

BYZ NEWS



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September has been a very busy month here at BYZ! We have seen the launch of the new programme introducing more partners to deliver within our universal provision which brings new and exciting activities to the sessions. The Switch It project has now started on Mondays and Thursdays and we had another brilliant scouts HQ session which over 80 Scouts attended. Throughout the month we have seen an increase in visits with a total 2972 visits. This month we have been reviewing our programme through a range of consultations. We really value the views of our young people, parents/carers and stakeholders and feel that their involvement is essential. The feedback we receive will be analysed and used to enhance our programme and identify future needs for Blackburn Youth Zone.

“Do What You Love” Accrol CEO message to BYZ Supporters

During the masterclass – entitled “Turning around a good business gone wrong” – Gareth Jenkins explained how he joined Accrol in late 2017 and has led the turnaround of the organisation, which remains the leading supplier of private label toilet tissue, kitchen towel and facial tissue to UK retailers.

The event was attended by over 100 representatives of companies and individuals who provide support towards the £1.2 million required every year to keep the Youth Zone open.



Volunteer of the month!

Congratulations to Sam for being awarded Volunteer of the month! Sam is a much valued addition to the team. He has become an integral part of the youth team, and has developed good relationships with young people and the staff team.



Community Clothing

Community Clothing came to BYZ with AFC darwen under 15's to film at BYZ. Community Clothing who make all their clothes in the local area have been creating a film that shows all the inspiring things happening in Blackburn – art, sport, music, culture – showing off multicultural, modern, dynamic Blackburn.



BwD Careers Fair

On the 13th September the BYZ team attended the BwD Careers Fair and spoke to young people about the different pathways to employability! The event was attended by thousands of young people.

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Working Together

- The BYZ Youth Narrative group took part in a series of visits to explore their respective communities with a celebratory meal.
- A BYZ Junior Club member has been given the opportunity to perform at the Royal Albert Hall in front of the Royal Family in November! #watchthisspace
- Blackburn Youth Zone have had the opportunity to attend #STEMCareerEvent #RMASandhurst Thanks to

#TensorCorp for helping to make this possible!

- In September Paul Westhead, Chairman of Blackburn Rugby Club climbed Kilimanjaro, one of the largest free standing mountains in the world, raising a staggering £7,721.25
- One Voice scouts held there Scouts HQ at BYZ, inviting over 70 young people to take part in a wide range of activities - including climbing, wheelchair sports and Camando Joes!



Patron Spotlight

Blackburn Youth Zone is proud to have Totally Wicked as a Founder Patron. Totally Wicked have supported since BYZ first opened in 2012. As well as being a patron they also support BYZ fundraising events.

"It is a pleasure for Totally Wicked to support Blackburn Youth Zone as it continues to grow

and provide so much support and opportunities to the young people in our community. For a business originating in Blackburn, which has grown significantly over the last 11 years employing many local people, the ability to give something back to a project which has such a positive impact on so many young lives in Blackburn is really important."

- **Stuart Mercer Totally Wicked**



Blackburn Youth Zone welcome Nybble IT on board to the Patron network

"When Nybble were asked to help with the youth zone, we looked for ways to make it possible. It's with great humility and pride, that Nybble I.T. are truly delighted to be part of the youth zone patronage. The youth zone provides a platform for our

younger generation to succeed and excel in what they can aspire to be. Investing in the youth of our society helps shape a bright and prosperous future. I hope our contribution can help deliver the vision we share as a patronage and society. Thanks to the youth zone team and to our customers for making this possible."

- **Ram Gupta from Nybble IT**



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