



Hi everyone, we hope this newsletter finds you all well.

Click here for the [DofE National e-newsletter](#) and see below for DofE Moray specific news.

Participants expedition fee

For leader/coordinators whose participants have not yet paid the **expedition fee of £20.00**, here is the [link to a letter](#) that can go out to your participants / parents asking them to pay the fee. It supports MLAC in volunteer training and development and expedition kit, so it is really important everyone pays. Thank you for your help with this.

New participant enrolment costs for 2013: Please be aware that **Bronze and Silver is £15.00** and **£22.00 for Gold** enrolments as of April 2013.



'Gear Pool'

CLD Youth team / DofE Moray have just been successful in gaining clothing from

[giftyourgear.com](#).

We will be looking to set up a 'Gear Pool' system to allow young people and adults in Moray access outdoor clothing.

The items include: waterproof jackets and trousers,

For DofE Expeds going into wild country please check out the Grampian and Cairngorm expedition network and the boundaries map(new)

<http://www.dofe.org/en/content/cms/leaders/expedition-areas/grampian-cairngorm/>

DofE Moray Expedition Supervisors Network.

With the growing need to support both participants and new DofE Moray volunteers in the development of the expedition section, we are proposing to create an Expedition Supervisors network for Moray.

The intention is to look at:

- 'Buddying / shadowing' of expeditions and a 'supported assessment' by existing supervisors for new supervisors wishing to lead expeditions at all levels.
- A place for supervisors to come together to share experiences and good practise and help develop all aspects of the expeditions.
- To help plan expeditions earlier and gain support.
- To have a clear voice within DofE Moray and MLAC for all things expeditions.

A small group have met up to take this forward , one of the aims is to ask DofE Centres to confirm by November 2013 how many expedition groups (numbers) they have at each level and what support they need in 2014, Then the Expedition Network can look at organising 'Open expedition events' to support some of the demand. This might mean one or two of your exped groups can join the Open expedition event. It is unlikely it can support all of your expeditions, especially if you are a large

fleeces, and walking trousers. most are second hand and a few look new.

We will update you on the process for loaning the gear to people in the near future. We have about 150 items of clothing donated to us.

This can be used for not only DofE but also the wider community as many of the items are more adult sizes.



[Volunteer help for adults and young people](#)

Gift Pool system

We have 150 items of outdoor clothing needed sorted into sizes to separate for young people and adults.

Then we need to look at a short and long term loan scheme system.

Centre and so the balance is between 2 models of support:

1. **Open expeditions** where participants or groups can join specific expeditions offered by the Supervisors Network (Dates to be published early 2014)
2. **Local DofE Centres** own expeditions, organised and run by the Centres themselves, using their own DofE supervisors.

Anyone interested in supporting this please contact Gavin on gavin.morgan@moray.gov.uk

This is the next step in supporting the growing demands of young people wishing to be supported in the DofE expeditions, and we will keep you posted on the next DofE Moray Expedition Supervisors Network meeting so you can attend if you are interested. Thank you.

Child Protection training

If you have not yet completed a child protection training course in the last 3 years, we are asking all DofE Moray volunteers to undertake one in 2013/2014

* Wed 13th November 2013 @ NEON, New Elgin Primary School Annexe : 7pm to 9pm (free)

Please complete a [booking form](#) and email to debi.ingram@moray.gov.uk to book your space.

eDofE New support line for DofE leaders / Coordinators is **01753 727 426**

Funding: MLAC are able to support up to 50% of training and

qualification courses for DofE Moray volunteers. Janis Thomson (MLAC Treasurer) has just secured agreement with Springfield properties (MLAC/DofE Moray main sponsors) to offer to support the other 50% of training and development costs to DofE volunteers. This means the potential to get 100% funding to support your DofE Training and development needs and this is a fantastic development..

Requests for funding can go through the DofE Moray staff (dofemoray@moray.gov.uk) and will be passed on to the MLAC management team for approval.

Low Hills course : we are looking into organising Low Hills training, anyone interested? This involves having logged 20 quality hill days before enrolling and this will allow you (after 2 support assessment expeditions and first aid certificate/DofE Supervisors course/child protection training) to lead DofE groups under 600 metres in the Grampian area.

Contact dofemoray@moray.gov.uk if interested,

Update on Expedition dates matrix

Hamish has uploaded the Exped Master template to the MLAC website ([click here](#)). We wish this to be the place to show every expedition going out through DofE Moray.

If you do not have an account, then you can create one. If it does not allow you, it is because Gavin needs to input you as a volunteer so your email address is recognised, please contact him on gavin.morgan@moray.gov.uk.

Once logged into the **MLAC website**, you can click on '**General Information**' and **scroll down** to the '**Expedition matrix**'.

Just to let you know that although your **Cotswold Discount Card** shows an expiry date of **19th May 2013**, Cotswold will honour all cards that show

a 19th May 2013 expiry date until the new date of 31st March 2015. This applies to both in-store and online purchases.

If you have not already checked out the great deals , including the [discount card and free DofE Magazine](#), offered to DofE volutneers [please](#)

[click here for the DofE Marketplace](#) webpage.



eDofE and 'mapping'

A further 10 eDofE training videos have recently been created. View them on either the DofE [You tube page](#) or the [eDofE help page](#)

A link to information on e-mapping available through eDofE to all leaders and participants. [This link](#) takes you to more information including user guides to download.

[Gold Residential Opportunities from Abernethy Trust](#)

The Glen Moray Bike Ride is looking for volunteers to help with marshalling at the mass participation cycling event on Sunday 23rd June 2013. Any adults or young people form DofE interested in helping [click here! for details](#)

Thanks to you all for your help and support of DofE Moray.

DofE Moray team

CLD Youth Team

The Moray Council