

Is Your Company Registered with EA?



New EA Funding Process

The Education Authority (EA) Youth Service announced, in January 2020, the opening of registration for Regional and Local Voluntary Youth Organisations. Registration with EA provides voluntary youth organisations such as BB Companies with the opportunity to apply for Youth Service funding.

Some of you may be familiar with completing NIYSA forms usually in Feb/Mar in order to continue receiving funding from the Education Authority. In recent years this has included the completion of the Engagement Framework. If you have received funding in the past you should

already have received an email from EA inviting you to register with them - please check your inbox!

Important changes to this process are coming into effect now and it is important to the funding of The Northern Ireland District of BB that all BB Companies in Northern Ireland register with EA without delay.

Please do this whether you have previously received funding or otherwise and whether you intend to apply for funding or not. Please note this is a new registration process and all groups are required to register now at this point, prior to applying for the

funding, even if you previously were receiving EA Funding or if you do not wish to apply for funding.

We have shared advice on our e news and Facebook page on how to complete the EA registration form and also shared a link to a helpful video produced by EA. Please note to register you first need to register an account on the EA site and during the online process you will be asked to verify your email address to complete the application. **For those that have registered, the online applications for the New Funding Scheme will open on 3rd of March 2020 at 4pm.**

Further information is available from the EA website at <https://eani.smapply.org/>



The Junior Section

Musician of the Year was held on Saturday 11 January 2020 in Templepatrick Presbyterian Church Halls. Congratulations to the winner Benjamin Paul, 1st Ballynure, runner up Lewis Doherty from 1st Ballykelly and 3rd place Callum Gray from 3rd Newtownards. 24 boys took part on the day. Charlton Young, 1st Granshaw; Lucas Yin, 2nd Antrim; Zach Thompson, 1st Muckamore and Freddy McTernaghan, 1st Lurgan received Highly Commended certificates. The Adjudicator was Mrs Susan Shepherd.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ANCHOR WINNERS!

Pictured below: The Anchor Boys from 1st Spa who won the Anchor Boy Fun and Games final held on Sat 25 January at 1st Antrim.

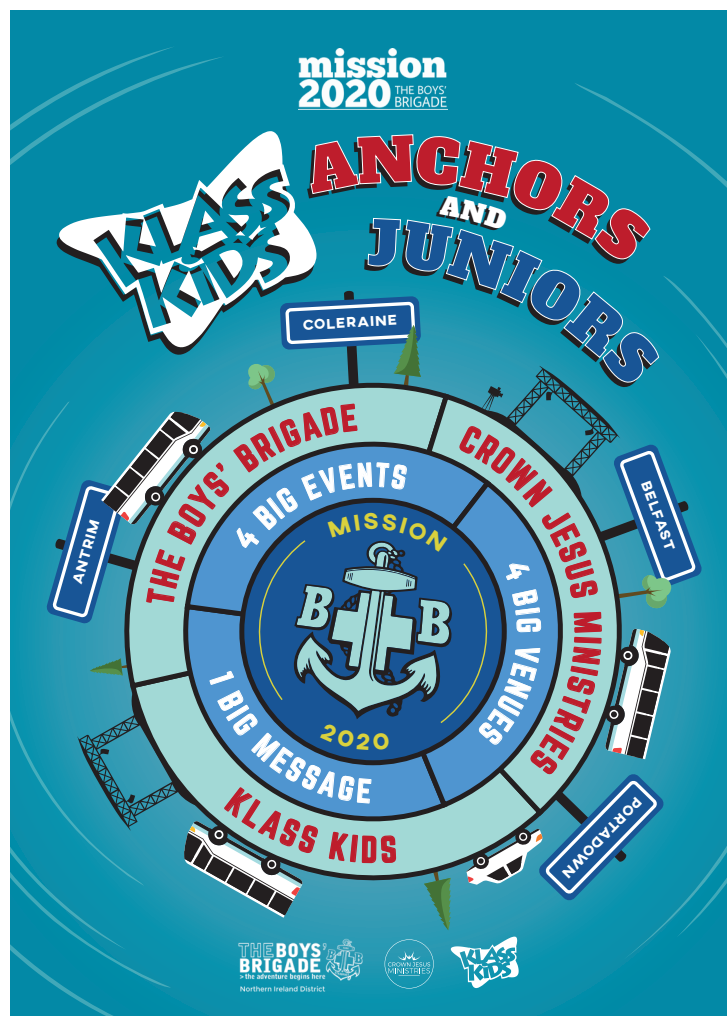
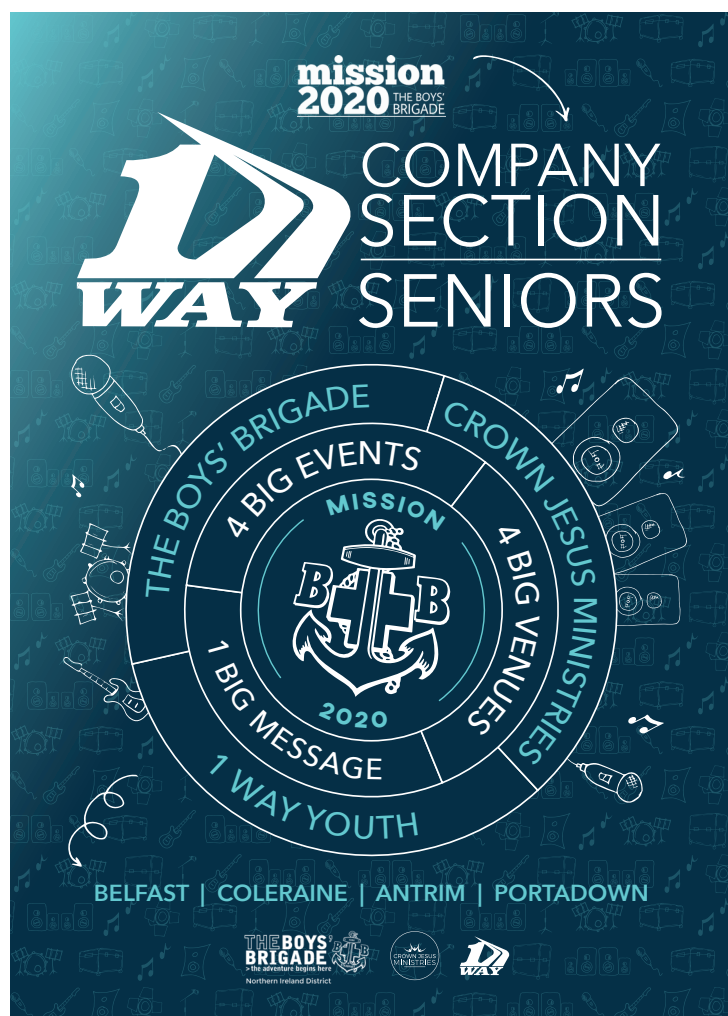


Pictured below: The Anchor Boys from 1st Donaghmore who won the Anchor Boy Challenge this session.



ANCHORS

SAVE THE DATES!



3rd Oct		BELFAST
10th Oct		ANTRIM
17th Oct		COLERAINE
24th Oct		PORTADOWN

MISSION 2020 will run in the four locations listed above in NI for all Boys' Brigade members on the four consecutive Saturdays in October 2020. In partnership with Crown Jesus Ministries, on each of the Saturdays at each venue, there will be two dynamic events; **KLASS KIDS** for Anchors and Juniors in the afternoon and **ONE WAY YOUTH** for Company Section and Seniors in the evening.

What next?

For now we need you to save the date - select the venue most suitable for your company to travel to and get the date in the diary now! **Block booking will be online via Eventbrite** - we will let you know when the booking goes live in a few months time. We will also be sharing promotional material for you to give to your children and young people and material for wider church promotion too.



KLASS KIDS for Anchors and Juniors will run in the afternoons.

1 WAY YOUTH for Company & Seniors will run in the evenings.
Exact times yet to be confirmed.



KGVI 2020

Sat 18 - Fri 24 July



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE

for 17 - 21 yr olds

**TO DEVELOP CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP**
For those passionate about
LEARNING AND SHARING in Youth
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- 2 YEAR TRAINING AND MENTORING PROGRAMME
- EQUIPPING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- DEVELOPING FAITH IN ACTION
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3:16

FOR **GOD** SO *LOVED* THE **WORLD**
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE *AND*
ONLY **SON**, THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES IN **HIM** SHALL NOT
PERISH *BUT* HAVE **ETERNAL** LIFE.

JOHN 3:16

**MEET NEW PEOPLE
SERVE TOGETHER
WORSHIP TOGETHER!
LEARN TOGETHER!
ENJOY TOGETHER!**



DOWNLOAD THE BOOKING FORM TODAY

CONTACT NIHQ@BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK
WITH QUERIES.

Training Dates



MARCH

Fri 6-Sat 7 Skills for Queen's Badge *(fully booked)*
Sat 7-Sun 8 Skills for Queen's Badge *(fully booked)*
Fri 20-Sat 21 Queen's Badge Residential
Sat 21-Sun 22 Queen's Badge Residential *(fully booked)*

APRIL

Wed 1 Captain's Training
Holiday Leadership
Camp Craft
Fri 24 - Sun 26 Expedition & Outdoor Leadership

JUNE Sat 6 - Sun 7

Youth Leader Training; residential and non - residential options.

JULY Sat 18 - Fri 24

KGVI Leadership Training

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SPRING COMPETITION FINAL

STOOLBALL

Saturday 28 March 2020, 2.00pm in Wellington Presbyterian Church Hall Ballymena.
Closing date for Battalion entries - **Monday 9 March 2020**
Please note Battalion reps on Junior Section Committee have the entry forms.

5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL FINAL

Saturday 25 April 2020, 2.00pm, Meadowbank Sports Arena, Magherafelt. check in 1.30pm.

Closing date for Battalion entries - **Monday 6 April 2020**
Please note Battalion reps on Junior Section Committee have the entry forms.



**Further info and entry/registration forms
are available in our downloads section.**



Prayers for our Chaplains

This month our prayer focus is on our BB Chaplains - the ministers and pastors in the churches where we have BB Companies.

'For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength.' EPHESIANS 1:15-19 NIV.

PLEASE PRAY...

Heavenly Father guide and sustain our Chaplains as they:

- Provide Christian leadership and pastoral care for our BB Leaders; teaching our leaders how to live a life worthy of their calling, pleasing God and bearing fruit in every good work.
- Increase their understanding of the Chaplains' role in the BB Company.
- Build strong, trusting, loving relationships.
- Include the mission of BB in their vision for the overall Youth & Children's Ministry in their Church.
- Build their BB Leadership team and choose Godly Leaders to advance Christ's Kingdom and plan for succession in the Company.

Lord provide wisdom and direction for our Chaplains when they seek to resolve issues with parents, boys or leaders.

Please provide opportunities for our Chaplains to make fearlessly known the mystery of the Gospel to everyone in BB. Help them connect with the children, young people and families they encounter through BB.

Lord lead us all - staff, leaders and Chaplains together as we reach out to all children and young people in BB, through our Mission 2020 events. Lord add your increase to all our plans for these events - inspire everyone in BB, to catch the vision for Mission 2020, that they may pray for and bring many young people to these events to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

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BB HOLIDAY/CAMP MUSTS:



- ✓ All holidays must be notified - note notification is now completed on OBM. See the OBM Guide in the Spring Gazette 2020.
- ✓ The Officer leading the holiday MUST hold a valid Holiday Leadership Certificate.
- ✓ A member of staff MUST hold a valid camp-craft certificate if it is a canvas camp.
- ✓ ALL overseas visits MUST be notified to UK Headquarters, Felden at least three months before the date of the departure.



**Honour God • Create Memories
Recognise & Reward • Enjoy**

Best Wishes from all at NIHQ!

NEW BADGES FOR ANCHORS AND JUNIORS:

Are you wondering about the transition to the new badges for Anchors and Juniors? Belfast Battalion has produced a handy guide that you can download from their website in the resources section here: <https://belfastbb.org.uk/resources/>

Look under the Anchor tab for the 'Anchors Programme Badge Transition' pdf resource and under the Junior tab for the 'Juniors Programme Badge Transition' PDF resource.

NEW!

New Consumer Champion Silver and Gold Badge Award
in partnership with The Consumer Council.

For Company and Seniors: This new resource is enclosed for Captains and Company Correspondents - a great resource to kick start your planning for the 2020/21 session! On completion you can award a BB Consumer Badge and Certificate for Silver & Gold levels to the boys. If you would like additional copies of the resource please contact NIHQ.



The Object of The Boys' Brigade: The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.

