



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

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'Gear Pool'

MLAC News: - Next meeting is Monday 24th June 2013 at Elgin High School 7pm (Room X15). Hope to see you there!

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

Any apologies to dofemoray@moray.gov.uk

For newer volunteers : The Moray Local Awards Committee is a registered charity founded to support and develop DofE across Moray in partnership with the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Youth team of Moray Council.

All DofE volunteers are automatically a member of the committee who welcome people to help with feedback/suggestions and specific projects for supporting and developing DofE Moray.

Expedition help!

- **Any spaces on a Silver Qualifier? : 2 young people** (who are training for their Gold expeditions this year) are in need of joining a silver qualifying expedition (their silver qualifier has been cancelled this year and last year) and they are concerned they will now not get out on their Gold expedition.
 - **A Silver Qualifier group** are asking for an **assessor for the 14th to 16th August (Nethybridge to south of Feshiebridge)**.
 - **Gold assessor** (to assess one boy doing a Gold variation expedition) on 13-16th Sept (route tbc).
 - **Gold Assessor** - anyone willing to assess a Gold group on 16th-19th August 2013 (Cairngorms area).
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[Aide Memoir and Supervision plan / Checklist.](#)

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, 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.



Here are two forms (click on the name) that might be useful for Supervisors in planning and preparing for expeditions, have a look and let us know what you think.

New participant enrolment costs for 2013: Bronze and Silver are £15.00 and £22.00 for Gold enrolments as of April 2013.

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.

Volunteering ideas for young people?

Do you have a project that could benefit from young people doing their DofE volunteering section? or fundraising ideas for them to do, if so please let us know at dofemoray@moray.gov.uk .

- 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 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.

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,

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 volunteers [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.

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

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CLD Youth Team
The Moray Council



