



# Club Times



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Joint Newsletter from Community Learning and Development Service, and Orkney Association of Youth Clubs

Hello and welcome to the 18<sup>th</sup> issue of Club Times. As we come to the end of the youth club year this issue gives you the chance to catch up with what other clubs have been up to and what other youth work activities have taken place through CLD. It's important that you let your Community Learning Officer or Area Youth Worker know about things going on in your club so we can get it in to the next issue. Enjoy!

## Youth Achievements Recognised

An Award Ceremony to celebrate the achievements of young people in Orkney took place on Thursday 14 November 2013. More than one hundred achievements and six and a half thousand hours of volunteering were recognised.

The ceremony, which was organised by Orkney Islands Council and Voluntary Action Orkney, with help from Orkney's Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament and Young Scot Youth Legacy Ambassadors, also saw music provided by the ROAR group and catering provided by young people from the Connect Project. Huge thanks go to MSYP Iona Torbet and Youth Legacy Ambassador Katell Roché for their help.

Local MSP Liam MacArthur took on the duties of presenting the awards to those recognised on the evening. Ernie Skea, OIC Community Learning and Development Officer, said: "Young people have really put their stamp on this year's awards ceremony by getting involved in planning, organising and presenting the event".

The list of awards presented on the night covered a range of activities and schemes, from achievements in the Saltire Award, Dynamic Youth and Youth Achievement programmes to recognition of young people involved in sports, first aid and other community projects. Young achievers who received recognition at the award ceremony were members of Youth Achievement Groups from Stromness, Kirkwall Grammar School and the Connect Project, who over recent years have all undertaken a range of valuable community projects while working towards their awards.



## East Mainland Senior Youth Group Sailing Course

Over the past two summers, four boys took part in a Sailing course through Kirkwall Sailing Club. They gained a RYA Youth Sailing Scheme Stage Two Certificate. They went along to the Hatston Slip every Tuesday night and along with tutors from the Kirkwall Sailing Club, they learnt how to sail. On evenings where the weather was too poor, they would go The Girnol, where they learned how to tie knots amongst other skills and activities. Some of the group has worked towards a Dynamic Youth Award alongside their sailing certificate.



## East Mainland Senior Youth Group – Activities and Hoy Trip

A group of East Mainland young people took part in an exciting project which offered activities which are not readily available in the East Mainland. This included squash, racket ball, golf and outdoor activities like making shelters and archery.

The group really enjoyed the opportunity to try out new things. In order to do the outdoor activities the group had a day trip to Hoy to the Hoy Outdoor Centre. It was a very cold day in March, but everyone really loved the activities and had a great time.



## East Mainland Senior Youth Group – Fashion Show

A group of girls from the East Mainland were keen to do a project about fashion and put on a fashion show. The group organised various specialists to come in and do a variety of activities with the group such as hairdressing, make-up, body image and fashion. This raised the girls awareness of the many related areas and issues and also gave them a chance to gain confidence doing things which are highly important to teenagers. They also had a go at making outfits from recycled materials; they used newspaper, old carrier bags and a pillow case! As you can see their efforts were remarkable!



## Viking Box on Tour

As a follow up to the Archaeology Summer School held last year, we have had a Viking Box touring all the Junior Youth Clubs in Orkney. The box was filled with Viking artefacts such as a brooch, bone comb, amber beads, etc. There were also Viking costumes with the box that members could try on! Later on in the year, we are going to have a Viking Feast, where every Youth Club will be invited to join and take part in some Viking based workshops. We will be in touch with more details nearer the time.



## Youth Chamber Debate

Nearly thirty young people, aged between fourteen and twenty-five, from across Orkney took part in a "Youth Debate" in the OIC Chamber on Tuesday 3 December 2013, which was organised by the Council's Community Learning and Development team.

The event involved young people from Stromness Academy, Kirkwall Grammar School, Orkney College and the Connect Project, and was also attended by islands councillors and OIC officials.

The three topics discussed at the year's debate were:

- Should Scotland vote "Yes" in the 2014 Scottish Referendum?
- Should a living wage be introduced for all?
- Are Orkney's sport and recreation facilities adequate for young people?



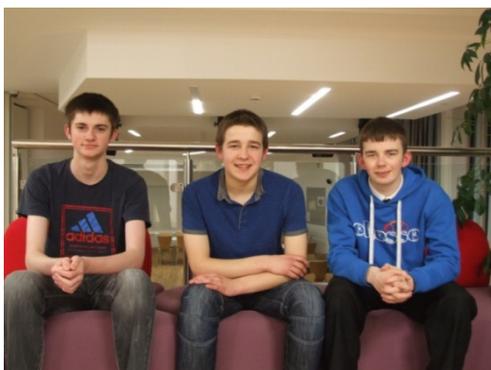
Young people presented their arguments for and against each of the topics, with lively and constructive discussion rising around all three areas of debate.

It was suggested that the final debate could be brought forward to the 2014 Youth Conference. Garry Burton, the OIC's Sport and Leisure Service Manager, welcomed ideas from a number of the young people present on issues surrounding access to sport and recreational facilities. Suggestions such as promotion of events on social media sites and potential new sports to bring to local communities were discussed.

## Papdale Halls of Residence – Youth Committee

A group of residents at the Papdale Halls have been working hard to set up their own Youth Committee. The committee will represent all the young people from the isles living in the Halls. They plan to raise funds for projects and events.

A suggestion box is in place for ideas. Cameron Johnstone (Treasurer), Shane Hourston (Chairperson), Steven Skea (Secretary), pictured below, are keen to develop the ideas and suggestions from other residents.



## Theatrical Make-Up

Evie Youth Club took part in a theatrical make up session which followed training and support from Youth Scotland. The young people were shown how to make it effective and life-like and were also given a chance to try it out for themselves. Beware!

The photos below are not for the faint hearted! Some are pretty gruesome! Useful skills and tips were learnt and a great night was had by all. Despite the pictures nobody was hurt during this exercise!



## Club Changes

### **East Mainland:**

Rona has left the Deerness Youth Club and Sinclair Craigie is in place as Senior Youth Worker alongside Claire Miller.

The St Andrews/ Holm Club now run between the Holm Community Centre and the St Andrews Community Centre on alternate Friday nights from 7 – 9pm.

### **Kirkwall:**

There have been changes to both The Zone and Papdale Youth clubs.

- The Zone Junior Youth Club is now for Primary 6 and 7 pupils only and meets on Tuesday nights from 6.30-8.30pm at the Youth Café.
- The Zone Secondary 1 and 2 Club has now stopped due to lack of numbers.
- The Papdale Youth Club is now for Primary 4 and 5 pupils only and meets on Wednesday nights from 6.30-8.30pm at the Papdale School Infant Hall.

There have also been lots of staff changes recently. Graham Johnston, Erin Foulis and Laura Kinghorn have sadly resigned. We would like to express our sincere thanks for all their hard work and dedication to their youth clubs.

We would also like to thank all our relief staff who are all working extremely hard at the moment to keep our clubs running. Thank you to: Aneta, Charlotte, Ally, Alexandra, Erika, Lorna, Krystin, Sarah and Charlene. The only youth club staff not mentioned above is Lynne Peace Senior Worker at The Zone and we would like to thank her especially for her help and support during the changes to the Kirkwall clubs.

We welcome Lyndsey Walmsley as senior worker at the Papdale Youth Club and Sarah Wylie as a new relief worker. We will be recruiting more staff in the coming months.



## The Zone Youth Club

The Zone is a very active club with between 30-40 Primary 6 and 7 children attending weekly. Using the Youth Café for this age group is working well where the facilities are great. Young people can play pool, air hockey, Wii games; they have a hall for games and a kitchen they can use for cooking or baking. Jennifer Peace has been volunteering as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Awards and a huge thank you to her for all her hard work.

## The Papdale Youth Club

The Papdale Club is now a smaller club with around twenty Primary 4 and 5 children coming along every week. The club's main activities are games and crafts.



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