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*Isle of Man Youth Service
Summer 2023 Newsletter*

Message From Nigel

Hello all, I hope you are having a great term.

As we approach the school summer holidays many of you will be getting ready for a busy time with holiday activities. Currently we have 11 clubs opening through the summer so if you are working please enjoy it. If you want to get

involved with the holiday clubs please speak to Val or Giles, your help would be very welcome.

As you can see and read below we have had an exciting term. We have been busy recruiting new staff and finishing off the Youth Strategy. The full strategy document will be available on the website and we will have some copies available within the main office. Please read the document as it sets out our intentions for the Youth Service over the next 10 years.

Training – We will be offering some youth work training opportunities for part time youth workers over this year. This will be aimed at staff who are wanting to progress to the next level in their youth work careers.

Area Youth Hubs – We aim to develop provision in key clubs and you may already be seeing changes within your areas. The hubs are at Peel, Castletown, Ramsey, Onchan, and Kenyons. These hubs will be pivotal in the local areas and connect with agencies and the communities in delivering our goals. The plan is that these clubs will operate a holiday offer for at least 5 weeks of the year amongst other ideas the area workers may have.

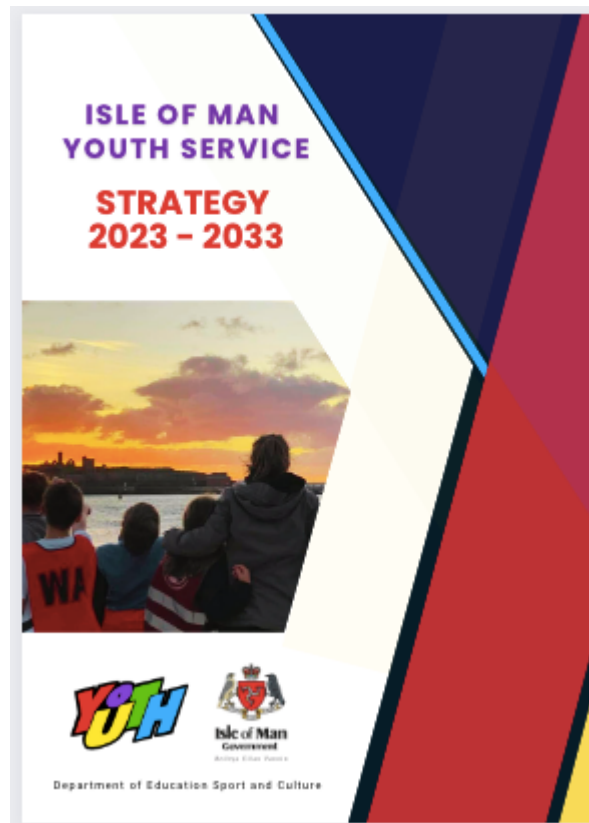
Guernsey Youth Service Visit – Staff from Guernsey Youth Service are visiting our island in July, so we may be out and about on the evenings chatting to staff and young people. I will keep you informed.

Good luck to Kensington Road YC's off island trip later this year. If you have any exciting ideas of young person engagement then please share and we will support if we can.

Take care, and have a great holiday.

Nigel.

Youth Strategy



Youth Strategy – As you will know we have been writing the next 10 year strategy. We have consulted with staff and groups of young people on this journey and this document will be live to download on the website and facebook page with hard copies in the office. All our staff will now have the opportunity to deliver some parts of the strategy, or help out on some of the initiatives so an exciting time for us all.

New Area Youth Workers



We are very pleased to welcome Suzie and Millie as new Area Workers for the East and South respectively. The interview panel included input from Youth clubs, MSR management and HR. The panel was greatly impressed with the passion, experience and proven success in youth work that Millie and Suzie were able to share. With their appointment we look forward to an increase in support for clubs as well as some targeted work that they will undertake.

Kensington Road Youth Club - Lake District Activity Trip

In the summer holidays our youth workers Millie, April and Martin are taking 20 members of Kensington Road Youth Club to Mere Mountains Activity Centre in Flookburgh in the Lake District <http://www.meremountains.co.uk/>

Kensington Road Youth club have been building up to this trip for 3 years. It is not only a way to reward our young members for their positive behaviour but also an opportunity for them to bond and create lifelong memories. It will be an enriching experience for everyone involved and a chance for our group to build stronger relationships. They young members have organised several fundraising events to help with the cost. Have a great trip everyone!



Outdoor Learning Centre

OLC operations have ramped this term. Significant work has been done on the assault course and good progress has been made on the problem-solving field.

As well as more contractors on site, it's been great to see some young people starting to use the centre. A special thanks to Ali, alongside Alex and Harry for the work they did on a week-long DofE Gold expedition with a young man from autism initiatives (more info can be found in Ali's report). We've also delivered a paddle board taster session to UCM students and several DofE groups have used our campsite for their expeditions.

Work continues to develop on our future programmes and we're working with our area workers to offer outdoor activity provision for our summer clubs. We're making good progress with our key stage 2 and 3 offers, commencing from next term. Alongside programme development the OLC team have also undertaken several training courses in Paddle Sports and DofE. One of our instructors Alex, is just about to commence training that would allow us to deliver in house training and paddle sports qualifications to future users. Alex has also agreed to 'act up' as chief instructor for the foreseeable future, this will make re-opening much smoother and give us more delivery options moving forward, thank-you Alex.

Finally, it's been great to welcome our friends from DHA, who have worked with some of their service users to complete several jobs across the site. These include; grass cutting, clearing over grown areas and site clearance to highlight a few. This partnership will hopefully become permanent which would help the centre in being able to reopen and look it's best moving forward.



UCM taster session



DofE expedition training



Assault course progress



Czechia visit – Staff at OLC recently took part in hosting a small group of educational professionals from Czechia. The team were visiting the island and viewing all parts of our education system and taking ideas back home to implement. The picture shows Harry Spong (instructor) demonstrating part of the problem solving course.

Doolane Moar

Club members have been invited to attend Doolane Moar (The Big Challenge). On Tuesday 11th July we are hosting Doolane Moar (The Big

Challenge). Club members will participate in a variety of challenges throughout the evening at Garey-ny-Chloie Gardens, St Johns. They will be provided with a supper/ tea of hot dogs, crisps, juice and a choice of cake or fruit.

Due to the high demand, we have now closed expressions of interest (thank you to those who have successfully been given a place) but for those not successful this time please look out for the next Big Event brought to you by our Area Workers .

Look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 11th July @ 5.45 for a prompt 6pm start.

Lhiats, Val

Young Workforce



The Young Workforce for Onchan / Laxey are close to concluding their AQA . All 4 are older members who have been volunteering in our junior clubs and working towards an AQA in working in a Youth Club. They are all due to be on our supply list by Summer.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme



At this time of year, for DofE, the emphasis is on the expedition section. Whilst the other sections of volunteering, physical and skill continue in the background, many Award Groups are preparing their young people for their ventures with practical training sessions on: basic first aid and emergency procedures, planning a route, hazards and risk management, use of maps and navigation, tents, expedition kit, rucksack packing, menu planning and stove use.

Expedition season opened on 1 April; a total of 19 expeditions have been approved so far. The next few months will see groups out

most weekends taking part in Bronze, Silver and Gold expeditions, having to navigate around the many other local events that are taking place at this time of year.

Changes to this section, brought in after Covid, have enabled Award Groups to complete Gold Expeditions on-Island, and this is one of the flexibilities that will continue after this year. Although an off-Island venture is still to be encouraged as a great experience for young people, this will enable Groups who struggle to take the time or find the qualified staff to support their young people through the whole of their Gold Award. As a consequence, I have been locating suitable wild camp areas, in agreement with DEFA , as wild camping is not permitted on the Isle of Man. Myself and the two instructors at Ardwhallan, Alex and Harry, have been able to help a couple of groups with expedition supervision and assessments.

In particular we have been supporting Autism Initiatives with a Gold Expedition that involved walking and outdoor activities. The participants spent half the day walking on a traditional DofE route and then half the day taking part in outdoor activities, over four days and three nights.

Alison Barnes – DofE Award Coordinator



Summer Holiday Clubs

Summer holiday clubs are planned at the following clubs; Cafe Laare, Castletown, Henry Bloom Noble, Kensington Road, Kenyons Cafe, Kirk Michael, Onchan, Peel, Pulrose, St Johns and Waterloo Road, Ramsey. The clubs will all be self funded with priority given to existing youth club members. Youth workers are busy planning their programmes of activities and trips to ensure the young people have the best experience as possible.

Peel and St John's are using taxi mini-buses and go cards as a preferred way to travel or hiring a single decker bus for a trip out. The offer from Peel and St John's is £20.00 a day with packed lunch for all. A small cohort of younger teens, wanting to become youth workers in the future, will be helping out.

In Ramsey the offer is to senior members with an option to meet them in the community 1 day per week (weather dependant)

Onchan's Holiday club will be in the Scout hall. Further details are on the attached poster.

At Kenyons Cafe the team are preparing to run a junior and a senior provision. See the poster below for further details.

Junior Holiday Club



Base **Onchan Scout Hall**

Date: **31st July - 4th August**

Our Onchan Junior Youth Club is delighted to be able to offer a fun and exciting holiday provision for your little ones this Summer.

The sessions are designed for making Summer memories with friends, guided by an experienced Youth Worker.

Places are limited, so please contact Anna on onchanyouthclub@yahoo.com or through our FaceBook Page, to secure your child's place.



FOOD

Bring Packed Lunch



COST

£20 Per Day

EPA applications supported



Youth Service

Department of, Education,
Sports & Culture



8.30am - 3.30pm

Our session times are designed to support parents who are used to school times.



Yr4 - Yr6

Our age range is from new Yr4 (as of Sept) up to current Yr6 (who are due to leave primary).



Fun activities

We will be running activities on site, and also exploring our local community too.

WE ARE

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OPEN



KENYON'S
YOUTH CAFE



WHAT'S ON

- Milkshakes
- Outdoor games
- Chill Zone
- Gaming Space
- Sports

24 JUL - 11 AUG
WEEKDAYS
12-4PM

Summer



Kenyon's

We are doing a 6-week transition club at Kenyon's Café, after TT. We are inviting Yr6 members of CYB and Onchan junior clubs to attend our High School aimed provision, and check out how it is to be in that space.



YOUTH

An Invitation for _____

Monday evenings from 12th June until the end of term.

6.30pm - 8pm

Kenyon's Youth Club, Onchan Community Centre, Onchan

Thank you for being a member of Onchan Youth Club.

As of September, you will have access to our High School Youth Club provision at Kenyon's, which is open 4 evenings a week.

Ahead of that, we would like to invite you to come along and try it out, with a 6-week club, exclusive to you and your friends from Onchan Youth Club, and from our CYB Junior Youth Club.

Kenyon's will also be open for you through the Summer too, so watch this space.



Minister's Visit to Kensington Road Youth Club



Minister Visit – Great to see our Minister enjoying listening to young people and their views within Kensington Road and a visit to Kenyons.

Peel Youth Club Events

Peel Youth Club ran a number of events during the Easter break including a car boot sale, a trip to Silverdale and a "Down the Rabbit Hole" event with Cotton Tail the Rabbit. Funds raised go towards holiday club activities.



Peel Youth Club - Car Boot Sale



Waiting to go on adventures at Silverdale



Cotton Tail Rabbit starred at Peel's 'Down the Rabbit Hole' event

Jayne Adams Swimming Challenge Update



You may remember from the Spring newsletter that Jayne (Youth worker at Willaston and HBN) has set her self the challenge of sea swimming every day in 2023 with the aim of raising £2,500 to support dementia patients on the Isle of Man. Jayne is well on track and hasn't missed a day.

If you'd like to help her reach her target please donate at the following page set up by her daughter Leah.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/leah-adams-2?utm_term=Y4JYdx4aa

Keep going Jayne you are doing a great job for a fantastic cause!

DBS Renewals - Care Check



DBS renewals – the new system, Care Check, is up and running with renewal invitations being emailed to staff on expiry of their DBS. Thank you to everyone who has completed the process to date. The renewal process is straightforward. When you receive your renewal invitation please take action as soon as possible. If you have any questions about the process please contact Heather or Neil in the office. There is no cost to renew.

DBS Update Service - If staff have subscribed to the DBS annual update service they will be notified by DBS when their annual renewal is due. Payment can be reclaimed via PiP. You can subscribe to the update service within 28 days of your DBS certificate being issued.

DBS Portability - In June it was confirmed that we can accept current enhanced DBS certificates if issued for a role within the Department of Education, Sport and Culture. The issue date must be within the last 3 years. We are not able to accept certificates for other government departments or other organisations.

Administration Information & Reminders

The start of year **club packs** are ready and Area Youth Workers will distribute them to clubs before the end summer term.

Please submit fully completed '**yellow**' **session log sheets on time** as late receipt can result in delayed payment of staff pay. Please allow plenty of time for the 'yellows' to arrive especially if posting near to the cut off date.

Personal Details - if you change your address, email or contact numbers as well as updating PiP, please email youthenquiries@sch.im to let us know. We can then keep the information record system up to date and make sure you receive emails, letters etc.

Club Events



A group from St. Johns Youth Club went to watch a fellow member performing in The Railway Children.



St. Johns members prepared food and made hats for a Mad Hatters Tea Party during the Easter Holiday Club.

Drop us a line

Is there something you'd like to share in the next newsletter? Drop a line to youthenquiries@sch.im

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