

# BYZ NEWS



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In January we have had a fantastic start to the year with over 1200 young people from across Blackburn with Darwen attending the youth zone in total 5172 times. The BYZ members have had the option of taking part in arts, sports, digital design, music, issue based projects and much more.



## Blackburn Youth Zones busiest start to the year

Blackburn Youth Zone is celebrating its busiest start to the year since opening its doors in 2012.

“What we have set out to achieve and have achieved so far, has been incredible. We have been able to improve our offer and ensure that we meet and exceed the needs of our members by providing a high quality service for children and young people. Our enthusiastic and dedicated team, have driven forward the new programme and we have

been able to implement some fantastic changes, such as enrichment night, an informal learning curriculum, projects which promote social integration, a digital media provision and a sports offer which provides young people the chance to simply have a go or take their skills and aspirations onto the competitive field.”

- Leon Crosby Head of Operations



## Believe in Blackburn - 30th January



It was amazing to see all of our patrons and supporters at BYZ Supporters Lunch - Believe in Blackburn on Thursday afternoon. Thank you to the Believe in Blackburn Panel - Rt Hon Jack Straw, Sir Kevan Collins, Dominic Harrison, Mohammed Isap and Carla Passarello. We were extremely proud to bring so many people together who believe in our town and investing in young people.



## Working Together

- This month the BYZ team joined Young People Services at the council chambers to support with counting the 2020 Youth MP votes. We are excited for the results to be announced later today and working with the new BwD Youth MP over the next year. Well done to all YP involved #YouthParliament

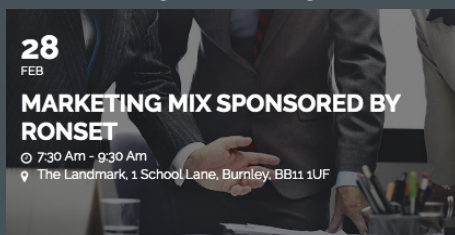
- Thank you to Cummins Mellor who have raised £21,942 from their quiz last year #BYZQuiz Thank you to everyone who attended, we hope to see you there this November!

- Thank you to DACA for attending the BYZ Supporters Lunch event and tweeting us

"Great event today at BYZ to discuss important economic and social issues in Blackburn with Darwen. Thanks to Jack Straw for taking the time to talk to our students about politics and his experiences. #BlackburnWithDarwen #DacaSixthForm #BYZ #InspiringTheNextGeneration"



## Dates for your diary!



**Friday 28th February: Marketing Mix** in partnership with East Lancs Chamber of Commerce at The Landmark Burnley



**Friday 28th February - Join Piece Accountants & Business Advisors** for 'A Night Under the Stars' The Dunkenhall Hotel & Spa - From 7pm



**Thursday 26th March- Napthens Wine & Cheese Evening**



**Thursday 19th March - Hippo Motor Group Comedy Show** in aid of BYZ at their showroom from 7:30pm - 1pm



**Blackburn Beer & Gin Festival - 7th / 8th / 9th**

Join us at Blackburn Rugby Club for Blackburn's biggest annual beer and gin festival. A three day event giving you plenty of time to try over 60 real ales, ciders and lagers. Sponsor a barrel for just £195 .



## BYZ welcomes new patron Canopies UK on board

Blackburn Youth Zone is proud to announce Canopies UK has joined the Youth Zone's Patron Network.

Canopies UK is a Darwen based



family business, specialising in canopies for homes, schools and commercial properties, spanning industries from education to hospitality. The business is owned and run by brothers Jason and Jon Eastwood.

**Jason Eastwood from Canopies UK said:**



"We're delighted to have become a patron for such a worthwhile community cause. Not only are we a business with strong local roots, we're a family business that's committed to making a positive difference within our local community."



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