

BYZ NEWS



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November has been a jam-packed month at BYZ, with a grand total of 3432 visits and 838 young people accessing BYZ across our universal provision. We have seen the continuation of projects, new exciting activities be introduced and the amazing OnSide award ceremony it is definitely a month to remember. During the Christmas Holidays we have a very exciting programme running - check out our social media to find out what is happening! We wish all of our Patrons and Supporters a lovely Christmas & New Year.

Prince Harry Presents Blackburn Youth Zones Strong Sisters with a Health & Wellbeing Award

A group of seven girls from Blackburn Youth Zone have been recognised nationally as being the leaders of tomorrow as they were presented the award for Health & Wellbeing at the OnSide charity awards at the prestigious Royal Albert Hall in London. Not only were they presented the award by HRH the Duke Of Sussex but they were praised for the fantastic work they were doing in inspiring other girls to believe and achieve their aspirations today.

The evening which was attended

by over 4000 young people cross the OnSide network recognised young people's exceptional achievements from Youth Zones across the country and awards were presented to those who have made a real difference in their community, have breakthrough talent, or have overcome challenging circumstances.

"Being presented the award by Prince Harry was such an honour and an experience we will keep with us forever" - BYZ Member



Teen youth ambassador vows to clean streets blackburn

A teenager is doing his bit to make his neighbourhood a nicer place after taking part in a youth leadership project.

Tyler Cocker, 14, from Shadsworth, took part in the Youth Ambassador programme, delivered by Blackburn Youth Zone.

He has since been making a name for himself within his community after him and a friend became litter picking sensations collecting 16 bags of litter from the streets in just three days.

Tyler got his friends together to help him litter-pick after school.

The project, which aims to provide 12 to 16-year-olds with the opportunity to become more involved in their community, has been funded through Blackburn with Darwen's Our Community, Our Future social integration funding.



Working Together

- Napthens Solicitors and Vision Support Services raised just over £900 for paint the town orange week!
- Hippo Motor Group hosted a football tournament at Darwen FC. A big thank you to Pets Choice, Heritage Envelopes, Totally Wicked for entering a team and supporting the event.
- BYZ piloted a new East Lancs Marketing

Professionals forum 'Marketing Mix' which was attended by over 50 marketing professional in partnership with East Lancs Chamber of Commerce

- Our drama club are working hard rehearsing for a busy December where they have a number of performances lined up. To join drama club come along on a Wednesday 7pm-8pm or Saturday 12:30-1:30 (Ages 8 - 11)



Patrons' Dinner

On Thursday 21st November Blackburn Youth Zone held a very special event - their Annual Patrons' Dinner at the beautiful Stanley House. The evening gave Blackburn Youth Zone the chance to say thank you to all the support that Patrons give throughout the year to keep our doors open for thousands of young people.

BYZ Quiz Quest!

On Thursday 14th November 2019, over 200 people from 45 businesses came together at the Dunkenhall Hotel & Spa for the fifth annual Blackburn Youth Zone Quiz.

The Quiz is organised by Cummins Mellor who are also Patrons of the Youth Zone, a 21st century youth hub located at the heart of Blackburn, aiming to change the prospects offered to young people in the area.

The £13,286 raised on the night will go towards the Youth Zone's 'Get a Job' programme, facilitated by the team at Blackburn Youth Zone. This programme is aimed at supporting young people aged 16 – 24 years, gain the right skills for employment.

The money raised for the programme from last years' event has seen 36 young people enter into employment, education or training, a further 28 enrolling onto college courses and over 81 young

people aged 14 and over taking part in masterclasses delivered by Blackburn Youth Zone Patrons.



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