



# MLG (Education)

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### Armed Forces Community

The Black Watch, 3rd Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland  
(3 SCOTS)

3 SCOTS have welcomed Lt Col G Sefton as their new Commanding Officer to Fort George. He replaces Lt Col Hedderwick. 3 SCOTS are currently supporting other units completing training for operational commitments over the coming year and then later in the year we will be conducting Ex Wessex Storm. One of the biggest UK based exercises.

51st HIGHLAND, 7th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland  
(7SCOTS)



At 7 SCOTS we like to support our local charities. WO2 Campbell turned out to support MFR Cash For Kids  
Super Hero Day

The Highland Council  
Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd

getting it right for every child

**This issue: Drakies Primary, Inverness**

We pride ourselves on creating a nurturing and safe environment in which all children can develop skills for learning, work and life. We celebrate our diversity and promote kindness and respect in all that we do. Our 'Quote of the week' provides a specific whole school focus and we celebrate children who go above and beyond. Recognition boards in each classroom encourage children to support each other to achieve the target collectively. We constantly look to break down barriers and truly believe in the importance of parental engagement. Follow us on Twitter @DrakiesPS

**Highland Children and Young People Allied Health Professionals (AHP) Enquiry Line**

Every Tuesday between 2pm and 5pm there will be AHPs available to answer questions you may have. AHPs are Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Dietitians, and Speech and Language Therapists. The enquiry line is for all young people, parents, carers and professionals in Highland Council area to access. Please call us on **07785477686**

Highland Council Armed Forces Website [Click here](#) or visit [www.highland.gov.uk](http://www.highland.gov.uk) and search "Armed Forces"

**School Enrolment:** Let your school know if your child (s) is from a Serving, Reservist or Veteran family. If we know—we have a greater understanding of your child and how best to ensure their time at school is the best it can be.

**ARMY BE THE BEST** Army Welfare Service Community Support

It has been a busy period for the Community Support Team and as Easter rapidly approaches, we are finalising our activity programme. Weather permitting, our young people will be canyoning and weaselling in local rivers, den building and cooking over campfires and honing their Archery skills.

We have come to the end of our six week 'Transitions' project at Raigmore Primary and it has been a delight to work with the P7 pupils. Hopefully they are more confident and less stressed about their move to secondary schools.

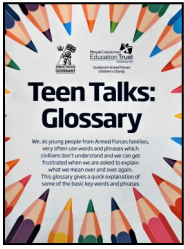

We have run keep fit sessions, Health and Well-being activities alongside our youth clubs. We also delivered 'An introduction to Sign-language' and were delighted to discover that one of the participants delivered a demonstration to his class. Well done!

For more information on the Community Support programme, please contact David Robinson on 01463 235104 or pop into the Hub in Wimberley way.

**The Royal Caledonian Education Trust (RCET)** is Scotland's Armed Forces Children's Charity.

Royal Caledonian Education Trust  
Established 1978  
Scotland's Armed Forces Children's Charity

We now have 2 Teen Talks leaflets which have been written by young people who want to have their voices heard. The first leaflet highlights some of the issues which are important to them along with their top tips for their families, their schools and their communities. The second leaflet highlights some of the words / phrases they sometimes use which are not always understood by their civilian friends and school staff. For free copies of these leaflets please contact [admin@rcet.org.uk](mailto:admin@rcet.org.uk).

RCET can also provide resources for primary schools to help raise awareness of the issues faced by some children from Armed Forces families. These resources can be shared with the pupils in school or taken home to share with their parents.

For information on these resources please contact Moira Leslie at [edprogofficer@rcet.org.uk](mailto:edprogofficer@rcet.org.uk).



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Poppyscotland  
The MacRobert Centre  
Strothers Lane  
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Poppyscotland Inverness held it's first Employability Open Day on Thursday 21 March. With an emphasis on ex-Forces and their families, a number of partner organisations joined them to offer advice on schemes, training grants/funding and other employment related guidance to the Armed Forces community.

If you are interested in learning more about what is available to you as regards employability please contact the centre who will be happy to assist.

Contact Details:  
Tel: 01463 710300  
Fax: 01463 701761  
Email: [inverness@poppyscotland.org.uk](mailto:inverness@poppyscotland.org.uk)



[www.armedforcesmorayandhighland.co.uk](http://www.armedforcesmorayandhighland.co.uk)

Information, guidance, advice and help for the Armed Forces community in Moray and Highland. We welcome suggestions to improve information please email

[AFCMorayandHighland@moray.gov.uk](mailto:AFCMorayandHighland@moray.gov.uk)

## News

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust provides funding for projects that support the Armed Forces community, whether regular, reserve, veteran and their families.

Each year the Trust sets funding programmes that relate to four key themes one of which is removing barriers to family life. The key focus for programmes for 2019/20 will be around supporting Armed Forces families, and also the needs of young people from Armed Forces families.

Details of the programmes will be announced in May 2019 and we will bring you further updates in the next newsletter.

For more information on the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust go to [www.covenantfund.org.uk](http://www.covenantfund.org.uk)

## Introducing some more members of the team .....



Hi, I am Nina Collins and joined the Royal Caledonian Education Trust in September 2018

My role is to provide Children and Young People from Armed Forces Families with an opportunity to have their voices heard.

Hi, I am Moira Leslie and I am Education Manager for RCET.

I provide resources and staff training free of charge to schools and community groups.



We want to hear from you!

Your voice and views are important to us



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If you require an alternative format to suit individual needs please get in touch

## Our Vision

**MLG (Education) is a vehicle for understanding and supporting the needs of the service community and the local area in an educational context**



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**The Military Liaison Group (Education) was delighted to welcome Highland Council LGBTI+ Education and Inclusion Group to give a presentation on the work they have been doing at their recent meeting in March. MLG look forward to future collaborative work ensuring all children and young people in our Highland communities are included.**

**Here is a quick summary of some of the things that have been going on ....**

## **Highland Council LGBTI+ Education and Inclusion**



In November 2018 the Scottish Government published the report from the LGBTI Inclusive Education Working Group (opening with a poem from Jo Fitzpatrick, a pupil at Nairn Academy in Highland), that sets out the aim of achieving LGBTI+ inclusion and education across Scotland.

In February 2019, Highland Council were recognised for their work in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI+) inclusion and education, reaching the Top 10 – placing 8th – in the Stonewall Education Equality Index 2019.



The work of children, young people and staff in schools; local youth services in High Life Highland; and third/private sector organisations across Highland has been recognised through the award from Stonewall, however, this does not mean their work in LGBTI+ education and inclusion is done! Stonewall have recognised successes such as policy documents for schools that have been developed and shaped by young people, support for schools to develop equality and diversity education, and a dynamic multiagency group planning for LGBTI+ education and inclusion. However, it is currently recognised that they have pockets of excellent practice, and the next step is to develop practice at scale across a large geographical area that serves many communities big and small. The joined up approach of the LGBTI+ subgroup of Highland Council's Care and Learning Equalities Group is one vehicle for this.

As schools develop their approaches to LGBTI+ education and inclusion as part of their work in Equality and Diversity, partners in the armed forces community can consider how they can work in partnership with their school communities to increase visibility of acceptance and a celebration of diversity.