



MLG (Education)

Winter 2020 Newsletter

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Supporting our Children & Young People of the Highland Armed Forces Highland Community

Armed Forces Community 3SCOTS & 7SCOTS



Winter is Ski Season for the Armed Forces. Lots of soldiers heading off to the Alps to compete in Nordic and Downhill competitions. There are also some great opportunities for beginners to learn to ski in fantastic settings.



Highland Council Schools



Raigmore Primary School, Inverness

Following on from a successful bid for funding from The Armed Forces Education Trust, we at Raigmore Primary School are delighted to share that Miss Orla Farrell (class teacher, pictured) has been appointed for 3 days a week until the end of this session to work directly with children from Armed Forces families. Orla will support the children with literacy and numeracy activities as well as emotional and wellbeing support. Orla will be using the Little Troopers programme and will look forward to inviting parents in to visit. This is such a great opportunity for our forces children!

Information for education settings and families can be found at Highland Council Armed Forces Website [Click here](#) or visit www.highland.gov.uk and search "Armed Forces"

School Enrolment Let your school know if your child 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. [Click Here](#) for info



Army Welfare Service Community Support

Christmas is a distant memory and AWS staff are busy finishing our Community Profile and Action Plan for 2020. These documents allow us to identify issues and plan delivery accordingly. With our forces families spread over a wide area, it's important that the services we deliver meet the needs of our families.

We are also arranging our activities and events for Easter, Summer and beyond. Holiday activities are open to dependants of serving, reservist and veteran families but it's important that we have contact details so we can keep everyone informed of upcoming events.

Youth Voice and Young Carers are two of the areas we will be focussing on over the next three months. 10 young people are actively involved in the Youth Voice days organised by RCET and AWS are undertaking research to identify how best to support our military young carers. The findings will be published later this year.

Contact the Community Support Staff on 01463 235104 or Email Helen.martin773@mod.gov.uk

RCET's Youth

Participation Project



Scotland's Armed Forces
Children's Charity

started in September 2018, it's aim is to give young people from Forces Families an opportunity to share their experiences and inform service delivery. Following a successful application to the Paul Hamlyn Foundation we will be expanding the project and recruiting a local Youth Participation Project Worker in the Highlands & Moray. This will allow us to consult with more Armed Forces young people from both serving and veteran backgrounds across the North of Scotland. Click here for more information about the project and the new post.

<https://www.rcet.org.uk/60000-to-support-armed-forces-children-in-the-north-of-scotland/>

Just ask is an enquiry line for our parents, Carers, children, young people and those who work with them. [Click here](#) for the website or call us Tuesday afternoons on 07785 477686

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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



Poppy Scotland
The MacRobert Centre
Strother's Lane
Inverness
IV1 1LR

Poppy Scotland provides life-changing support to our Armed Forces community. Whether you are still a serving Regular or Reservist, a veteran or a family member of someone who is, Poppy Scotland is here for you. Speak to our knowledgeable and friendly team at Poppy Scotland Inverness who will be happy to steer you in the right direction. Here are just some of the areas we can help you with:

- Tailored support and funding
- Advice
- Employment
- Mobility
- Respite and breaks
- Housing
- Mental Health

For more information:
Tel: **01463 710300** or
Email: inverness@poppyScotland.org.uk



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

dot.ferguson@highland.gov.uk

As many of you know, our Development Officer Jo Lenihan has left for pastures new, having delivered an excellent programme of data-gathering, training and awareness-raising across Highland and Moray. This training was targeted at helping both local authorities deliver against their Covenant promise and we now have systems embedded which will ensure this happens. We wish Jo well with her future exploits.

In late Autumn last year Jo and Lou Kinnear, lead for MLG (Education) Group, travelled the Highland countryside speaking to local community partnerships, making them aware of the importance of linking with their Armed Forces communities. This has been well-received in each area and has resulted in some new activities and ideas being considered, and with engagement with local Armed Forces taking place.

A number of events will take place this year to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day (8th May) and 2020 also sees the 80th Anniversary of the formation of the Commandos.



SDS Article on Page 4 "Inspiring Activities, Promoting Skills for the Future!"



The RAF Families Federation works hard to improve the **quality of life of our serving families around the world**. One of the key areas of stress for our families is the impact of the mobile lifestyle on childrens' education.

We provide **practical support and advice**, as well as **lobbying** for change with the Chain of Command and policy makers in the British Government and across Scotland, Wales and NI.

We keep our stakeholders informed of our work via topic-specific reports and briefing notes, a recent one entitled 'What it's like to be a RAF family in Scotland'.

Visit our site to read these Briefing Notes and sign up to our e-Bulletin and free magazine, Envoy—all available on our website www.raf-ff.org.uk

You can also contact our education specialist, Louise Briggs to discuss specific issues on education: louise.briggs@raf-ff.org.uk



We continue to work closely with our Education partners across Scotland.

The Royal Navy STEM Engagement team are working with pupils from all backgrounds, from inner city schools to rural outposts with the **"Subs in schools"** UK competition.

[Click here](#) to read more about this exciting initiative.

We looking forward to seeing the results from all this work in April 2020!



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Leadership Development Officer



School & ELC Enrolment forms have been updated and link to a leaflet to encourage identification.. Why do we want to know?
[Click](#) here to view leaflet



*Key Messages for
Educators :*
understanding and
meeting the needs of our
C/YP from Highland's
Armed Forces.

*Voices from our Highland
Armed Forces Community*
..... moving schools, being a young
person in a Highland military family



Apprenticeship Opportunities —check out the links and info on Page 5!



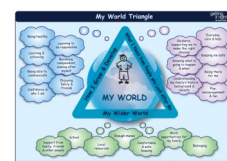
[Click here](#) to view MLG's new brochure

Getting it Right for Forces Children and Young



Thanks to RCET
for sponsoring
the production of
this brochure

Getting It Right for Forces Children In Highland



We want to
hear from you!

Your voices and
views are
important to us

Email: louise.kinnear2@highland.gov.uk

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



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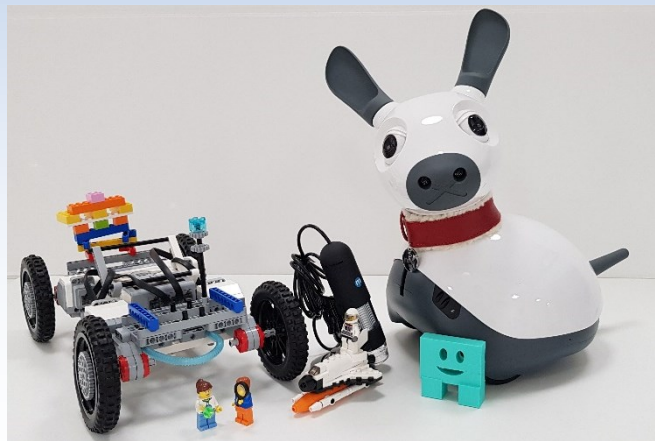
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Inspiring Activities Promoting Skills for the Future!

Skills Development Scotland brings careers to life with engaging and inspiring activities through My World of Work Live! and Lego Education.

Incorporating the latest technologies such as 3D printing & Lego Mindstorms to inspire 8-18 year



olds. These activities help develop the skills for the future in engineering, maths, robotics, programming and design as well as personal qualities in problem solving, team work, and communication.

Each activity is 90 minutes and

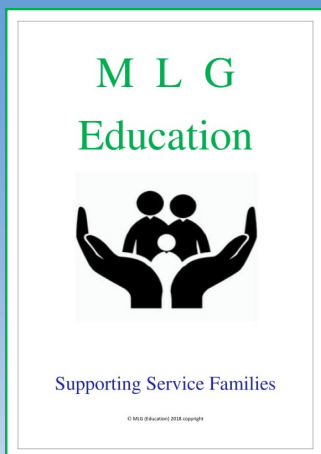
is open to all Primary & Secondary schools in the Highlands & Islands. With 14 activities to choose from, teachers can bring in their classes throughout the year to enjoy these free sessions.

Community groups are also welcome to bring in their groups, out with school hours.

To find out more or book in a group please contact studioinv@sds.co.uk or [0300-013-4035](tel:0300-013-4035)



Skills Development Scotland, Digital Studio, 1-5 Church Street, Inverness IV1 1DY



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Signposting

Positive Destinations—Continuous Learning



Highland Council

Learning and Development Team

**Employment & Apprentice opportunities
From Age 16 onwards, no limitations!**

My Job Scotland: advertising all posts for Highland Council

<https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/>

Apprenticeships.scot homepage

<https://www.apprenticeships.scot/>

All Apprentice Frameworks (Foundation – for School age only)

<https://www.apprenticeships.scot/browse-frameworks/?frameworkAudience=Employer&searchTerm>

The Skills Network

<https://www.theskillsnetwork.com/>

The Skills Network Courses

<https://www.theskillsnetwork.com/learners/courses?search=&order=asc>

The Highland Council Facebook page: Apprentice posts and various other events etc.

<https://www.facebook.com/highlandcouncil/>

For further information about apprenticeship opportunities please contact:

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