

Leaders without Limits 2024 Conference Review



The Leaders without Limits conference, hosted by DofE Scotland, brought together a diverse group of 96 educators, youth leaders, and volunteers from across the region passionate about youth development and outdoor education. This demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting the impact of the DofE program in Scotland.

Guests included 2 Youth Ambassadors, Karolina and Finlay, 3 YP's from Pachedu alongside their leader, and a YP from Boots and Beards.

The conference featured a comprehensive lineup of engaging sessions, including workshops and panel discussions covering a range of topics relevant to youth empowerment, skill building, and outdoor learning.

After registrations and welcome refreshments, the day commenced with an inspiring opening talk by Tom Murray and Corey Brooks on *What it Means to be a DofE Leader*, followed by a panel discussion on *The Impact and Importance of Being a DofE Leader* where experienced leaders shared their valuable insights and experiences.

Participants then had the opportunity to attend various workshops tailored to their interests. These workshops were facilitated by our Operations Officers, with special guest tutors, covering topics like *Inclusive Expeditions*, *The Rough Guide to Being a Leader*, *Fulfilling the rights of Young People*, and *DofE and Youth Organisations*.

Afternoon sessions included our second panel discussion, *DofE in Diverse Settings*, which explored strategies for implementing DofE programs in different community contexts.

The conference concluded with a lively quiz session, providing attendees with further networking opportunities and valuable takeaways.

Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with participants describing the day as informative, interesting, and enjoyable. One attendee remarked, "Very positive and great atmosphere! Loads of motivation, and lovely to meet so many like-minded people!" Another valued the discussions stating, "Really good day. Some wonderful discussions had around facilitating a rights based approach to DofE".

Overall, the Leaders without Limits 2024 conference was a great success, fostering collaboration, professional development, sharing best practices, and celebrating the dedication of adult leaders within the DofE community. The event left participants feeling inspired and equipped to make a positive difference in empowering young people through the DofE program.

