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Young Londoners speak up about their groups



Representatives of London's YOU London organisations briefed the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and members of the Greater London Lieutenancy on their organisations at the Army Cadet Training centre in Hammersmith on 24th April.

The excellent testimonies of each young person received great appreciation from the audience and a short Q&A session followed.

Afterwards guests were then treated to a continuity marching drill by 12F ATC Sqn London & South East Region Air Cadets, a PT display by London Area Sea Cadets and a musical piece by the South West London ACF Corps of Drums.

Within London, over 94,000 young people and 23,000 leaders make up the YOU London partnership of youth organisations.

Hounslow Awards

Deputy Lieutenant Certificates for 2018 for LB Of Hounslow, were presented on 23 March 2018 by Her Worship the Mayor of the London Borough of Hounslow, Councillor Sue Sampson.

The prestigious awards are made to cadets across London who have dedicated themselves and shown commitment above and beyond.



Representative Deputy Lieutenant of Hounslow Maria Pedro DL read the citations in front of the gathered family and friends of the cadets and RBL members. A buffet reception followed.

These awards are now open annually to all YOU London organisations. Nominations start in September.

Senior Leadership Training

It was a great honour for the London Fire Brigade Fire Cadets to attend the latest Senior Cadet Leadership Course hosted at HMS President over the weekend of 19-21st of January.

We saw our Graduate Cadets honing their skills in leadership, communication and presentation skills, while representing the London Fire Brigade at the highest level. This was a multi agency course delivered in partnership with colleagues from the Sea Cadets, Police Cadets and St John Ambulance Cadets.

We would like to say a special thank you to everyone involved with helping to put the event together and showing support and encouragement for these exceptional young people.

Firefighter Roy Mobbs who attended as a volunteer described the experience as “a unique course and a very good opportunity for young people to test and improve their current skills”.

We hope to see even more of our London Fire Brigade Fire Cadets as well as other Uniformed Youth organisations participating in the course when it comes back again in the Summer 2018.

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Air Cadets bring in their music

On 1st May 56 Sqn Royal Air Force Air Cadets joined in with 74 Detachment ACF at their Awards night by providing music from the Squadron Corps of Drums -

A most excellent of nights with a great parade and evening of activities, Well done 74 Detachment.



Mayor of Spelthorne charity Ball 2018

This evening is where Mayors of other boroughs, councillors and close friends of the Mayor are invited to celebrate her year in post as the Mayor of Spelthorne borough. This years event took place on the evening of 7th April 2018 at the Sunbury BP Village.

Cadets from three organisations; air, army and sea, joined together to work as a team to help make the evening a successful one. This was a great opportunity for the young cadets to have been given as they were able to work with others they wouldn't normally work with, carry out various tasks throughout the evening and speak to various VIPs about their evening and the opportunities the cadet forces provide's them.

The cadets received a lot of praise and high standard comments about their standard of uniform, professionalism and their politeness they showed throughout the event. All of the cadet organisations look forward to helping out at this event again next year and coming together as one team.

Cadet Sgt Choules

195 Detachment Staines PWRR

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STEPHEN LANE -Winner of The London Borough of Barnet Civic Award 2018 for Lifetime Achievement

"In recognition of his long and outstanding voluntary contribution to various causes and organisations in the borough over many years."

YOU London Board Member Stephen Lane has just fully retired from The Boys' Brigade having been an Officer for 44 years *although he remains their YOU London Board representative*. During this time he has also held various posts within the Brigade locally, London wide, nationally and internationally.

Last year he received the Chief Scout's Certificate for 30 years service and he also holds a Twenty Year Service Certificate from Girlguiding. Stephen is currently the President of the St John Ambulance Cadets - Barnet detachment. He continues to support various Cadet units across London when help and support is required.



On receiving the award he said :

"It is humbling to be recognised by my fellow Burgesses for just supporting our community. I've been privileged to see over the years the work done by so many people within various organisations to promote the advancement and well being of our young people and they all deserve our thanks and praise for undertaking this challenging yet rewarding task."

The Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport Association nationally awarded him their Certificate of Merit and the Royal British Legion has also recognised his service.

Stephen has consistently served the Lieutenancy, particularly in the London Borough of Barnet, going back to the 1970's.

London VPC Awards .Young people from the Met Volunteer Police Cadets (VPC) have been honoured at an annual ceremony to celebrate their achievements and recognise their contribution to communities and policing across the capital. The cadets and their family and friends were among more than 400 people at Kensington Great Hall on Saturday, 14 April where the Commissioner and The Lord-Lieutenant of London Sir Ken Olisa along with chief officers presented awards in acknowledgement of the positive efforts of London's young police cadets and their leaders in their local communities.





St John Ambulance Cadets from across London showed their support for ITV This Morning's #bekind anti-bullying campaign. The Cadets discussed the campaign during a bullying awareness session as part of the Cadet Leader course, held in Hemel Hempstead on 14 January.

London plays host to National Fire Cadets Games



What: National Fire Cadets Games

When: 18-19 August 2018 9am – 5pm on both days

Where: Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, London

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It's free, it's in the Summer and it's in a park – we would like to extend an invite to our friends from all uniformed youth organisations and encourage everyone to come along to show Fire Cadets some support together with their friends and families.

London Fire Brigade is hosting the event in partnership with Essex County Fire Rescue Service. It will be a weekend event held over two days with daytime competitions for fire cadets across Fire and Rescue Services nationally: testing their knowledge, skills and teamwork through a number of practical activities including dam building and knots and lines. There will be an overall winning Fire and Rescue Service team awarded a trophy on the second day.

Alongside the NFC Games, our Community Safety colleagues will be hosting an exhibition where everyone can come and learn about fire safety in the home, road safety and water safety on our very own beach area outside the sports centre! There will also be a special appearance from our fire investigation team and fire dog Simba!

Sharing in Newham

The Borough of Newham has had recent blue light collaboration success with its fire and police cadets.

Newham Fire cadets and the Beckton Police cadet units have been sharing and exchanging knowledge on what the other emergency service does in their day to day operations.

Newham Fire cadets visited Plaistow Police station and custody house, where they engaged in a: stop and search activity, experienced what it is like to be locked up in a custody cell and learnt various manoeuvres on arrests.



Beckton Unit police cadets visited East Ham Fire station on their cadet night and learnt about the various items of equipment on a Fire Rescue Unit. Police cadets saw firefighters demonstrate a car door extrication which would be required in a road traffic collision incident. The police cadets also witnessed a fire cadet drill and took turns learning how to use hoses.

The purpose of these visits was to show young people that there is more to firefighting and policing and that blue

light services and others working together is instrumental in keeping our communities safe. London Fire Brigade Youth Engagement Coordinator, Agnes Wong says, "It provides them with a greater appreciation of the work that police and firefighters do and it is hoped that these visits may inspire a future generation of firefighters and police officers beyond the cadet program".

With a number of police cadets scattered across the borough of Newham and the Fire cadets based at East Ham, this is just the start of the two cadet organisations working together - no doubt there will be many more exciting opportunities for collaboration in the future.

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Edgware Scouting Heroes



Two Edgware Cub Scouts have become local heroes. Having learnt vital life saving skills as part of their Cub Scout first aid training at 2nd Edgware Scout Group, they then saved the life of their 80 year old grandmother after she collapsed at home.

Daniel Zahid, aged 9, and his 7 year old sister Sabrina, were being looked after at home by their grandmother on the last day of the school term, when she suddenly collapsed and sustained a head injury as she hit the floor. Daniel and Sabrina found her unconscious and were unable to rouse her. They had been taught to put the casualty into the recovery position and they kept checking that she had an airway and was breathing, a vital act as she had sustained an injury to her windpipe. Whilst Sabrina was caring for her grandmother, Daniel went in search of a phone to contact the emergency services. He realised that as there was no mobile phone in the house, he needed to find the land line, which had been stored in the back of a cupboard. The phone socket was situated above the front door, so he placed a chair by the door, climbed up, plugged the phone in, waited for a dialling tone and phoned 999. The ambulance control centre later praised him for his calmness and maturity in relaying the correct information. Daniel then returned to Sabrina so that she could go downstairs and direct the ambulance crew to where was grandmother was still lying unconscious. The ambulance rushed her to Barnet General Hospital where she was detained overnight. The good news is that she has since made a good recovery.

Daniel and Sabrina's father, Sonny Aziz, returned home just before the ambulance arrived and was able to help his children in caring for their grandmother. He said "I am so proud of my children. They have learnt real Scouting skills for life and their prompt action has reinforced my decision to become a volunteer Scout Leader".

Daniel said "I was confident having been taught what to do when there is an emergency, and that I was able to help to save lives".

Sabrina said "I am very proud at what we did. We learn so much at Cubs and we also have great fun and go camping".

Their grandmother, Waheeda, said "I love my two grandchildren very much. They saved my life".

Andrew Thorp

The Scout Association



Save the date - 1 September 2018

Greater London RFCA and YOU London is planning a First World War remembrance event at the Royal Hospital Chelsea on Saturday 1 September 2018. The YOU London part of this will take place in Burton Court and will be similar to the showcase event which took place in 2014.

Burton Court will contain up to 700 uniformed young people from the member organisations of YOU London. These organisations will line the route for the parade and each produce a display stand, showing what they have learnt through commemoration of the First World War over the last four years and how this will equip them for the future. The theme for this event is 'Through the eyes of young people to the future'.

Organisations which have sought to encourage remembrance of the First World War will also be invited to create displays with material they have produced over the last four years.

All London units are invited to have a display stand within Burton Court, should they wish. A display arena in the centre of the football pitch will provide space for young people to showcase their creativity and talents.



Scouting in Croydon

We had several teams competing in the 'Southern 50'. This is an overland hike in the Chiltern Hills open to members of Scouting and Guiding. It is a tough test to your orienteering skills, physical ability and teamwork.

All members returned safely albeit tired. We had two teams enter the 50 Mile event coming 5th and (U/C) out of 13 teams. Two teams in the 50K event coming 16th & 18th out of 48 teams and two teams in the 30K event finishing 8th and 16th out of 32 teams entered.

Some very accomplished results I am sure you will agree.

Steve French

District Commissioner Croydon

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It's all about



The aim of YOU
London is to
work together

to support young people by maximising
the benefits of the existing youth
organisations. Working together takes
many forms including inter-group
competitions, sharing premises, exhibiting
together at recruitment events in borough,
or simply being aware of who is who in the
boroughs' youth groups. Working together
often produces for the groups much more
than the sum of the individual parts can
do.

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