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*Isle of Man Youth Service
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Message From Nigel

Hello all, and welcome back to another interesting term within the Service. As you will read a number of interesting events are going on with opportunities for us all to get involved in. A couple of updates from me;

10 Year Youth Service Strategy – Our Strategic Priorities for the next 10 years will be presented at SLT during the next couple of months. Once these have been agreed we will publish them within our new documentation. All full time staff have been involved in the creation of these and your views on our future have been listened to during their working sessions in the clubs. These priorities will give us something to work towards for the future.

Ardwhallan – 2 new instructor posts have been filled and we endeavour to get them through HR and start in posts. Lots of other work going on here with some DofE expeditions happening, and training being delivered for Education Visit Leader to schools. More updates as they happen.

Clubs – Club numbers seem to be steadily rising, which is a good sign. We have purchased some high cost items in the hope that may attract young people to the centres. However we know that young people come to clubs as they get to see 'their youth workers' but sometimes we also have to maintain this interest, is there anything on offer in your club, if not lets work on listening to your members and providing it.

Holiday Schemes – I'm sure some of you will be aware of the Holiday Schemes delivered during Summer. We delivered more than previous years and added 7 schemes with packed lunches for the Holiday Activity Schemes.

Youth Workers in Charge - We are planning on getting 'in charges' together at least twice per year to get your views on how things are going, and what you need to ensure we are meeting parts of our priorities as a service.

Next Generation of Youth Workers - This is something we need to work on and how we develop and support our new staff. We have a 'Young Workforce' scheme in development and I have seen some great examples of 'grow your own' workers.

Nigel

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme



In the summer the emphasis was on the expedition section of the D of E award. Whilst the other sections of volunteering, physical and skill continued in the background, many Award Units prepared 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.

During the expedition season, a total of 87 expeditions were approved and saw groups out most

weekends taking part in Bronze, Silver and Gold expeditions, having to navigate around the many other local events that took place in the summer.

In anticipation of groups being out on local footpaths and tracks, some of the more regularly used routes were checked with problems reported to the Footpath Officer. Common issues were broken signs, stiles and gates which cause problems with a safe and easy passage through public rights of way.

The annual presentation of Gold Awards took place on Tuesday 26 July, at the Government House. Gold badge presentations at Royal Palaces have resumed, and many of our young people attended Buckingham Palace in May.

Alison Barnes – DofE Award Coordinator



Holiday Schemes



The summer holiday schemes were amazing and a massive thank you is sent to all staff who contributed to the schemes' success. Staff can be proud their outstanding efforts in putting on trips and activities. All your enthusiasm and hard work has created some fantastic memories for all the young people who attended. Really good feedback has been received and visits from senior DESC staff all went well.

There were 1,586 contacts across the schemes which ran at clubs in Ballasalla, Castletown, Henry Bloom Noble, Kensington Road, Kenyons, Kirk Michael, Pulrose, Ramsey, a drop-in at Café Laare and a mobile club at Willaston.

Activities and trips included pizza picnics, arts & crafts, beach days and walks, boat trips, baking, a visit to the Wildlife park, giant jenga and many, many others.



Holiday Schemes Feedback

The success of our schemes and the positive impact they have on the island's young people is perhaps best reflected in the following quotes;

“Hi, xxx has enjoyed every part of youth club, the trip out, baking, arts & crafts. She’s gained a lot from spending time with you all, thank you very much.”

“Hi, thank you all very much for all the time xxx has spent with you guys, your all a credit to the youth clubs, he’s had a blast. It’s helped him come along with a bit of confidence and independence.”

“Hi, lockdown has had a huge effect on xxx mental health as it has on many other children too. Since xxx has started going to youth club I have seen a massive improvement in her mental health, confidence and self-esteem. I can only thank you guys for all the hard work you do and continue to do, long may it last for the kids’ sake”.

Kenyon's Summer Club Out In The Community



Oie Ny Spryden - Night of the Spirits

With a little nervousness, members from clubs from all over the island ventured to St Johns for a spooky evening full of encounters with ghosts and ghouls. Val read some scary Manx stories to the youngsters. A pair of owls were also on

display. Thank you to Val and all her helpers for a very successful event.



Lieutenant Governor visits Youth Clubs

In May, Lieutenant Governor Sir John Lorimer visited Pulrose, Laxey, Kenyons, HBN, PHAB and met with the Young Workers group. You may have seen Sir John at many other events, he welcomed groups from Pulrose to Government House during the holidays and extends this welcome to any other youth groups. He really enjoyed visiting the clubs and wants to stay involved and be invited to events. Really nice guy and sent us a lovely letter of Thanks.



LGBTQ



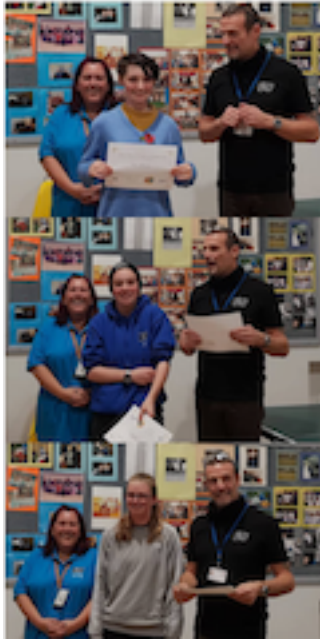
LGBTQ Summer project @ Café Laare

Kai and Kerrigan operated the Café throughout the summer holidays on Tuesday's and Thursday's 4pm to 6pm. The project was run as a Gender and Well-being workshop. By the end of the summer they were getting 20 contacts through the door per session.

Party in the Park was held in August. It was attended by 25 members and staff from all our LGBTQ youth clubs on Island. We hosted party games, drinks and snacks and spent some time planning the Youth Pride event.

Youth Pride is to be held on 3rd December at the Youth Arts Centre in Douglas. Plans are coming together well. Kai Varetto has been very good in organising the event.

Ramsey Youth Club 70th Anniversary Celebration



Waterloo Road Youth Club threw open its doors on 9th November to celebrate its 70th year of being a “youthie”, coinciding with National Youth Work Week 2022. The celebration was well supported by both adults, members and new members, with over 60 folk through the door.

The club had a great vibe with young people enjoying the facilities and mixing with the staff. Obviously, we also celebrated with pizza and cakes.

3 Young Adults were presented with their AQA Award in Volunteering in Youth Work, and all 3 have gained employment with us also. We have a new established Volunteer Crew of 8 members, who also wish to complete an AQA award. They will be instrumental in taking the club forwards.

We were supported by Paul Bridson Head of Sport & Youth, Dr Alex Allison MHK, Grainne Burns, Safeguarding Lead, Sam Lund PSHE Coordinator and past staff both from RYPP and IOM Youth Service, including Mike Clague and RYPP's Chair Andrea Needham and Treasurer Steven Bevan. Representatives from local schools and the Police also attended.

Massive thanks to the staff, Sheena, Shawn, Jenny and Julie for all their efforts.



Youth Worker-In-Charge Workshop



The poster features a central graphic of five hands clasped together in a circle. Each hand is holding a piece of paper with a different skill or concept written on it: 'SKILLS', 'LEARNING', 'KNOWLEDGE', 'EXPERIENCE', and 'ABILITY'. The background is light blue with a stylized 'YOUTH' logo in the top right corner. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with various icons for a calendar, phone, and email.

**YOUTH WORKER IN-CHARGE
WORKSHOP**

If you have become a YiC over the last 2 years or interested in developing in to this role then this is for you.

**28TH
JANUARY**
10AM - 4PM

Pulrose Youth Centre

**FROM 2023 ANYONE
WISHING TO BECOME A YIC
WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE
THIS TRAINING**

To book call or email below

 686076

 youthenquiries@sch.im

Tuck

Emma Macaulay has piloted a scheme in 4 clubs to sell only specific healthier tuck items. The reaction from the young people kids has been positive. Emma hopes to roll out the approach to other clubs as a recommendation.

Administration Reminders

- Please submit fully completed **'yellow' session log sheets on time** as late receipt can result in delayed payment of staff pay.
- **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.

Youth Conference

We have discussed having the Youth Conference early next year and maybe trying this out on a Saturday??? Interested in hearing your views on this please.

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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