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'Youth Voice'

The DofE participants 'Youth Voice' met on Sat 23rd Feb in Tomintoul (Rangers Centre) to progress their committee.

One of the main events they wish to promote is their 'Residential DofE Youth Voice event' on 29th and 30th June 2013.

The intention is to have every DofE Centre represented at the 'Youth Voice' events.

If you can ask / nominate 1 or 2 participants from your Centre who would be interested in becoming a DofE Youth Voice Councillor please contact Lee on lee.challice@moray.gov.uk.

Moray Local Awards Committee (MLAC) Website.

For those of you who have recently joined the wonderful world of DofE Moray, we want to take this opportunity for thanking you for getting involved and let you know about the Moray Local Awards Committee.

As a registered Charity they work in partnership with The Moray Council's Community Learning and Development Youth team in delivering DofE in Moray.

As a Charity they can gain funding and offer support to volunteers, as well as act as a key voice in all DofE activities.

As a DofE Moray volunteer you are automatically a member of MLAC and can attend any of the meetings/AGM.

MLAC through Hamish Johnston, have developed a password protected website at <http://www.mlac-dofe.co.uk/> which allows you all to gain info such as other

volunteers basic contact details (helpful with expeditions) as well as expedition training resources, presentations and a selection of past routes at different levels.

You can log in and create a password if you have not done so already. if the website does not recognise your email it may be because we have to add you to our known volunteer list so you can create an account, Please let Gavin know, so he can update this.

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***CCB stands for Community Capacity Building , [here is the link to the training calendar](#)** run by the Community Learning and Development team (who hold the DofE Licence for the Moray Council) where you can access training.

Does anyone have a nice photo or news to share for the next newsletter?

It would be lovely to start sharing more local/regional stories about what is going on in DofE Moray in your area.



Volunteers Questions and Answers / Discussion forum.

On the newsletter, we want to give space for you to put your comments across and get feedback.

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

(Q) As a non-paid employee of the Moray Council, can I access the Moray Council Pool cars for DofE expeditions?

(A) Yes, please email Gavin so he can inform the pool car scheme you plan to book a car, then phone the pool car team on 01343 557 322.

(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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