

# BYZ NEWS



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In July we had 2,676 universal visits and 900 young people access BYZ, which is the busiest July since 2013! We have also had 10 young people attend the National Citizen Service (NCS) which helps young people to develop confidence in teamwork, communication and leadership. Summer is an exciting time for BYZ as we run our summer holiday programme, keep an eye out for the next newsletter to find out all about what has been taking place at BYZ over summer!



## BYZ Members wanted to 'give something back' at this year's Royal Lancashire Agricultural Show.

A team of staff and young people braved the great british weather and helped keep the event tidy by litter picking throughout the weekend at the Royal Lancashire Agricultural show where Colin Mustoe is Chairman and Rt Hon Jack Straw is President. Alongside the litter picking, young people

were able to see an array of shows, including show jumping and the sheep demonstration. They were also able to sample some of Lancashire's finest local produce and take a stroll around the different items on sale by local stall holders. A great weekend was had by all!



## What More Visit



In the past two months BYZ members and Rt Hon Jack Straw have visited What More UK, finding out all about the amazing company. The young people had the chance to explore the different employability routes that the company has to offer. Thank you to Tony Grimshaw OBE, Director of What More UK and his team for hosting such a terrific visits, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

## Congratulations to Peter Street!

A big congratulations to Peter Street for receiving the Chairman's Award at the prestigious BwD HIVE Business Awards.

Peter received the award due to his amazing commitment to the borough.

Thank you Peter for all the

support you give to BYZ and to thousands of young people. An award truly well deserved - from the BYZ team and young people.



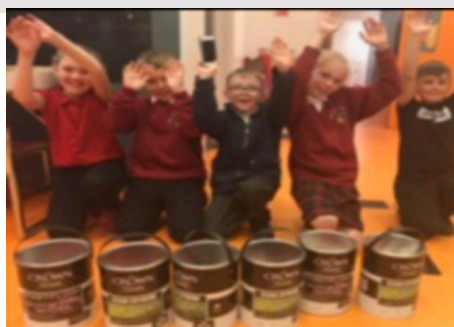


## Working Together

- Thank you to RU Comfy for donating bean bags to BYZ.
- A big thank you to Alpha Digital who donated an interactive touch screen to the BYZ members.
- Caroline and Jason from Trevor Dawson came in to see BYZ Holiday Club members.
- Summer NCS group have been enjoying the heatwave whilst on phase one of NCS. This week the young people have been at PGL

Winmarleigh Hall taking part in a range of activities.

- Vision Support Services and Westpoint take on BYZ skydive and college to jump 15,000ft! Check out BYZ website where you can sponsor the 8 people taking on the skydive!
- BNI Vista fundraises for BYZ and celebrates passing £500K worth of business in the past 12 months.
- Chairman of Blackburn Rugby Club - Paul Westhead will be climbing Kilimanjaro to raise vital funds for BYZ



## Patron Spotlight

Crown Paints have proudly supported Blackburn Youth Zone since 2011.

"Being so local to the Youth Zone made partnering up an easy choice. The work the team do for the young people of our area is truly inspirational, and nothing short of amazing. Having been to BYZ on several occasions it is clear to see that the young people who use

the youth zone are so thankful to have somewhere safe to develop, grow and build skills which they will use for the rest of their lives. The youth zone really is paving the way for the next generation.

Being able to support the youth zone makes us all at Crown Paints incredibly proud, and over the past few years we have been able to assist with the redecoration of many of

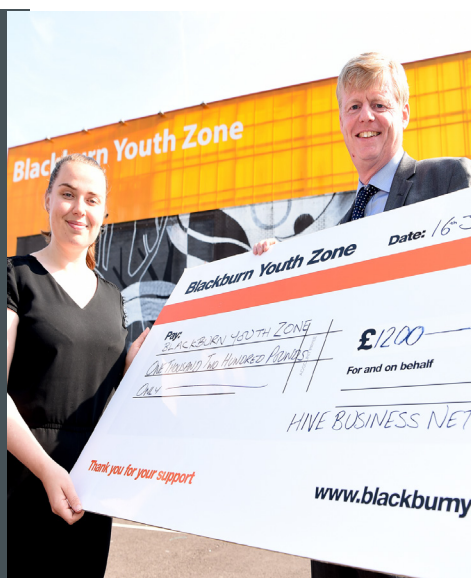
the communal areas within the youth zone, which as you can imagine with so many youngsters, are prone to dirty fingerprint marks.

We hope to be able to continue to support the great work the youth zone does in the future, to enable to children of Blackburn to continue to have access to such an amazing resource."

- Josie Cawdry, Crown Paints

**BYZ has received a cheque from Ian Brown, Chairman of the HIVE for £1200 which was raised at the HIVE Blackburn with Darwen Business Awards.**

Blackburn Youth Zone continues to be the HIVE chosen charity partner. It is a once in a lifetime project between the private and public sectors which helps to support and provide opportunities to young people in the borough.



## Holiday Club EXTRA continues to run!

Don't forget that Holiday Club EXTRA is back for ages 8-11 each Wednesday and Friday throughout the summer holidays for just 50p! 3:30pm-8:30pm each day with all the same fun as Holiday club!

This runs throughout summer!

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