

Awards Network News and Information Update - April 2018



Welcome to the latest Awards Network News and Information update, for and about the Awards Network and its Members!

Contributions welcome for next Update to contact@awardsnetwork.org by Thursday 10th May 2018.

Matilda is named Youth Worker of the Year 2018



Girlguiding Scotland leader, Matilda Lomas from the Isle of Harris, was named Youth Worker of the Year 2018 for her work in empowering girls and young women in a small island community.

Forty-six outstanding youth workers and youth work projects were celebrated with 14 winners crowned and another seven long-serving youth workers inducted to the YouthLink Scotland Lifetime Achievement community. Co-designed with a talented

group of young people, the ceremony celebrated YOYP 2018 and showcased the amazing talents and impact of youth workers on the lives of our young people.

It was incredible seeing the work of so many members of the Awards Network celebrated and recognised at this year's National Youth Work Awards organised by YouthLink Scotland at the Crowne Plaza Glasgow. Overall winner, Matilda, also won the Community Based Youth Work category, sponsored by Youth Scotland. Katie Mackay from the Prince's Trust won the Supporting Attainment Category sponsored by Education Scotland and in the Lifetime Achievement Category Graham Haddock from Scouts Scotland, Janet Lonie from Girlguiding Edinburgh, Alistair Whitelaw from the 1st Lenzie Company, Boy's Brigade and Elizabeth MacDonald from Youth 1st all received recognition.

Huge congratulations to our winners and all of the finalists; to the young people who helped make the evening such a success and to Award Sponsors, including Awards Network members The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scotland, Youth Scotland, YouthLink Scotland, SQA, Young Scot and our Strategic Partner Education Scotland.

Youth Scotland reach landmark 50,000th youth award



50,000 young people across Scotland have now received a Dynamic Youth Award, Youth Achievement Award or Hi5 Award.

Youth Scotland first introduced Youth Achievement Awards in 1998, with the first Bronze award being achieved the following year. Youth Achievement Awards are for young people age 14+ and sit at SCQF levels 4 – 7. In 2005 the Dynamic Youth Awards were developed and these are aimed at young people age 10+ and sit at SCQF level 3. The latest addition to the Youth Scotland suite of awards is the Hi5 award which was launched in September 2017. It is particularly suited as an entry level award for primary school age children and sits at SCQF level 2.

Young people have a range of learning styles and community based youth work contributes towards young people being able to develop their literacy and numeracy skills, which are not solely developed in the classroom. In combination, Youth Scotland's awards allow young people's non-formal achievements to be recognised in a meaningful way—particularly as they share the same SCQF levelling as formal qualifications.

Congratulations Graduates!

Many congratulations to The Boys' Brigade's 2016-17 KGVI course which graduated at a special service and ceremony in Airdrie on Saturday 24th March 2018. The KGVI cadets received their certificates from Superintendent Gavin Russell from Police Scotland, who is a former member of the 2nd Airdrie Company.



The King George VI (KGVI) Youth Leadership course is a residential training experience open to BB members aged 17-22. KGVI is endorsed by the CLD Standards Council and has been levelled and credit-rated on SCQF, recognised at level 7 with 13 credit points.

Alex McLean, young leader with 5th Hamilton, was one of the twenty young people to graduate from the 16/17 course. He said: "KGVI has given me lots of skills that have helped me in both BB and in life... It also helped me to come out of my shell and build good relationships with the other young people."

Euan Walker, young leader with 7th East Kilbride, added: "KGVI has helped me step outside my comfort zone. I have volunteered for any opportunity I can to help improve my confidence and life experience."

For further information, please email scottishhq@boys-brigade.org.uk or call 01324 562008.

Recognising and Celebrating Achievement



Two young people had a night to remember at the prestigious IoD Scotland Director of the Year Awards, held at the Crowne Plaza Glasgow on 22 March 2018. The event recognises Scotland's top directors, celebrating individuals' business achievements in 2017.

During the event the Young Enterprise Scotland Managing Director of the Year Awards were presented to Chloe Fairman, Managing Director of West Coasters (part of Lochgilphead High's YES Programme) and Taylor

Henderson, Managing Director of Live, Laugh, Learn (part of Bo'ness Academy's YES Programme). Huge congratulations to two great YES Alumni.

Attainment and achievement of school aged children experiencing poverty

Awards Network members responded individually and through the Awards Network to a recent [Inquiry](#) launched by the Scottish Parliament's Education and Skills Committee into *Attainment and achievement of school aged children experiencing poverty*. The Awards Network submission can be found [here](#). All 85 submissions can be found [here](#).

Free events!

We have been alerted to two free events that may be of interest to young adults completing awards with an interest in climate change or youth workers supporting awards.



Just For You(th): Youth Climate Summit 2018

Just for You(th) is a full day event run by the 2050 Climate Group, exploring the Just Transition for young people in Scotland. At this event, you will learn more about what the Just Transition means for you and how you can get involved in shaping a fairer, more sustainable society. The Summit is a free

event open to any young person between the ages of 18-35 based in Scotland. We'd be delighted if you can make it! *When? Saturday 28 April, 10AM-5PM, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall. **Registration is now open [here!](#)***



2050 Climate Group

2050 Climate Group – Young Leaders Development Programme

Described as a “world first” by Nicola Sturgeon, the [Young Leaders Development Programme](#) is a new opportunity to develop climate change awareness and leadership skills in the next generation of

Scottish leaders. The Programme will provide training on Leadership Skills, improving communication, understanding how to influence others, motivating and inspiring others; as well as climate change impacts, understanding how climate change will impact food, energy, transport, resource use and identifying the key systems and behavioural changes needed to transition to a more sustainable way of living.

If you are interested in being part of this year’s Programme (running from May 2018 – March 2019), please head to the [2050 Climate Group website](#), or email contact@2050.scot

Awards Network Meetings

The next Full Members Meeting will take place on **24th April 2018** (11.00am to 2.00pm), hosted by Boys’ Brigade Scotland at their Scottish Headquarters, Carronvale, Larbert, [FK5 3LH](#). Jonathan Christie, YPI Scotland Manager, The Wood Foundation, will be joining us as guest speaker.



Future meetings are scheduled for **4th September 2018** (Edinburgh) and **4th December** (Glasgow).

Have your say!

We would be delighted to receive your feedback on the Awards Network Newsletter. Are there issues that we are missing? What might improve its value to you? Is the mid-month release date suitable? Let us know what you think. Contributions / blogs / ‘think pieces’ always welcome. Email to contact@awardsnetwork.org.uk.

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