

Hi everyone, we hope the August newsletter finds you all well and enjoying the summer.

We have had feedback on many successful expeditions so far this year. Well done to everyone involved, thank you.



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



Expedition updates

- **Assessor** needed for Moray Steiner School : **5th and 6th October** : Rothiemurchas (contact mickeysmith.outdoors@gmail.com)
- **Any spaces on a Silver Qualifier? : 2 young people** are seeking a silver qualifying expedition. Or, do you have a team that could be split into two teams to accommodate these participants (we have a supervisor willing to support an extra silver team)?
- We are running an '**Open Bronze Qualifier**' on the **21st and 22nd September**- there are a few spaces left on this for anyone who has completed their bronze practise expedition.
- There is a **Bronze 'Open Expedition in Rothiemurchas'** on **31st Aug and 1st Sept**- if any adult volunteer is interested in assisting/ shadowing ?
- There is a **silver qualifying expedition** on **6th,7th,8th September** if anyone is interested in helping/ shadowing.

Please contact gavin.morgan@moray.gov.uk on any of the above, thank you.

- **Adventure Scotland:** Please note that **Deziree Wilson** is leaving the company, we wish her all the best, and ask that any [Expedition notification forms](#) are sent to daveh@adventure-scotland.com.
- **Exped ration packs** : supervisors and participants can get

Volunteer Friendly Award

We are pleased to announce DofE Moray has just recieved the Volunteer Friendly Award. Jenny Devlin said “tsiMORAY is proud to announce that The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (MORAY) (CLD Youth team) have now completed and achieved the Voluntary Friendly Award. Congratulations”. The Award recognises the way in which we support

10% discount off ration packs at '[Beyond the Beaten Track](#)', It might be worth letting young people know about this as an option for expedition food. MLAC are looking into funding for ration packs for adult volunteers out on expeditions. The code for the discount is [DOE10](#).

MLAC : The next meeting is on **Monday 9th September at Elgin High School**, room x14 ([Click here for minutes from the last meeting](#)). Contact Diane (secretary) on aau04167@gmail.com for more info.

One for your Diary : MLAC are organising a 'DofE volunteer night out' on **Friday 4th October 2013** (venue tbc). Please let us know if you would like to come along for a dinner and a catch-up. Email gavin.morgan@moray.gov.uk to book your spaces!

Participants wishing to enrol on DofE

DofE leaders/ coordinators, if you have new participants wishing to enrol on DofE, please can you ensure the participants enrolment and publicity consent forms are sent to the DofE Office at [Lossiemouth Community Centre](#), along with the payment (£15 for bronze and silver, £22 for gold).

Once we receive the forms we can allocate edofe credits to your account and send you the participants welcome pack.

We suggest you have an enrolment presentation to tell them about the award, and once signed up it is important to give them some training/ support on how to use their eDofE accounts as well as ongoing support/mentoring.

volunteers. Much of the success of DofE Moray is down to us listening and responding to you, the volunteers. Thank you for your help, feedback and your dedication in supporting young people and adults involved in DofE Moray.



Volunteering for the Kiltwalk

Aberlour Childrens Charity are looking for volunteers to help out at the pit stops at this years **Kiltwalks**.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in volunteering in Speyside on the 1st of

Participants can check out www.dofe.org for the main info on the award and for enrolment forms they can visit our [DofE Moray website](#) in the 'participants' section (or Google 'DofE Moray').

Congratulations to Joe Pirnie who held a fundraising event at Co-op in Forres and **raised over £100**. Well done Joe for all your efforts. Joe has also received a stack of "The Annual Forres and District Area Guide" which promote all the local clubs and activities. These are being handed out to new DofE participants who might find it useful in choosing sectional activities in Forres. Joe thought it worth mentioning as these are available in other areas (free) and might be useful for leaders to suggest to participants.

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

September, they are currently struggling to get volunteers for the Speyside event.

Mairi Clinton says 'The Kiltwalk is a large event and raises a lot of money in a fun and exciting environment and any way you could get involved would be really great'.

If you are interested in helping please email

mairiclinton@hotmail.co.uk



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,

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.

Heather Richardson (PR and Communications Officer for

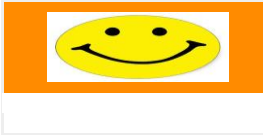


DofE) is looking for young people who will be spending **Christmas this year volunteering** for their DofE. This could be volunteering at a homeless shelter (and planning on helping on Christmas day too) or taking part in a volunteering Residential over the Christmas period. She would love to hear about anything that you think fits the bill for promoting the DofE and the fantastic impact we have on communities through our programmes- with a festive feel!
Heather can be contacted on 01753 727472.

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