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Supporting our Children & Young People from Highland 's Armed Forces Community

Armed Forces Community

3SCOTS & 7SCOTS



Soldiers from 3 SCOTS and 7 SCOTS provide personnel for the Mobile Testing Units in the fight against COVID.








COMING SOON! → "Key Messages for Educators and Practitioners"
Learning direct from our Armed Forces Community
Their voices, Their needs, Your Support

Helpful → "Living in our Shoes"
Educators and Practitioners may be interested in "Chapter 4 Growing Up in the Military: The Impact of Service Life on Children and Young People"
[Click Here](#) for the Summary Report

Highland Council's Armed Forces Website is packed with information for Educators, Practitioners, families & young people. [Click here](#) or visit www.highland.gov.uk 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

The lock down period meant AWS had to look at new ways of engaging with our families and supporting them through this time of uncertainty. We have run a number of zoom sessions offering everything from story time and crafts to guided walks through caves on the Moray coast, keep fit sessions and a virtual petting zoo.

We were also conscious that not everyone wanted to be sitting in front of a computer screen, so we received funding to allow us to distributed activity boxes to our families to help reduce the screams of 'I'm bored' during the summer. The boxes contained a variety of items including Bug Hunting Kits, make your own musical instrument, crafts and suggestions for all the families to do together. We distributed almost 200 in total.

As restrictions ease, we are now undertaking our risk assessments so we can start Face to Face work again and are keen to offer our support to the local schools by supporting pupils that have been impacted by Covid19

For further information , please contact Helen Martin Senior Community Development worker on 07855077305 or Email Helen.Martin773@mod.gov.uk.



Scotland's Armed Forces Children's Charity

RCET has been working in partnership with Raigmore Primary to listen to the voices and collect the views of young children talking about what it's like being part of an Armed Forces family – some amazing insights from some very young children. Here are some things they said about how they feel when their parent goes away for a long time.

I get worried I won't ever see him again (P1 girl)

Really, really, really feel so much happiness when they come back (P3 boy).


I get worried I will forget about my Dad (P2 girl).

I'm sad he can't play with me (P2 boy).

If you would like to take part in this project please contact Moira Leslie, edprogofficer@rcet.org.uk or tel 01381 620412

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 and Thursdays 1-4pm on 0300 303 1365

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Families Children
and Young People
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getting
it right
for every child

The Military Liaison Group (Education) Highland has been cited as
“a model of good practice”
Promoting positive relationships and effective partnerships
through consultation and engagement with
Highland’s Armed Forces Community



Changing Tides and Making Waves
Youth Participation Leading Positive
Change Across The North Sea

14th
November
2020

The CPMR North Sea Commission and the Northern Alliance
Regional Improvement Collaborative are looking for attendees
for its free virtual Youth Conference


The joint conference will connect young people from across 7
countries to talk about issues such as:

- Climate Change • Marine Resources •
- Transport • Young People’s Rights •
- Strengthening Youth Voice • Education •

To attend you need to be

- >Aged 16 to 24
- >Live in either a CPMR North Sea Region
- >Or a Northern Alliance Local Authority Area
- >Interested in the issues
- >Prepared to do some pre-conference reading

For More info contact
North Sea Commission - esme.leitch@outlook.com
Northern Alliance - fiona.richardson@highlifehighland.com


**Cadets break record for name of
Mental Health**

**Army Cadets from the Highlands & Islands have
completed a Guinness World Record while
highlighting the importance of Mental Health.**

Members from 1st Battalion The
Highlanders took part in the official
attempt, along with 1622 members of
the organisation from across the UK
to break the record for “Most
Attendees To Complete A Mental
Health Course in 24hrs”, which took
place in October as part of World
Mental Health Day.




National Ambassadors Jordan Wylie (left) and Sally
Orange (centre) being presented with the Army
Cadet’s two Official Certificates.

1st Battalion the Highlanders ACF is a youth organisation which
provides challenging adventure, sporting and community activities
aiming to inspire young people to achieve success in life while
having fun at the same time.

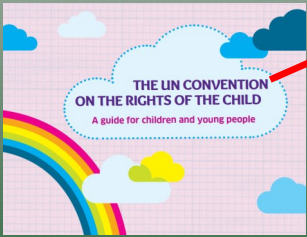
For more information about the 1st Battalion The Highlanders
Army Cadets [Click Here](#) or search [https://armycadets.com/
county/1st-battalion-the-highlanders-acf/](https://armycadets.com/county/1st-battalion-the-highlanders-acf/)

Click here to view MLG’s leaflet—providing an overview of how the group supports Highlands Armed Forces Community



**Children and Young People
Your Voice Counts**

Everything you say is heard and valued. The
UNCRC states that you have the right to
“express your views freely” (Article 12) and
share “information and ideas” (Article 13)
and for them to be respected.



[Click Here](#) for an
electronic version of
your UNCRC Rights

[Click Here](#) to visit
the Children &
Young People
section in the
Highland Armed
Forces website
created just for you




AFF has an Education & Childcare Specialist, Anna
Hutchinson, who is able to provide support to Army
families on education and childcare issues; such as
admissions and appeals, SEND and Government
funding.

Telephone: 07527 492869 or

Email: ec@aff.org.uk

[Click Here](https://aff.org.uk/advice/education-childcare/) to visit or go to [https://aff.org.uk/advice/
education-childcare/](https://aff.org.uk/advice/education-childcare/)

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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”



Poppyscotland
The MacRobert Centre
Strother's Lane
Inverness
IV1 1LR



Despite the present restrictions and the temporary closure of our Inverness office due to Covid, the Welfare team are still offering the whole range of our support services and the benefit of our network connections to the Armed Forces community here in the Highlands— veterans, serving personnel and their families. Contact as before by means of the tel and email below.

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

Like many other groups, the Covenant Partnership had to postpone its March meeting, but met virtually in September. Progress has been challenging over the year but all the partners have been supporting their Armed Forces communities as much as possible using new and innovative ways to make sure everyone stays engaged and no-one is slipping through the net.

Highland Council has just developed its own Staff Armed Forces Network which will include mentoring, social activities and various events for veterans, Reserves etc and also for those with family members who are currently serving. Although at an early stage, the Network wants to ensure the widest engagement through the council to ensure everyone can take part. For this year, that will include a virtual Remembrance Day two-minute silence which all those with a Forces connection will be welcome to join.



The RAF Families Federation have published their Impact Report. [Click here](https://www.raf-ff.org.uk/surveys/raf-ff-reports/) to read or go to <https://www.raf-ff.org.uk/surveys/raf-ff-reports/>

The report showcases the great work we do to support you, our RAF personnel, your partners and your families, with the issues that arise from a mobile lifestyle.

In the report you will find:

- the types of issue reported to us,
- the changes we have influenced on your behalf; and
- case studies



The Naval Families Federation has joined with artist Tim Mann to launch a project funded by the Armed

Time, On My Watch

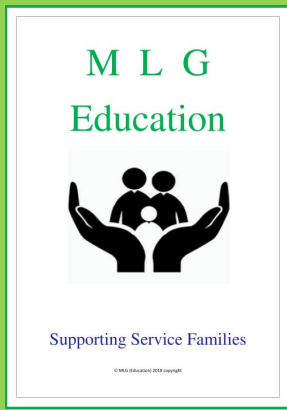
nff.org.uk/timeonmywatch



Forces Covenant Fund Trust. Called Time, On My Watch, the project focuses

on the concept of time as we think it has different meanings for serving personnel and families. This is an opportunity for you to show that your time is valuable and that you matter too.

Time. Art. Big concepts, but also the universal threads that run through our lives.



Bits n' Pieces Media & Interest ...



[Click Here](#) to read about what Highlands been doing to help Children and Young People

“Dream Big”

The 1st Battalion the Highlanders Army Cadet Force

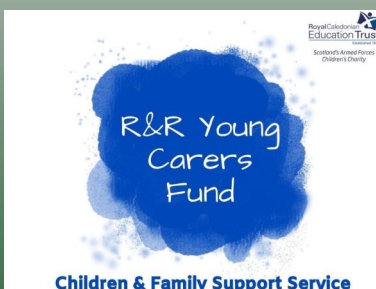
Break a World Record

to raise Mental Health awareness

[Click Here](#) to read the full P & J Article



[Click Here](#) to read the article about Highland In the Army & You Magazine! (Page 55)



[Click here](#) to find out more information about RCET's new R&R Fund to support Armed Forces Young Carers.

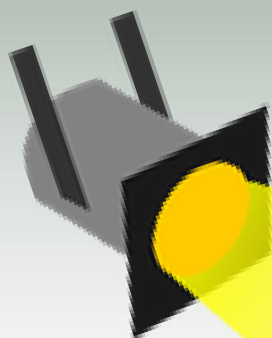
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Introducing and putting The Spotlight On ...



“We’re pleased to introduce RCET’s brand new Youth Participation Project Worker for the Highlands & Moray, **Scott Sangster**.

Scott will be working with young people in Highlands & Moray to give them an opportunity to share their experiences of being part of an Armed Forces family. He will be continuing to work with the local forum groups we have already developed in those areas and facilitating new groups. He will work with the groups to develop individual action plans for their community/school looking to improve the support/ understanding of life as part of a forces family.

Scott’s previous experience include coaching and instructing during his travels in Europe, the US and South America. Since moving to the Highlands in 2001 he has worked in the public, private and voluntary sector including developing community and youth projects. He conducted these projects through activities that compliment community engagement approaches such as outdoor learning and art projects.

Scott says about joining RCET during the Coronavirus pandemic, “In these strange times we are lucky to be able to turn to new skills that we can learn and access such as online resources until we can once again meet face-to-face. I know that we’ll be utilizing these newly acquired digital skills at RCET in order to continue to communicate with our Forums across Scotland, and for myself in Highlands & Moray.”

[Contact Scott](#)

(<https://www.rcet.org.uk/meet-new-ypp-worker-scott/>)



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A great place for sharing Information and Resources



Reading Force is FREE for ALL military families including veterans, reserves, and ex-military through separation/divorce

- Sharing stories is a fun way for families to spend time together at home or with family members they can't be with such as a deployed loved one, or grandparents — they can read together online
- We post FREE books and special scrapbooks to children/young people from 0-18
- Families can request FREE books and scrapbooks via our website [here](#)
- Welfare organisations/units, schools, nurseries, charities and clubs can use RF as part of their pastoral support by telling their families about us and/or ordering FREE scrapbooks to hand out - order via our website [here](#) (families can then order books themselves)
- Our latest Families Newsletter can be found [here](#) — please share it with your families

For more information contact Fiona Maxwell, fiona@readingforce.org.uk or Tel 07548 778 930

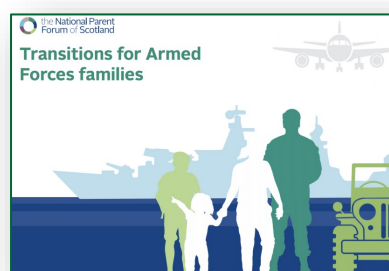


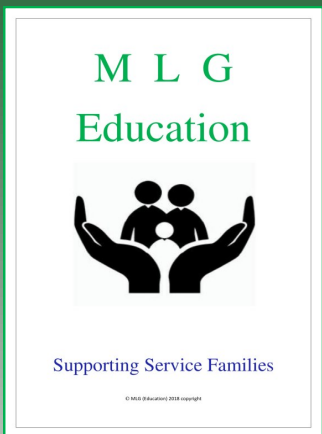
Helpful information for Families and Schools

“Preparing to move into a Scottish School”

- How to find a school place for your child
- Understanding the curriculum that is followed in Scottish schools.
- What is available to help children and young people to continue their education with as little disruption as possible?

[Click Here](#) for an electronic copy





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Share your Voice

Information and Resources



Getting It Right for Forces Children In Highland

**Get Involved.
Have Your Say.
Make a Difference.**



Email: louise.kinnear2@highland.gov.uk

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