

Awards Network News and Information Update - May 2018



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

First Minister Recognises YoYP Achievements



The First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, will recognise tens of thousands of young people with a special certificate to say thank you for their contribution to the Year of Young People 2018. All young people, aged 8-26, who have volunteered or helped to deliver any the hundreds of events, projects and activities linked to Year of Young People 2018 will be able to apply for a special one-off Young People 2018 Participation Certificate. In recognition of the opportunities for achievement that Awards Network member awards will provide during YOYP2018, the Certificate will carry the Awards Network logo. More information about this initiative and find guidance on how to apply for the certificate [here](#)

The National Lottery YoYP Fund – supporting and celebrating achievement

The National Lottery [Year of Young People Fund](#) could provide valuable funding for activities that celebrate achievement and recognition through a youth award!

Grants of £3,000 to £10,000 are available to support projects that:

- Inspire young people to lead active lives and encourage positive mental health
- Celebrate Young People's achievements, e.g. with an award or accreditation
- Show what young people have learnt

The next **application deadline is 18 June 2018**. More information can be found [here](#).

#TheBrawOutdoorsQuestion

The John Muir Trust, in coalition with others, wants to hear the views of young people on [#TheBrawOutdoorQuestion](#).

Information about more opportunities for activities to enjoy nature and the outdoors can be found on the John Muir Trust Young People [webpage](#). To be kept up to date with events, campaigns and initiatives through the Nature and Young People Coalition contact naomi@johnmuiraward.org.

Moving Mountains with Outward Bound



She Moves Mountains: The North Face has launched a brand new global campaign to inspire a new generation of female explorers. In the UK it's in [partnership](#) with The Outward Bound Trust. Through this initiative there is an opportunity for [young women](#) aged 13/15 & 15/19 years to secure 50% funding towards a 7-day Serious Adventure.

Other opportunities for reduced cost adventures this summer:

Skills of Life Award: Up to 70% funding is still available through the Outward Bound Trust [Adventure Fund](#) for the Trust's signature **Skills for Life Award** during summer 2018.

A Brush With Adventure: in partnership with Dulux, a limited number of places remain for an almost fully funded (only £50 instead of £549) 7-day Serious Adventure for [school leavers](#).

YOYP 2018: Youth Leadership Festival, 17 – 21 September, Kirkcudbright

Up to 150 young people (aged 16+) from across Scotland will come to Solway View Holiday Park in Kirkcudbright for a five day Youth Leadership Festival, supported by The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Scotland and Dumfries & Galloway Council

Local Authorities and National Voluntary Organisations will be invited to bring 10 of their young people to participate. Young people must be accompanied by a member of staff. The cost will be £50 per young person. The Festival will include a mix of sessions and seminars run by national agencies and peers.

The Festival will:

- Celebrate the Year of Young People 2018 with an event that brings together and energises young people who are ambitious for Scotland's future.
- Provide a range of training and taster sessions on a variety of topics that equip young people to take on a range of leadership and team roles within their community. This includes themes of equity and conflict resolution.
- Provide DofE specific training to build the capacity of the DofE network and encourage young people to take on DofE roles.
- Where appropriate, count towards the Gold DofE Residential section.

Email yoyp2018@dumgal.gov.uk to express interest



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Attainment and achievement of school aged children experiencing poverty

Following consideration of submissions to its Inquiry into *Attainment and achievement of school aged children experiencing poverty* the Scottish Parliament's Education and Skills Committee has been hearing further evidence from a range of respondents. Amongst them on 25 April were Finlay Lavery of the Prince's Trust and John Loughton of Dare2Lead. Both spoke about the need to address an *achievement gap* and not just focus on attainment. They highlighted the contribution of youth work to attainment and achievement, with John highlighting the value of a range of youth awards not on the SCQF that capture achievement. The draft Official Report can be found [here](#).

Other recent reports that may be of interest include:

[Evaluation of the Attainment Scotland Fund – interim report \(Years 1 and 2\)](#) Scot Gov Social Research 03/18: with interesting findings in relation to collaboration.

[Young People's Participation in Out-of-School Activities](#), Scot Gov Research Findings 9/2018: Fieldwork conducted between October and December 2017; Responses from 348 young people.

National Youth Work Conference 2018 – Interactive Sessions

The theme for this year's National Youth Work Conference on 20 November is **Young People's Participation**. YouthLink Scotland has issued a call for proposals for Interactive Sessions that contribute to the conference aims:

- considering ways in which youth work enables young people to participate in decisions that affect their lives;
- identifying and discussing the ways in which youth organisations are led, and informed by young people; and,
- reflecting on the experiences of organisations who are working in partnership with young people to improve their services and experiences through the influence of young people's views.

The **deadline for proposals is 29 June**. Further information and a proposal form can be found [here](#).



Awards Network on You Tube



The Awards Network has commissioned the production of an initial series of short film clips to promote awareness of youth awards and to reflect the value of youth awards to key stakeholder groups. Featuring contributions from youth workers, teachers, business, parent groups and young people, these will be rolled out over the coming weeks on the Awards Network Scotland [you tube channel](#). Take a look at who's on now and subscribe!

We are grateful to the following for their co-operation:

Willie Barr, Manager, Citadel Youth Centre, Edinburgh
Sandy Begbie, Global Integration Director, Standard Life Aberdeen plc and Chair, DYW Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian Regional Group
Tracy Black, CBI Scotland Director
Bethan Chalmers, Girlguiding Glasgow
Mike Irving, Head Teacher, Leith Academy
Robbie McColl, 5th Livingston Boy's Brigade
Emmie Main, Youth Scotland Trustee
Eileen Prior, Executive Director, Connect (formerly Scottish Parent Teacher Council)

Thanks also to Jim Sweeney, Chief Executive, YouthLink Scotland for an earlier contribution in support of [Awards Aware](#)

Further clips will be added in the coming months

Awards Network Meetings

The next Full Members Meeting will take place on **4th September 2018** (11.00am to 2.00pm), hosted by YouthLink Scotland

The meeting of **4th December** will be hosted by the Prince's Trust in Glasgow.



Next Update

Contributions welcome for next Update to contact@awardsnetwork.org by **Monday 11th June 2018**.

As we seek to grow awareness of the work of the Awards Network and its members and expand the reach of our monthly News and Information Update, future issues will be distributed using MailChimp. It keeps us on the right side of GDPR too!