

# BYZ NEWS



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Happy New Year to everyone in the BYZ network. We ended 2019 on a high with a grand total of 2,085 visits in December and an increase of 12% of young people accessing BYZ universal provision than the previous year. We celebrated the festive period with a number of Xmas parties, pantomime trips and a Winter Warmer Eat Together. We are looking forward to launching our exciting new programme throughout January and welcoming back all of our members for 2020.

## BYZ gives away free food hampers to those in need

This December Blackburn Youth Zone partnered with Kingdom Outreach to provide over 100 families in need with a xmas food hamper. Local businesses such as Vape Dinner Lady, 4 Walls Entertainment and the refugee community also donated food to enable more families to benefit. Alongside this families were also surprised with sacks of toys donated from Cash 4 Kids which were received with great appreciation at what can be such a tough time for some.



## New Programme launches!

# WHAT DOES OUR WEEK LOOK LIKE?

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
<b>Diversity Club</b> Age 13-19 4:00-7:00	<b>Youth Club</b> Age 13-19 4:00-9:30	<b>Enrichment Night</b> 4:00-8:30	<b>Youth Club</b> Age 13-19 4:00-9:30	<b>Junior Club</b> Age 8-12 4:00-8:30	<b>Mini Members</b> Age 5-7 12:30-2:00	<b>Junior Club</b> Age 8-12 2:30-5:30	<b>Youth Club</b> Age 13-19 6:30-9:30
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	<b>Junior Diversity Club</b> Age 8-12 9:30-11:00	<b>Family Play &amp; Arts Session</b> Open to families and young people 9:30-11:00		<b>Youth Diversity Club</b> Age 13-19 11:00-1:00	<b>Girls Group</b> Age 13-19 1:30-4:30	<b>Lads Club</b> Age 13-19 4:30-7:00	

## Working Together

- Listen back to BBC Radio and hear how the Strong Sisters project has given Fatimah the skills and confidence to go and meet new people whilst educating others about the heritage of successful women from Blackburn with Darwen
- Thank you very much for Co-Op at Brownhill for picking BYZ as one of their chosen charity's for this year and fundraising a staggering £4,247 for BYZ
- Wow! A big thank you to the team at Alpha Digital for donating a digital screen for BYZ entrance

- BYZ hosted the youth hustings with representatives from the Labour Party, Green Party, Brexit Party and Liberal Democrat's. Young people were given the opportunity to ask parliamentary candidates questions important to them
- A big thank you to Westholme School for supporting BYZ Christmas Jumper Day



## PM+M Christmas Carols @ BYZ

A big thank you to the team at PM+M for organising their annual Christmas carols event in aid of BYZ. Over 80 people gathered together at BYZ to sing Christmas Carols and to listen to an update about BYZ from founder and Vice Chairman Andrew Graham MBE. We also recieved a special performance by the BYZ drama group.

## Fogartys Insurance joins the BYZ network

Blackburn Youth Zone is proud to announce Fogartys Insurance has joined the Youth Zone's Patron Network.

Fogartys Insurance is a family ran business based in Cherry Tree Blackburn who specialises in all aspects of insurance. The family-run business ran by Phil, Richard and Brian Fogarty have all agreed to pledge their

support in investing in the next generation of the town after having a tour of the £5 million facilities.

**Phil Fogarty, Fogartys Insurance said:**

"Fogartys Insurance are delighted to be supporting Blackburn Youth Zone and to be welcomed into the patron network. We strongly believe in the Youth Zone's vision and investing in the next generation as this will help shape a bright and prosperous future for the borough"



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