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# NEWSLETTER



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ESSEX BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS : SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE SINCE 1939

*"better to build boys & girls than to mend men & women"*



## YOUR CLUB CAN OPEN!

### [NYA Guidance](#)

We are now officially in Step 2 of the roadmap out of lockdown which means great things for the youth sector! From 12th April 2021, any young person under the age of 18 are now able to come back to youth clubs with no limitation on group sizes. This is of course dependent on the venue still being COVID secure and having all precautions in place. Over 11's must still wear a face covering in an indoor space unless exempt. The rules are staying the same for young people over the age of 18 meaning that they can still be a part of support groups by invitation only in bubbles of up to 15 young people.

### [D of E](#)

Do you have club members who want to try something new? Give back to their community? Or become more active? Essex Boys and Girls Clubs are a Duke of Edinburgh award provider and can sign your members up to start of their D of E journey. The award is for ages 14-24, and there really is something for everyone, with the 3 levels of commitment - Bronze, Silver and Gold.

Since 1956, the Duke of Edinburgh award have certificated over 3million people! Lets get more young people from our network involved in this wonderful scheme.

Jamie is our D of E Manager, and having completed his Gold award knows what your members will have to go through to complete theirs. Why not give him a call in the office to discuss how this can work for your members?

### [Volunteering](#)

Do you perhaps have senior club members who may like to take on the role of a volunteer? Or maybe you need a hand recruiting volunteers to help out at your club? We are here to help! We now have a new Volunteer Co-Ordinator Jess Plumbley, who is very excited to step into her new role and support our amazing V-Team!

If you are interested in volunteering for any of our upcoming events or would like to discuss how Jess may be able to help, please contact [jessp@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:jessp@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org)



### [Photography Competition](#)

A big congratulations to **Amy** from **PROSPEX** who won our Photography Competition with this gorgeous photo. It was a hard decision for the staff but Amy's photos made us feel like spring had truly sprung!

## EBGC Online

Since the beginning of this year, the EBGC team have been posting online challenges, drawing prompts and videos, teaching the young people recipes, arts and crafts, yoga, sport sessions and more! We have also held various training sessions for young people focussing on survival skills and natural navigation. We are always keen to see new faces on our online sessions so please do get involved and come and say hello!

All of these challenges are still accessible, head over to our Facebook, Instagram or YouTube to try them out.

**EBGC Challenge**  
**Drawing prompt**  
Laughing Giraffe

Using this as your inspiration we want to see what masterpiece you can come up with, only using a pencil/pen and paper.

ALL WELCOME: FRIENDS, FAMILY OF AGES 8+.  
ZOOM CODE: 81238383237

ESSEX BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
COMMUNITY FUND

## EBGC Online Youth Club

Despite restrictions easing and clubs reopening we are still going to be running our Online Youth Club on a Tuesday evening at the later time of 7pm to make sure everyone has a chance to get home and ready for an hour of fun and laughs!

If you would like to come along to our Online Youth Club please contact

[jamied@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:jamied@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org)

## EBGC Half Term Provision

As an extension of our online youth club during the February half term the club team held daily online Zoom sessions, with activities like drama, origami, baking, sports and games!

## Clubs Corner

### Fundraising

#### **Grassroots Remobilisation fund- now re-open!**

If you missed out on applying for funds to help re-open your youth club/group in February there is another chance for you to apply.

All districts in Essex (**except Braintree & Maldon**) and excluding Southend & Thurrock, still have funds to allocate to groups who are looking to open again in the next few months, so apply now for a grant of up to £500 to help your voluntary children's or youth club re-open after the pandemic. For more information about the fund and to receive an application form, please contact Sue on

[suep@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:suep@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org)



## World Federation of Youth Clubs

Many of the EBGC Staff had the opportunity to go to America without leaving the comfort of our working from home desks and join the World Federation of Youth Clubs annual conference. Held virtually, we heard from many renowned speakers from across the world about the challenges of youth work in different parts of the world.

There was advice about raising funds and how to approach large organisations, as well as hearing from youth workers in various parts of the world on how to work with young people in different situations and how they have been able to work during the pandemic.

Former High Sheriff and  
EBGC Exec Member  
Julie Fosh in the virtual  
photobooth!



## Training

With lockdown easing and clubs starting to reopen, now is the perfect time to see whether any club leaders, volunteers or members are in need of any training. Since the start of the year, we have been able to hold many training sessions to help our club leaders and members alike. These sessions have included first aid training, safeguarding training and mental health first aid training. To see a comprehensive list of the various different training courses that EBGC are able to facilitate please get in touch with Lynsey on [lynseyr@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:lynseyr@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org)

## Layer Marney Outdoors (LMO)

Our outdoor centre at Layer Marney Tower has once again opened and is ready for lots of fun activities to take place, and events like our upcoming Adventure Day!

If you are interested in an activity day for your club or would like to know more about the centre and the activities we provide please contact the team on

[bookings@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:bookings@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org)

## NCS

Do you have anybody in your club network aged 15-17 who is looking for a Summer packed full of adventure and fun?

EBGC is once again running the summer NCS programme! This year's NCS experience has been specially designed for life in a COVID world with a choice for young people to take part in either a 3-week residential or 2-week non-residential programme. NCS this summer is focused on helping young people to make up for some of the experiences they have missed out on due to COVID. On NCS, your club members could meet new people, overcome challenges they never thought possible, gain a taste for independence whilst picking up life skills that will set them up for their next stages in life... NCS also gives young people the chance to develop their own Passion Project to give back to their local community! Why not head over to [wearencs.com](http://wearencs.com) now to find out more?



## SAVE THE DATES

### Level 2 Safeguarding and Emergency First Aid at Work Training Day

To help you get ready for your club reopening, we are hosting a safeguarding course and a first aid course.

Both courses will run on **Saturday 1st May**. You can book for just one, or both of these courses, and if you book in for both courses we will provide a snack lunch! For more info or to book your place please contact Sue on [suep@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:suep@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org)

### Adventure Day 2021

This exciting day will be taking place at Layer Marney Outdoors on **Saturday 26th June**. Bookings are now open! Please contact Jamie on [jamed@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:jamed@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org) for more information, or to book your club in for this event!

### Shooting Day 2021

Want to test your aim? Then come to our next shooting day on **Saturday 11th September**. We will be shooting at Herts and Essex Shooting Association, Little Leighs and we would love to see you there! For more information please contact Jamie on [jamed@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:jamed@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org)

### Nepal Adventure / America Challenge 2022

We haven't forgotten about our overseas partners and experiences, and so are working to get groups together ready to take part in these exciting adventures in August 2022.

If you are interested in, would like to nominate a club member for either experience, or would like to know more about what is involved please contact the office on 01245 264783.

### Fishing Day 2021

Our first fishing day for 2021 is coming up soon, be sure to save the date **Saturday 22nd May**. We will be fishing once again in Little Walden, for more information or to book your place please contact Jamie on [jamed@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:jamed@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org)

### Golf Day 2021

Our annual Golf Day will be held on **Wednesday 30th June** at Gosfield Lake Golf Club, Halstead. Make sure to "putt" it in your diary! For more info or to book your place please contact Jenny on [jennys@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:jennys@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org)

### Celebration Day

As we can't have a dinner at our AGM this year we are planning a celebration dinner to recognise achievements and accomplishments over the last year.

This will take place on the **Friday 1st October** at Gosfield Lake Golf Club. More details to follow so keep an eye out!

### 3 Peaks Challenge

Our annual 3 peaks challenge is back! From **Sunday 13th—Tuesday 15th of June**. For more info or to sign up please contact martin on [Martins@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:Martins@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org)

## Active Essex Funding

We are excited to say that we partnered with Active Essex again over the Easter holidays and were able to offer face-to-face activity sessions in 5 different venues across Essex. In total we had 175 young people take part, 56 across 2 venues in Uttlesford, 54 in Colchester, and 65 across 2 venues in Chelmsford. In these sessions we delivered 4 hours worth of engaging activities over 8 days of the holidays with a variety of healthy snacks and lunch provided to each young person every day. We also handed out food parcels and an activity booklet to each family to use over the holidays.

Thankyou to **Chelmsford Boys and Girls Club, North Avenue Youth Club, and St Anne's Youth Club** for their support in delivering this programme.



## Kickstart

Essex Boys and Girls Clubs is a part of the new Government Kickstart Scheme which creates employment opportunities for 16-24 year old's to build skills and help them in to long term employment. We will be offering a range of 6 month, 25 hours per week placements for individuals aged between 16-24 years old who are in receipt of Universal Credit. The available placements include Admin Support, Arts Development, Club Development, Fundraising, Media & Marketing, Outdoor Activity Instructing, Sports Coaching & Development, and Youth Club Support. These roles are now live and we are actively seeking individuals. If you know anybody who may be interested then please put them in touch with [lynseyr@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:lynseyr@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org) or get the to call the office on 01245 264783.

If you think that your club could benefit from a Kickstart employee placement, then please get in touch with [lynseyr@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:lynseyr@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org) there is still potential for you to be a part of the scheme!

## Summer Job Opportunities

In addition to the Kickstart Scheme, we have a number of exciting roles to fill over the Summer which may include working on the NCS Programme, or assisting with our Holiday Activities and Food Programme. For more information about these roles please visit our website: [www.essexboysandgirlsclubs.org/get-involved/jobs/](http://www.essexboysandgirlsclubs.org/get-involved/jobs/)

## Affiliation 2021/22

In order to keep our records up to date, it is important that we receive your affiliation forms back as soon as possible. Due to the strange nature of this year - if your club affiliated and paid for affiliation for 2020/21, we will be waiving the fee for 2021/22. If you did not pay affiliation fees the year 2020/21 then usual fees will apply for 2021/22 affiliation and we will require a new affiliation form to be completed by all please.

**With the COVID-19 roadmap going to plan, we are all looking forward to seeing you in the near future when our residential centres Maes Y Lade and High Row will be open! We are excited for a fun filled and action packed 2021.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL CLUBS, VOLUNTEERS, SUPPORTERS & FUNDERS FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!**