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January 2013: Updates

Happy New Year Everyone!

Wishing you all a great start to 2013 :)

This is our new e-newsletter, which will also be sent out this month as plain text to your emails, as some people have this e-newsletter going to their junk mail (some of you have not opened the Dec e-news).

To stay in touch please can you check your junk mail and ensure you are getting these e-news (make it safe on your email account) as this is the way we will be moving forward with staying connected with monthly news, thanks for your help.

***Each e-newsletter will be archived on our website so we can post a link on the current e-newsletter to previous ones.**

[Click here for Decembers E-News](#)

***Adult Training for 2013**

Exped Supervisors Course : 16th Feb

Exped Assesor Accreditation Course : 27th April

'Intro to DofE': 23rd March

[click here for full details and booking forms](#)

We are currently looking into **First Aid** courses and **Child protection courses for volunteers.**

If there are other course you would like to see available , please let us know.

Participants Expedition Training for 2013



Would you be willing to help support the participants expedition training events in March?

Sunday 3rd March 2013 : Lossie School Sports Hall (covering much of the DofE training framework) 10-3.30pm

Sunday 17th March 2013 : Lossie Woods : Practical Navigation training 10-3/4pm

(staggered start times)

[To let us know you are able to help, click here to put your name on either or both events, thanks for your help and support :\)](#)

Expedition support

Existing qualified Supervisor / assessors : Are you are willing to support any exped teams in 2013? Can you let us know, thanks for your help.

We would like to link you in with one primary DofE centre (although you might be willing to support more than one group/centre)

This will allow the DofE Centres to link with you to arrange pre exped meetings with the participants and organise dates for expedition practises and qualifiers.

Also, can we link-in Expedition supervisors with you who are recently trained but need to shadow some groups, or other volunteers willing to be the second adult on expeditions?

Expedition helpers- For any of you wishing to shadow or assist (as opposed to being the primary supervisor (maybe you are in training (or happy to assist) or need to shadow a few groups before leading your own ones) please let us know what availability / flexibility you have.

You can email gavin.morgan@moray.gov.uk to let us know what you would be able to offer, and this can help us with our planning, Thanks..

***Moray Local Awards Committee (MLAC)**

The next MLAC meeting is on **Monday 11th February** at Elgin High School (room X14) from **7pm to 8.30pm**

Diane (MLAC secretary will be in touch with DofE Coordinators to request an update from each of you in advance of the meeting (The idea being to help the meetings flow better and ensure we maximise time for all the different discussions) Agenda to be sent out soon.

Moray Local Awards Committee Annual General Meeting is on **Monday 15th April 2013 from 7pm** , Venue TBC

Gold Residential Opportunities

The ever-popular **Gold Award Leadership Residential from DofE Scotland** will run again from 31 March to April 4 at Glenmore Lodge. Registration is £210 and includes meals, accommodation and a DofE hoodie. Email katy.forrester@dofe.org for more information.

Kushi Adventures are offering a **5 day 'Winter Activity Residential £280)**
[click here for more info!](#)

DofE Scotland is teaming up with Glenmore Lodge to offer an **Expedition Leadership course to Gold Award holders from 7 to 13 July**. The course offers qualification as a Walking Group or Trail Cycle leader, DofE Expedition Assessor, DofE Supervisor, and Emergency First Aider all for only £250 including food and accommodation! If you know of any young people interested in continuing their DofE journey after their award, please refer them to the DofE Scotland [website](#) for more information.

***DofE Leaders and Coordinators : Please note that the 'Achieved Off- Line' function within eDofE is being turned off soon.**

Any participant who is registered on eDofE after 31 March 2013 will not have access to Achieved Off-Line via a Leader. This will mean they need to log in and complete mandatory questions and a programme planner for

each section and upload (or have the assessor input) an assessor report for each section.

If they want to create an achievement pack then they can upload lots more evidence (but an assessor report for each section is minimum).

Please [see here!](#) [for more info](#)

Cairngom 'Adopt a Path'

[Possible Volunteering group opportunity](#)

Hamish is looking into how this could be offered to Golds or for DofE Moray to adopt a path.

Moray Badge / DofE DVD Project.

Karen Delaney has been working on an initiative that will see young people gain skills to create a DVD project about the History of DofE in Moray, interviewing local people (past and present), maybe even the Duke himself.

This initiative may see Glenlivet Crown estate generously offering the use of a Bothy to DofE (possibly a volunteer opportunity for a museum /with a Trangia-style kitchen, as well as space to camp for expeditions.

We look forward to hearing more from Karen herself.



The Gold Open Award centre runs on the 3rd Monday of every month at Elgin Youth cafe, ([click here for full dates in 2013](#))

Current focus is on providing Expedition training at Gold level for any participant wishing to go out on Gold expeditions in 2013.

If you are interested in helping support this Centre, please get in touch with [Gavin](#)

***CCB stands for Community Capacity Building , [here is the link to the training calender](#)** run by the Commuity learning and Development team (who hold the DofE Licence for the Moray Council) where you can access loads of free training . We will start putting up Child protection training and other DofE relevant courses for you.

Volunteers Questions and Answers / Discussion forum.

On the newsletter, we want to give space for you to put your comments across and get feedback. Maybe you have a good news story or updates you think others would benefit from.

email [Gavin](#) to add something to the next newsletter.

here's one

(Q) As a DofE Volunteer can I claim back travel expenses incurred through supporting DofE Moray activities?

(A) Yes, you can claim back your travel expenses using the [form on this web page](#)

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