

Director for Scotland January 2012 Up-date



Introduction

I don't know about you, but January just seems to have gone past in a flash! We have started filming for a new promotional video for the BB Scotland – as part of this project it was really encouraging to visit the 44th Glasgow and see so many young people really enjoying themselves. We had another excellent Burns Supper at Carronvale House and I have already been involved in meetings with many different agencies including the Salvation Army and local government community education workers and have been lobbying the Scottish Government about increased funding. I know that you are all busy too at battalion and company level and I hope and pray that 2012 will be another really successful year for the Brigade in Scotland.

Scotland Committee Nominations

The following members of the Scotland Regional Committee are due to complete their term of office in August 2012:

David Sneddon	Lanarkshire
David Richmond	West Lowland
Lindsay Stein	East Lowland
Alistair Joss	Mid Scottish

All are eligible for re-election, but obviously other leaders from the respective areas can also be nominated. If anyone would like more information about what is involved, or for a copy of the nomination form, please get in touch with myself.

There will also be vacancies for all six of the under-26 representatives on the Scotland Committee. At the moment to be able to vote, young people have to be registered by Company Captains with Scottish HQ by 31st March. The appropriate form for this can also be supplied on request, could you please publicise with Captains in your area. Information about the nomination process will also be issued in the next e-bulletin.

All nominations for both representative members and under-26 reps need to be returned to me by 31st March.

Scottish Conference – 10th March 2012

Bookings for the conference at the Bankfoot Centre near Perth are doing well and I am sure it will be a really useful and positive day. A few Battalions still need to advise us who their representative will be. Please also continue to encourage other officers and under-26 young leaders to try and come along, we are aware there are people who don't know about the conference. The link for further information is <http://scotland.boys-brigade.org.uk/conference-flyer.pdf> Please note the closing deadline for applications will be Friday 24th February. It would be helpful if registrations can be made via <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BBSCOT2012CONF>

Young Leaders Network

Following the success of last year's competition there will again be a national senior's football event during the Easter break. This year our overseas trip is going to be to the Danish capital Copenhagen. Flyers about both events are attached and I would be grateful if you can bring these events to the attention of young people in your Battalion.

Hong Kong Exchange

Last Easter two young leaders visited the Brigade in Hong Kong, they learnt a lot and also had a tremendous time. This year we are hoping to arrange an exchange visit with two leaders from Hong Kong visiting Scotland and another two of our young leaders going to visit companies there

in July. BB Hong Kong will provide accommodation, meals and transport at their end, and we can offer some limited assistance with travel costs. If anyone is interested can you please ask them to contact myself or Niall Rolland.

Children's Panel

A new nationwide campaign to recruit Children's Panel members is underway and people across Scotland are being asked to apply if they think they have what it takes to help a child out of a dark place. If you know anyone who may be interested more information can be found at <http://www.engageforeducation.org/2012/01/search-for-new-childrens-panel-members-underway/>

Royal Marines

Members of the Royal Marines recruiting staff in Scotland are willing to make local visits to enable young people to learn more about the current role and work of the Royal Marines. Details of contacts are outlined below so feel free to pass these around your Battalion. Perhaps some companies could come together for an evening? The Marines have various video games, fitness challenges and talks that might be of interest. Can you please let us know at HQ if you decide to take up this offer.

CPO Pete Box	AFCO Aberdeen	nrcsni-afcoaberdeenc2@mod.uk
WO1 Martin Towers	AFCO Dundee	nrcsni-afcodundeeca2@mod.uk
CPO Tam King	AFCO Dunfermline	nrcsni-afcodunfermlineca2@mod.uk
CPO Mike Slater	AFCO Inverness	nrcsni-afcoinvernessca2@mod.uk
CPO Dave Newell	AFCO Glasgow	nrcsni-afcoglasgowca2@mod.uk

Take on Life Campaign

A flyer about this new Scottish Government initiative is also enclosed. It will focus on informing parents of 7-11 year-old children of the recommended physical activity guideline of 60 minutes daily for children, and the physical and psychological benefits of integrating regular physical activity into a child's life

Duke of Edinburgh Award

I am sure many companies will be starting to make plans for Duke of Edinburgh award expeditions. The Brigade in Scotland are again organising an open Gold expedition in June and this year there is also a chance to take part in an open cycle expedition for Silver. Full details are available from HQ or can also be found on the website.

DofE Scotland have advised that in order to attend this year's Gold Presentation at Holyrood candidates gold forms need to be submitted to them by 12th March.

CashBack Applications

The deadline for the next round of our Small Grants Scheme applications is 1st March; more details are on the BB Scotland website or contact Anne at HQ.

Glasgow Science Centre

We have been advised that there is a special Uniform Group night on the 24th February at the Science Centre details at <http://www.glasgowsciencecentre.org/uniformedgroupevents.aspx>



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