

BYZ NEWS



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This summer has been fantastic at BYZ as we had busiest summer on record since 2013! Our NCS group and Youth Ambassadors both completed the projects and implemented their social action plans which were both a great success. On August bank holiday Monday we opened our doors to families to come along and take part in a range of activities, over 150 members of the public attended this fantastic family event. Autumn is an exciting time at BYZ as all of our clubs are back up and running after the summer break, Young people are working on a range of exciting projects over the coming months which we can't wait to share with everyone.



RESIDENTIAL TRIP GETS YOUTH AMBASSADORS PLANNING THEIR NEXT STEPS

A group of young people who are taking part in the Youth Ambassadors programme have started to plan their next steps – two community events that will support young people at risk of getting involved in crime.

The young people, aged 12 to

16 years, started to shape their plans for the event during a three night residential at Kentmere Residential Centre last week.

11 young people spent three days away from home, developing their skills in teamwork, communication, decision making and problem solving. They also got the chance to try outdoor activities such as kayaking and orienteering – the first time for some.

A whole lot of fun in the Summer sun!



The BYZ members have had the best summer, engaging in a range of activities and projects. Check out the pics above for just some of the fun that went on!

Working Together

- Our Youth Narrative group took part in a community research trip to the Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery, exploring the town's culture and heritage. Thanks to the team at the Museum for showing us around!
- Make sure you sign up for #paintthetownorange to raise vital awareness and funds for BYZ! All you need to do is an orange FUNraising activity. Its from the 4th - 10th November. Ring 01254 292000 for more information.
- Thank you to the Mazars Charitable Trust for donating £500 to Blackburn Youth Zone.
- BYZ have received a cheque for £6,147.50 from Oliver McCann of Napthens Solicitors after he completed a fundraising swim for the charity.
- 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



Patron Spotlight

Graham & Brown are proud supporters of Blackburn Youth Zone. We are so grateful for the amount of support and time they give to help keep our doors open to thousands of young people.

"Graham & Brown have been making wallpaper in Blackburn

since 1946. Generations of our colleagues have grown up in the local area and we employ nearly 400 people in the UK, the majority from the local area. We are delighted to support BYZ, to give something back and to help young people develop their health, well being, aspirations and learn to live in a multi cultural society. It's a fantastic

charity and we are proud to be part of the legacy it is creating."

- Andrew Graham MBE, CEO Graham & Brown and Founder of BYZ

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Dates for your diary!

18th September - Supporters Lunch

'Turning around a good business gone wrong' Exclusively for Patrons and the Business Club, this September, we have Accrol CEO Gareth Jenkins talking about 'turning around a good business gone wrong' hosted by BYZ Vice Chairman, Andrew Graham MBE.

Thursday 17th October - Napthens Charity Clay Shoot

Join us at Coniston Shooting Ground for Napthens annual clay shoot in aid of BYZ. Followed by a 3 course lunch at the beautiful Coniston Hotel. Team of 4 only £500!

Thursday 14th November - Cummins Mellor Quiz

This always promises to be such a fantastic evening which raises vital funds for BYZ. The money raised will go towards the Youth Zone's employability programme, which is aimed at supporting young people aged 16 – 24 years, gain the right skills for employment. Only £100 for a team of 4 which includes supper. For any more information on events ring 01254 292000.



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