

Fire Cadets

NEWSLETTER

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Colette Black, Chair of UK Fire Cadets

Welcome to the third edition of the UK Fire Cadets quarterly newsletter, with reviews, updates and news of up and coming events. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and we would love to here your stories for us to publish in future editions.



THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK

Sadly, Alistair Macintosh had to return back to the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service as his secondment came to an end. During the past five years he has delivered so many positive changes to help support young people and to shape UKFC into the progressive organisation it is today.

Alistair has been an amazing champion for young people and for instructors and volunteers. We are all very grateful for his huge commitment to UK Fire Cadets, and wish him every success back with the Scottish FRS.

SAY HELLO TO THE NEW TEAM MEMBERS



Sarah Brown, NFCC Head of Prevention 'I am really pleased that UK Fire Cadets has joined our new NFCC Prevention Hub as part our offer to Fire and Rescue Service. I am looking forward to be seeing the role of Fire Cadets in action at our national events this year.'



Gary Williams joined the NFCC as the Support Officer back in July 2021 and worked alongside Alistair to develop the Cadets to where they are today. "As the new National Manager, I hope that I will be able to continue this amazing work that provides an amazing learning experience for young people, and a support structure for staff"

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MERSEYSIDE
FIRE & RESCUE
SERVICE

National Games

11TH - 13TH AUGUST 2023
IN MERSEYSIDE

THE 2023 FIRE CADET GAMES

This year sees the return of the UK Fire Cadet Games which are being hosted by Merseyside FRS. The main event is on Saturday 12th August at the Albert Docks in Liverpool so everyone is welcome. The Games will be an inclusive event that will aim to challenge a range of Fire Cadet skills, both skill based and teamwork based. Keep a look out for our Games Newsletter at the end of August.

UKFC 999 FUND RAISING CHALLENGE

Following our previously successful 999 Challenge UKFC where we raised £8267, the UKFC have organised an annual fundraiser for the Fire Fighters Charity. The purpose of this National Fundraising event is to provide a focus on the work of the UKFC and the support that the Charity provides not only for firefighters and their families, but also to fire cadets. As a result, we are encouraging fire cadets in all services to make an extra effort during the month of June to raise as much money as they can for The Charity. Activities can be what ever they choose, however we are encourage cadets to come up with creative ideas using the themes of 9-9-9 or 80, as it is also the 80th anniversary of The Charity this year. You can support your local events or visit our JustGiving page to give your donations.

FIRE CADETS 999
CHALLENGE SUPPORTING
THE 80TH YEAR OF
THE FIRE FIGHTERS CHARITY

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CHALLENGE

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Fire Cadets



In aid of The
Fire Fighters
Charity

CADET INSTRUCTORS CREATING A VOICE



Back in March, a group of 17 young Fire Cadet Instructors aged 18-25yrs attended a residential at the Fire Fighters College to learn about the importance of young people having a voice not only within their cadet units, but also with the Fire service and their communities. Working in partnership with the British Youth Council, the instructors from across the UK shared their thoughts and opinions as to how they could support young people.

Since the residential, they have been attending meetings with the UKFC National Manager to see how they can continue this amazing piece of work to enable cadets to have a meaningful voice now, and to influence how Fire Services support young people in the future.



CADETS CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III



Gorseinon Fire Cadets creating a fire kit crown fit for a King, and learning to sign during Deaf Awareness Week.



HFRS Cadets Millie and Marcus representing their Unit at the Evensong at St Albans Cathedral



Lancashire Fire Cadets Emily and Robbyn were the lucky recipients of two free tickets from the Royal Household, to attend the Royal Celebration concert held in the gardens of Windsor Castle.



London Fire Brigade Cadets having a great time outside Buckingham Palace at the Kings Coronation



Amman Valley Fire Cadets using their fire kit to create a crown fit for a King.

Derbyshire Fire Cadets representing their Service attending an event held at Derby Cathedral.



SO FAR, THIS YEAR

2023 JUNIOR LECTURETTE CHAMPIONS

The northwest IFE lecturette competition culminated with Cheshire, Merseyside and Lancashire cadets at the University of Central Lancashire. The amazing presentations included gender, mental health, climate change and Diversity in the FRS. Jack from Morcombe Fire Cadets won, with a presentation on Diversity and Inclusion in the fire service. The runner up from Cheshire presentation was on the history of women in the fire service. Credit must go to our wonderful young people who proved the future really is bright!!



ROYAL RENDEVOUZ



The UKFC Manager bumped into HIWFRS Cadet Lead Mel at the Royal Garden party

which celebrated public service, charity and community work.

WOMEN IN THE FIRE SERVICE YOUNG PERSON ROLE MODEL AWARDS



Fire Cadets Shreya Sayal and Eloise Gadsby from Derbyshire FRS and ex-Cadet Joolz Early were all nominated in the category of Young Person Role Model at this years award ceremony. As joints winners, Shreya was chosen for her work around challenging stereo types,

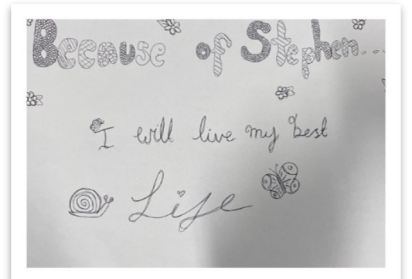


and for representing her peers as the Chair for the DFRS Youth Council. Joolz was recognised for her continuous tenacity to champion young people despite her own personal challenges. She continues to support cadets as an instructor whilst trying to become a wholtime firefighter. Eloise was nominated for demonstrating the strength and value of women within the sector when she responded to an RTC that happened outside her home.

STEPHEN LAWRENCE - 30TH ANNIVERSAY



For one of my first duties as the new UKFC National Manager, I had the honour and privilege of representing UKFC along side some of our LFB (Greenwich) Fire Cadets and Volunteer Police Cadets at the Memorial Service for Stephen Lawrence on 22nd April. The service was very moving, and highlighted the importance of supporting young people to become the best that they can be. Working in partnership with The Stephen Lawrence Foundation, UKFC showed support for his legacy by discussing issues around racism and inequality and displaying pledges.



VOLUNTEERING & SOCIAL ACTION AROUND THE UK



London Fire Brigade's Officer Cadets and Volunteers came together to consult on the development of their Volunteer Strategy, demonstrating the power of active participation



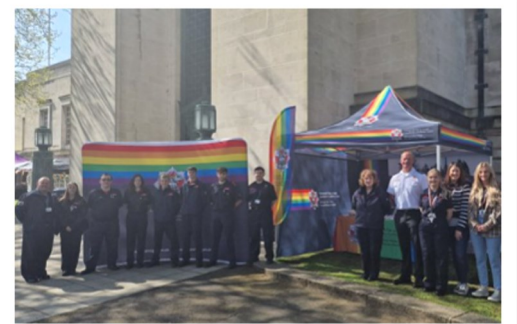
HIW FRS Cadets and staff held an event to recognise and thank all of the amazing work that is done by their volunteers.



Northampton Emergency Service Cadets volunteering at the #BigHelpOut along with Groundwork UK at Delapre Abbey.



Northamptonshire's Volunteer Instructor Matt Oliver felt humbled when receiving his Outstanding Contribution Award. He said "I volunteer my time because I want to make a difference in young peoples lives and give them the opportunities and the platform to learn the life skills that I did which have enabled me to be where I am today in my career.



Amman Vally Fire Cadets and Instructors attend Swansea Pride.



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#VolunteersWeek

I would definitely recommend volunteering because not only do you know you've made a difference to others but it's also so beneficial as a volunteer because of the opportunities it opens up.



Dumbarton Youth Volunteers sharing the benefits of volunteering, hoping to inspire others during National Volunteer Week in Scotland.



Hertfordshire Fire Cadets worked alongside St John's and Volunteer Police Cadets at the Hertfordshire County Show.





WHAT DO FIRE CADETS DO?



Joint Exercised



First Aid



BA Search & Rescue



Fund Raising



Water Safety

Supported by dedicated staff and volunteers across the England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, our UK Fire Cadets scheme sets out to promote opportunities for young people to participate not only in drill yard activities, but we also encourage our cadets to become actively involved in their communities through social activities, and take part in regional and national events.



Trauma Care



Ladder Drills

Our primary task however is to support young people to grow and develop, and to aspire to become the best that they can be.

Here are a range of activities that cadets around the UK participate in.



Hose Drills



Road Traffic Collision

If you would like to keep up to speed with what our Fire Cadets are doing across the UK, you can follow UK Fire Cadets on [@UKFireCadets](https://twitter.com/UKFireCadets) [@ukfirecadets](https://www.instagram.com/ukfirecadets) [@UKFireCadetsFB](https://www.facebook.com/UKFireCadetsFB), and on our website at ukfirecadets.org.uk. You can also email us at ukfirecadets@nationalfirechiefs.org.uk



COMING SOON

SPECIAL EDITIONS

In order to recognise some of the amazing work that our cadets and staff do, there will be a special Fund raising edition highlighting some of the amazing activities done by our Fire Cadets.

There will also be a selection of photographs showing all of the fun and excitement of the 2023 Fire Cadet Games.



NEW VENUE FOR FIRE FIGHTERS

MEMORIAL SERVICE



This years Fire Fighters Memorial Service in September has moved away from London and will be held at

the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. Invitations for cadets to attend will be sent out shortly.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

In addition to events happening across the UK, Fire Cadets will once again be proudly attending the



Remembrance Parade in London. This will be a residential based but unfortunately, spaces are very limited. Information will be out soon, and you can find learning resources for your Fire Cadets on the 'Teaching Remembrance' page of the Royal British Legion website



UKRO 2023



After the amazing success of last years competition, ca-

dets are once again being invited to join in this national event. If your Service would like to enter, please submit your expression of interest to Gary.Williams@nfcc.org.uk . There will be a briefing session for all instructors on 27th June at 7pm. There are only six places available so you don't want to miss it..



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