

BYZ NEWS



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June has been such a fantastic month at BYZ with the number of visits of young people increasing and local businesses continuing their support and raising vital funds to keep our doors open to thousands of young people. Last month also marked 10 years since BYZ was formed as an organisation - since then we have helped over 10,000 young people shape their future in a positive way. We are so grateful to everyone who continues to support us. Without your generosity we would not be able to keep our doors open to all young people across BwD.
Hannah Allen - CEO Blackburn Youth Zone



Youth Narrative take their research on the road

During May half term our Youth Narrative group had an amazing opportunity to visit London and Leicester to explore how other communities see integration and Cohesion.

BYZ members explored cultures & beliefs of other young people and had the opportunity to discuss the public's and partners

views on how integration and cohesion effects their community.

Young people also visited a new OnSide Youth Zone and then they visited Leicester Youth services and Stocking Farm Youth Centre where they led critical conversations around integration and cohesion.

All young people found it a great experience and enjoyed being able to explore other communities, faiths, cultures, interests and much more!

Youth Ambassador Project Launches

Young people from across Blackburn with Darwen came together at Blackburn Youth Zone to be a part of the first Youth Ambassador Project. The 10 week programme, which includes a residential, with the aim of empowering them to make a difference through social integration and social action

projects.

The project, which offers young people aged 12-16 a once in a lifetime opportunity, has been funded through Blackburn with Darwen's Our Community, Our Future. The project is being delivered by a broad range of partners from across the borough bringing together a range of skills, knowledge and expertise. The Youth Ambassador project will run six times throughout the

year with the next group starting in July to be held at Blackburn Rovers Community Trust on Saturday mornings.



For more information on the Youth Ambassador Project email enquiries@blackburnyz.org or 01254 292000.

Celebrations all round at Trevor Dawson Golf Day

The sun came out the moment the claxon sounded and a full field of 20 corporate teams enjoyed the immaculate course conditions of Clitheroe Golf Club for the Trevor Dawson Charity Golf Day in aid of Blackburn Youth Zone.

Word has just come in that the

charity golf day raised over £6,000, which brings the total from previous years to over £30,000 raised. The Trevor Dawson event raised £5,000 with Jon Alder from Barclays Corporate kindly funding a further £1,000.

Hannah Allen CEO BYZ said:

"We are so grateful that Trevor Dawson organise such a fantastic event every year to raise vital funds for BYZ. We are

very proud to work in partnership with the team. Congratulation to Trevor Dawson for their 30th Anniversary too"



Working Together

- Mazars International Group climbed the three peaks to fundraise for BYZ - keep an eye out for the final total raised!
- BYZ members have had the opportunity to go to What More UK to find all about the company and different employability options #raising #skillsandaspirations #investinginyoungpeople
- A huge well done to our Strong Sisters group who

yesterday raised £45.80 towards the Barbara Castle statue in Blackburn. As they continue on their journey we can't wait to see what they have lined up next

- A big thank you to Alpha Digital who donated an interactive touch screen to the BYZ members.
- There was a great turnout at the Refugee Week Celebration Eat Together. Part of the Faith In Youth project, delivered in partnership with BwD



Pets Choice. Your Choice



Patron Spotlight

Young people had the opportunity to visit of our patrons, Pet's Choice.

The group consisted of students from St. Thomas' PRU, who access engagement activities at BYZ, as enrichment from schools.

This was part of a series of visits for them to learn about employers.

Pets Choice very kindly facilitated a very engaging

session, which included a full factory tour, highlighting the production process. Young people also had the opportunity to meet various staff members and learn about their career pathway. The session concluded with refreshments and a Q & A.

Julie Butcher, Head of Marketing, commented: "Our recent visit from the pupils of St Thomas' Centre provided us with a great opportunity to meet with some of the many members and associates of Blackburn Youth Zone. As a patron of over

5 years, it is great to be able to offer the chance for the young people to come and see what we do here at Pets Choice. The tour enabled the pupils to learn more about the manufacturing process that is involved with products many of them have in their own homes. We really enjoyed the visit and offering our insights into potential career paths and opportunities for the future school leavers."

Festival of Making

On the 25th and 26th June The National Festival of Making returned to Blackburn.

Crowds gathered at Blackburn Youth Zone to engage with different projects. BYZ delivered a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) hub by collaborating with local businesses.

Blackburn Youth Zone partnered up with Cardboard Box Company, Eric Wright, Blackburn College, UCLAN, STEM ambassadors, to deliver activities to the local community over the weekend.



Skydive for BYZ

Dare to jump for BYZ? You can make a difference!

Skydive for BYZ on 17th August and help us raise funds so we can support young people + provide them with somewhere to go, something to do and someone to talk to. Ring 01254 292000 to register your interest.



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