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## YOU LONDON LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE





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The City of London School was the venue for this year's YOU London Leadership Development Conference, held over the weekend of 30 September - 1 October, which saw young people from the City of London School CCF, Fire Cadets, Girlguiding, RAF Air Cadets, Scouts, Sea Cadets, St John Ambulance Cadets and Volunteer Police Cadets participate in an activity-filled weekend designed to elevate and develop their leadership skills.



The national Chief Commissioner for St John Ambulance, Ann Cable MBE DL, got the weekend off to an inspiring start with an energising speech about what leadership means to her.

Activity stands were provided by the British Army, Royal Navy, Metropolitan Police Service, London Fire Brigade, City of London School CCF, RAF Air Cadets, St John Ambulance and RBSL. The delegates, all aged 14-18, participated in theoretical discussions about what makes a good leader, learnt fire hose and door entry drills, searched makeshift offices for contraband substances and arrested suspects, constructed wooden tanks whilst memorising instructions, drove remote-controlled miniature tanks under timed conditions and received valuable first aid instruction, amongst other things.

His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater London, Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE, and nine of his thirty two Representative Deputy Lieutenants (one for each borough), visited the conference on the Saturday afternoon. Addressing the young people, the Lord-Lieutenant said: "Last week's tragic events in Croydon exposed the harsh reality faced by some of our youth today. This conference highlights everything that is good about the capital's young people. I have been massively impressed by everyone that I have spoken with and am delighted that you are tomorrow's leaders."

*"If I could, I would 100% do it again - it was amazing. The stands were great, the speakers were amazing. Probably one of the top weekends for me"*

*"It was a lot of fun, I got to meet new people and learn new things as well as develop my leadership and communication skills."*



# YOU LONDON AT TROOPING THE COLOUR

Glorious weather, ceremonial London at its best and we were there (twice!)



On Saturday 10 June and Saturday 17 June, for Trooping the Colour and the full scale dress rehearsal the week before (The Colonel's Review), 500 young people from YOU London organisations nationally were privileged to watch the events unfold from a dedicated youth enclosure on the corner of The Mall and Horse Guards Parade. A big thank you to the Metropolitan Police Service for organising this for us and for looking after us so well on both days.





# YOU LONDON AT TROOPING THE COLOUR





# YOU CROYDON GIRAFFE

Anybody who visited Croydon over the summer could not fail to have noticed an invasion of giraffes throughout the borough. 60 fibreglass giraffes were on display around the borough as part of the 'Croydon Stands Tall' art trail organised by the Croydon Business Improvement District (BID).

The uniformed youth groups in Croydon worked together to create a 'YOU Croydon' giraffe, who was on display in the main library on Katherine Street from August until the end of October. The patches on the giraffe were designed by young people from each organisation then painstakingly re-created by PC Rebecca Pitt of Croydon Volunteer Police Cadets. When the art trail had finished, our giraffe made a special appearance in the Lord Mayor's Show (see page 8).



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A huge 'thank you' to PC Pitt for co-ordinating this project and pulling it together.

A big 'thank you' too to Liz and the team at Pax Lodge for hosting our recent YOU London 'Development Workers' meeting.

Pax Lodge is one of 5 World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts accommodation centres around the world. When not being used by Girl Guides / Girl Scouts, other youth organisations and members of the public can book to stay at this hostel accommodation close to central London, in Belsize Park.



Pax Lodge offers a welcoming and colourful environment. Rooms sleep 2-7 people. The accommodation offers a dining room, lounge, conference room and garden.

Contact Pax Lodge directly: [office@paxlodge.waggs.org](mailto:office@paxlodge.waggs.org) or via their website [www.paxlodge.org](http://www.paxlodge.org)

**Pax Lodge, 12C Lyndhurst Rd, London NW3 5PQ**





# LORD MAYOR'S MUSIC COMPETITION

On Saturday 7 October, Guildhall Yard in the heart of the City of London witnessed a captivating display of musical talent at the Lord Mayor's Cadet Music Competition. 🏆🎵

Four exceptional teams gave it their all, and the energy was electric:

- 🥁 Mill Hill School CCF Corps of Drums
- 🎵 London Area Band of the Sea Cadet Corps
- 🥁 London District Combined ACF Corps of Drums
- ✈️ 56 (Woolwich) Squadron RAF Air Cadets

Congratulations to all the talented young musicians who participated, showcasing the incredible musical talent within our cadet organisations.

🏆 Best Overall Band honours went to 56 (Woolwich) Squadron RAF Air Cadets. Their performance was nothing short of spectacular! 🌟🎵

🥁 Best Corps of Drums and Best Bugler awards went to the talented members of the London District Combined ACF Corps of Drums. Their precision and skill were unmatched! 🥁🏆

Huge thanks to the City of London Corporation for hosting this fantastic event, uniting our communities through the power of music. 🙌🎵





# SIMPLY VOLUNTEER LONDON

## Discover a World of Volunteering Opportunities

Find your perfect volunteer role, support organizations, and make a difference



I want volunteers!

Sign-up to promote your roles across Greater London.



I want to Volunteer!

See all volunteering roles across Greater London.

The database can be searched by keyword, skill, activity, location or postcode. Potential volunteers can state when and where they are able to volunteer.

Organisations can register their vacancies here:  
<https://simplyvolunteerlondon.uk/organisation/register>

The Greater London Authority is launching a new volunteering database in early December.

[www.simplyvolunteerlondon.uk](http://www.simplyvolunteerlondon.uk) aims to link people looking for volunteering opportunities with organisations that have vacancies to fill.



### District Treasurer for Sutton Scouts

Organisation : District Volunteer Team for Sutton Scouts  
Sutton Scouts District Treasurer  
Activities: Finance & Accountancy, Trusteeships & Committees, Youth Work, Administration  
Last Updated 5 months ago

Age Group : 25+, 18-25, 65+  
Location : District HQ, Woodcote Road, Wallington. Most tasks will be carried out from home

Details



### Sectional assistant working with Scouts section

Organisation : 12th Lewisham South scouts  
Scouting with 12th Lewisham South; have fun working in the community, learn new skills, like cooking ...  
Activities: Catering, Practical Work & DIY, Teaching & Training, Youth Activities, Environmental, Community Work, General & Helping  
Last Updated 9 months ago

Age Group : 14+  
Location : St Barnabas Church Hall Downham Way Downham • Postcode : BR1 5NZ

Details



### Assistant Squirrel Leader

Organisation : Richmond upon Thames Scouts  
Do you enjoy having fun and using your imagination? Can you inspire young people aged between 4 and ...  
Activities: Community Work, Youth Work, Sport & Coaching  
Last Updated 1 month ago

Age Group : 18 and over  
Location : Roles available throughout the London Borough of Richmond

Details

## NCS BESPOKE RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITY

Groundwork London are working with NCS to put on **a bespoke residential trip** especially **for young people in year 12** who are **members of a uniformed youth organisation**. The trip will take place from **12-16th February** (half term) in **North Devon**. During the week, participants will take part in sessions centred around developing their life skills and building upon the skills they already learn and develop in their uniformed youth organisation.

On this five-day adventure away from home, participants will learn survival skills, develop their confidence and test their limits by getting stuck into adrenaline-filled outward bounds activities. Its also a great opportunity to meet young people the same age from other uniformed groups and come together to discover life hacks they didn't know they needed!

The cost of the trip is **£95**. There is a full NCS Bursary for anyone who receives free school meals, or has an Educational Care or Health Plan in place. If cost is a barrier to a young person engaging in the experience, contact [Luke.Edmonds@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:Luke.Edmonds@groundwork.org.uk) who can arrange something for you.

We are looking for **Expressions of Interest** at this time to see if there is enough interest to get a group from London together. If you are interested and want to find out more information, please complete the short form below and one of the team from Groundwork London will be in touch in the New Year. Young people cannot have participated in an NCS residential before. Coach transport from a central pick-up point in London is included.

[Expression of Interest form](#)

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is Monday 8th January 2024.  
Sign up now so you don't miss out!!!





# THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

Such fun involving 70 young people from the Army Cadet Force, Boys' Brigade, Royal Russell School Combined Cadet Force, Fire Cadets, Girls' Brigade, RAF Air Cadets, Scouts, Sea Cadets, St John Ambulance cadets, Volunteer Police Cadets from both the MPS and City of London Police and our YOU Croydon giraffe 🦒 on our float in the Lord Mayor's Show on Saturday 11 November.





# THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW



## Children and young people's healthcare rights creative arts competition

The NHS in London are inviting children and young people to enter a creative arts competition to help improve awareness of healthcare rights among children and young people. They want young people to express their views and help the NHS in London learn what matters most to young people.

Entrants are invited to submit one creative piece which can be anything (that can be shared digitally) such as a cartoon, illustration, a copy of a painting or drawing, a poem, photography or a short video (this might be a film, a recording of a song, or spoken word).

There are 2 categories: age 10 and under; and 11-25.  
The deadline is midnight on Friday 26 January 2024.





# ELWORTHY TROPHY

On Saturday 14 October, 12 teams of military cadets from across London competed for the Elworthy Trophy at the Cadet Training Centre, Frimley. The teams of eight – 4 from the Army Cadet Force, 4 from the RAF Air Cadets, 2 Sea Cadet teams and 2 from Combined Cadet Forces in schools – participated in a busy day of 9 challenging activities.

This annual tri-service competition provides London's military cadets with an opportunity to test their skills, teamwork and physical and mental prowess. Activities ranged from raft building to archery, from first aid to a tyre pull using brute strength. The event inspires young people to strive for excellence, fostering teamwork, discipline and leadership that will benefit them in both their cadet careers and future endeavours.



A special highlight of the Elworthy Trophy is always the number of visitors who take time out of their weekend to visit the competition. Senior figures from London's Cadet Forces, together with representatives of Livery Companies and the Greater London Lieutenancy were briefed on the competition by Colonel Ian Denison, Colonel Cadets HQ London District, before going out into the impressive grounds of the Cadet Training Centre to watch the teams in action.



This year's competition was won by 14F (Northolt) Squadron RAF Air Cadets. The runners up were 21 Company from Middlesex and North West London Army Cadet Force (last year's winners). Both put in impressive performances, making it a closely contested event.

All participants received a metal pin badge for taking part. Prizes were awarded for the best team on each stand; members of the winning team and the runners up received an individual medal. Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE, Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, presented 14F (Northolt) Squadron with the Elworthy sword – a Battle of Britain commemorative sword presented by Lord Elworthy, former Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London and President of the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Greater London, as a trophy to be competed for annually when he retired in 1978.



# ELWORTHY TROPHY



## ARTS AND CULTURE BULLETIN

The Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London's Council on Culture and Heritage has produced an Arts and Culture bulletin to encourage young people and youth groups to engage with Arts and Culture in London.

The bulletin contains information for young people and youth groups on how to access free and heavily discounted tickets to Arts and Cultural venues in London such as the London Symphony Orchestra, English National Opera and National Theatre as well as a list of free museums.

[Click here to read the bulletin.](#)

The next edition will be out in January. [Click here](#) to subscribe to future editions.

## YOUNG LONDONERS MAYORAL ELECTION SURVEY

Ahead of next year's Mayoral election, [Partnership for Young London](#) are calling on all young Londoners to have their say on the key policies that impact their lives. What do they think of rent controls? Should 16-year-olds have the vote? What should youth services in London provide? Should young people be involved in conversations around stop and search?

They are after the views of young Londoners aged 16 to 25. The aim is to inform policy and practice ahead of next year's Mayoral election. The survey should take 10 minutes to complete and all young people who complete it will be entered into a prize draw for either £300, £200, or £100.

The survey can be accessed here:

<https://younglondon.typeform.com/YoungLondon>

Are you a  
young  
Londoner?

Win £300,  
£200, or £100!

What changes do you  
want the Mayor of  
London make?

Get involved.  
Have your say.  
Win cash prizes.





# YOU LONDON

## It's all about YOU...

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's who within each borough.

Working together often produces for the groups much more than the sum of the individual parts.

Organisation	Contact Name	Email Address
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## 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).



## 2024 dates:

12-16 Feb - NCS week for Uniformed Youth Organisations  
 8 June - Youth Enclosure at Trooping the Colour, The Colonel's Review  
 15 June - Youth Enclosure at Trooping the Colour  
 15 Aug - A Level results day  
 22 Aug - GCSE results day  
 6 October - Silver Sunday  
 19-20 Oct - YOU London Leadership Development weekend  
 9 Nov - YOU London float in the Lord Mayor's Show  
 10 Nov - Remembrance Sunday  
 11 Nov - Remembrance Day  
 20-24 Nov - #Iwill week - 10 year anniversary

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 April 2024. 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.