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### Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London becomes inaugural President of YOU London



We are delighted to announce that Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE, has become the inaugural President of YOU London. Sir Kenneth is Her Majesty's representative in Greater London and is charged with upholding the dignity of the Crown in the capital. Across the thirty-two boroughs (but not the City of London) he is responsible for the promotion of civic, commercial, voluntary and social activities within London supported by a team of over 100 Deputy Lieutenants, including a Representative Deputy Lieutenant for each London borough.

Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE is a businessman and philanthropist, the founder of two technology merchant banks and the first British-born black man to serve as a Director of a FTSE-100 company (Reuters).

An advocate of social inclusion, he is Chair of Thames Reach, a charity working to shelter and resettle the homeless; Chair of the Shaw Trust, supporting the disabled and chronically unemployed to find work; founding Chair of the Powerlist Foundation, supporting future leaders from Black and Minority Ethnic and disadvantaged backgrounds; a former Governor of the Peabody Trust; and a former Non-Executive Director of the West Lambeth NHS Trust.

Sir Kenneth's appointment is a natural fit with YOU London. In 2015, on his appointment to Lord-Lieutenant, he became President of the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for Greater London (which provides the Secretariat for YOU London) and in 2019 he became President of London Youth, a member network of 450+ youth clubs across London, supporting tens of thousands of young Londoners each year. We hope that this appointment will see the two organisations, YOU London and London Youth, collaborating where appropriate to support young people, both in and out of uniform, across London.



## Online Resources

With youth groups no longer able to meet face-to-face, keeping young people engaged has become an online challenge. Many groups are meeting virtually online using Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Houseparty and other video-conferencing software.

Here are a selection of resources and ideas for activities that groups, families at home or individuals could use:



[www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/](http://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/)



[www.boys-brigade.org.uk/bbathome/](http://www.boys-brigade.org.uk/bbathome/)



[www.idea.org.uk](http://www.idea.org.uk)

### Other useful websites:

[www.ted.com/talks](http://www.ted.com/talks)

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

[www.themix.org.uk](http://www.themix.org.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01b8f09](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01b8f09)

[www.barclayslifeskills.com/young-people](http://www.barclayslifeskills.com/young-people)

[www.riseabove.org.uk](http://www.riseabove.org.uk)

### Why not use your time at home to...

#### ...improve your digital skills

[www.microsoft.com/en-gb/athome/digitalskills/discover](http://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/athome/digitalskills/discover)

<https://applieddigitalskills.withgoogle.com/s/en-uk/digital-training>

#### ...learn a new language

[www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com)

#### ...learn to touch type

[www.typingclub.com](http://www.typingclub.com)

#### ...take an online course

[www.alison.com](http://www.alison.com)

[www.reed.co.uk/courses/free/online](http://www.reed.co.uk/courses/free/online)

[www.vision2learn.net/courses](http://www.vision2learn.net/courses)

[www.allaboutstem.co.uk/2019/12/free-online-courses-inspire-young-people-in-stem](http://www.allaboutstem.co.uk/2019/12/free-online-courses-inspire-young-people-in-stem)

[www.futurelearn.com/courses](http://www.futurelearn.com/courses)

[www.vision2learn.net/courses](http://www.vision2learn.net/courses)

#### ...improve your First Aid skills

[www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/first-aid-learning-for-young-people](http://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/first-aid-learning-for-young-people)

[www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-lesson-plans](http://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-lesson-plans)

#### ...virtually visit a zoo

[www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams](http://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams)  
[www.dublinozoo.ie/animals/animal-webcams](http://www.dublinozoo.ie/animals/animal-webcams)

## National Emergencies Trust

Volunteer Police Cadets, St John Ambulance Cadets and Scouts supported the launch of a new charity, the National Emergencies Trust (NET), on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

The launch took place in the Crypt of St Martin in the Fields church, Trafalgar Square in the presence of their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.



The National Emergencies Trust, [www.nationalemergenciestrust.org.uk](http://www.nationalemergenciestrust.org.uk), will raise funds from the general public for the alleviation of needs in the event of a disaster or emergency in England. The funds collected will be distributed by local partners on the ground in the areas affected by the emergency event. It will essentially do for England what the Disasters and Emergency Committee (DEC) [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk) does internationally.



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The NET will deal with the fundraising and fund distribution aspects of disaster response in England. It was set up to ensure the charity sector is more joined up and co-ordinated in the way it harnesses and guides generous public support for disasters. The NET will set up a single national fund, which will help direct fundraising by existing charities and have expertise regarding the allocation of funds.



Chief Executive Officer of the National Emergencies Trust, John Herriman, said "We are extremely grateful to all the cadets who supported our launch. It was fantastic to have them there!"

Many people will have seen Prince William on the news recently encouraging the public to donate to the NET to raise funds for people requiring support due to the Coronavirus. At the time of writing, a staggering £25m has been raised to support those in need of help.

## Challenge South London

'Challenge South London' saw over 130 young people take part in two fun-filled, action-packed days of activities hosted by the Royal Marines Reserve (City of London) and Southfields Academy in co-operation with the Metropolitan Police Service, during the February half term.



The event, for young people aged 14-18 from the boroughs of Wandsworth, Merton, Richmond and Kingston, comprised of six challenges delivered by the Royal Marines, Harlequins RFC, BeMilitaryFit, Powerleague and the London Fire Brigade. The challenges included abseiling, rugby, football, self-defence and retrieving a casualty from a burning building, to stretch participants' endurance, mental strength and self-esteem, embodying the characteristics of the Royal Marines: Courage, Determination, Unselfishness and Cheerfulness.



One aim of the event was to encourage respect for the uniformed services by bringing young people in to contact with representatives from each organisation; showcasing some of the roles they perform in the community and the career opportunities available within each service.

Another aim was to divert young people away from anti-social behaviour towards a more positive future. With knife crime amongst young people in

London being an ongoing issue, 'Challenge South London' aimed to encourage young people not to carry edge weapons and to teach them how to defend themselves against potentially harmful situations.



Commanding Officer of the Royal Marines Reserve (City of London) Lieutenant Colonel Jason Durup said: *"Challenge South London' aims to support the Metropolitan Police's 'Divert' programme by giving young people the confidence, through teaching them different skills, that they can evade and avoid edge weapon threats and not become a statistic."*



For more photos and a video of the event, visit [www.challengesouthlondon.co.uk](http://www.challengesouthlondon.co.uk). Subject to Covid-19, there is an aspiration to run another 'Challenge South London' and a 'Challenge North London' later in the year. Keep an eye on the website for more details.

## The Lord Mayor's Show

The 804<sup>th</sup> Lord Mayor's Show on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November saw the usual mix of military, pomp, music and madness! Highlights of last year's show included a Massey Ferguson tractor and a British Farmers Market stall stocked full of fresh, seasonal produce; people dressed as crumpets; a life-size replica of the 'Red Dwarf Starbug' on the AA float and even a float by the Rwandan High Commission to promote the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Rwanda in 2020. The new Lord Mayor's ward is Bread Street, so there were also lots of bread-related items in the show!

Here are some images of YOU London organisations taking part:





## London Fire Cadet Volunteer Instructor Awards

The London Fire Cadets Volunteer Instructor Awards took place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 aboard the Tattershall Castle on the Victoria Embankment. The evening saw volunteers from all over London come together to celebrate their commitment and contribution to the London Fire Cadets over the last 18 months.

17 volunteers were presented with a Certificate of Commendation for services to Fire Cadets; 18 volunteers were presented with a Certificate of Commendation for outstanding achievements in services to Fire Cadets and nine volunteers were presented with a Certificate of Commendation for long and distinguished services to Fire Cadets.



Tinika Wynters, from Merton Fire Cadets, was presented with the overall Volunteer of the Year award for her passion and for being an incredible role model and ambassador for other volunteers and young people. The award was presented by Paul Rankin, Director of Fire and Safety Services at Securitas, who sponsored the award.



## Saying Thank You to Adult Volunteers

YOU London hosted adult volunteers and staff from the RAF Air Cadets, Sea Cadets, Scouts, Volunteer Police Cadets and Boys' Brigade at Royal Gun Salutes in Green Park in November and February to thank them for the time they give to support young people in London.



The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery, whose role is to fire ceremonial Gun Salutes to mark royal and state occasions, fired 41-Gun Salutes to mark the birthday of HRH The Prince of Wales in November and HM The Queen's accession to the throne in February.

The guests arrived at Wellington Barracks to watch the Commanding Officer's inspection of the Troop before they left the barracks.



Six gun teams of six horses pulled First World War-era 13-pounder field guns to perform the salutes in Green Park.

Following the salutes, the guests returned to Wellington Barracks for a buffet lunch and a behind-the-scenes tour of the stables.

## VPC Annual Awards Ceremony

Young people, volunteers and staff from the Volunteer Police Cadets (VPC) were honoured at the Metropolitan Police Service's annual VPC awards ceremony in Kensington Great Hall on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The awards celebrated the achievements of VPC cadets, volunteers and staff and recognised their contributions to communities and policing across the capital.



Over 500 family, friends and VIPs attended the ceremony, where the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE, presented an award to each borough's top Senior and Junior Cadet. Commanders Jane Connors and Catherine Roper presented awards under the categories of Safer Neighbourhood Cadet of the Year (Junior and Senior), Presence and Performance Cadet of the Year (Junior and Senior), Best Social Action Project and Best New Recruit in acknowledgement of the positive efforts of London's police cadets and their leaders in their local communities.

Assistant Commissioner Helen Ball presented awards to the VPC Co-ordinator of the Year and Best Junior and Senior Cadet of the Year.



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Girls' Brigade	Julie Murdy	director@gb-ministries.org
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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, sharing information, exhibiting together at recruitment events, or simply being aware of who is who in each borough. Working together often produces for the groups much more than the sum of the individual parts.

## Z-cards

Fold out business-card sized 'Z-cards' which advertise all of the YOU London groups are available from Donna at [gl-offcadets@rfca.mod.uk](mailto:gl-offcadets@rfca.mod.uk)



If you would like to contribute to the next edition of YOU London News, please send articles and images to [youlondon1@gmail.com](mailto:youlondon1@gmail.com) by 30 September 2020. We're particularly after stories of collaboration between 2 or 3 organisations of no more than 200 words with a good digital image of at least 500Kb in size.