

DofE Cymru Youth Ambassador Newsletter

WINTER 2025

Welcome to your latest DofE Cymru Youth Ambassador Newsletter!

It's been an exciting few months with award winners being celebrated and a very special Royal visit!

Plus, we've got team updates and upcoming plans to share. Read on for all the highlights!

Easy read version

Thanks to everyone involved in our recent Ambassador programme review session. One of the great suggestions was to create an easy read version of our Newsletter. We've listened and it's now available!

Outdoor Alliance Wales

In September, **Deryn and Mathew** were in Cardiff for the [Outdoor Alliance Wales](#) Manifesto Launch. We were proud to attend alongside organisations from across Wales, with our Ambassadors sharing how getting outdoors through the Award has helped build confidence, skills and wellbeing.



Volunteer Awards

Congratulations to our Youth Ambassadors who have been recognised for their volunteering efforts within the DofE!

Joshua won the Flintshire Local Voluntary Council's Young Volunteer of the Year 2025 Award!

Alex won the Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services (PAVS) Young Volunteer of the Year 2025 Award!



Celyn was also commended in the Pembrokeshire Volunteer Awards and **Ellie** also was a finalist for the Cardiff Volunteer Awards.

It's great to see our Youth Ambassadors being recognised for their hard work within the programme and the amazing impact they make across the charity and beyond.

Charity Golf Day

Alumni Ambassadors **Morgan, Caitlin and Lucy** headed to the Celtic Manor in August for a Charity Golf Day. The event **raised over £12,000** for DofE- helping more young people across Wales build confidence and resilience. Alongside the golf, Ambassadors supported guests to take part in the Beyond the Fairway Experience - a fun and meaningful set of activities inspired by DofE's values like resilience, leadership, and teamwork.



An inspiring day in Cardiff

In November, DofE held a special event. **His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh** joined us in Cardiff, to hear about the impact the DofE has on young people across Wales and to celebrate the charity's commitment to the Welsh language.



It was amazing to have **16** Youth Ambassadors, from both the UK and Welsh Programme, as well as across many different cohorts.

The Senedd and Pierhead were a sea of blue polo shirts as the team took the lead, greeting guests, sharing stories, and delivering inspiring speeches that made a real impact.

Occasions like this don't come around very often and we are so proud of all the Ambassadors who represented DofE so confidently. The visit featured across a number of news outlets, one of which you can read [here](#).



Presentation Evening

Gwennan delivered an inspiring speech at the Neath Port Talbot Presentation Evening, celebrating the accomplishments of all the young people who earned their Award.

She encouraged everyone to keep talking about their DofE experiences and to share their stories, emphasising the skills and confidence gained through DofE will be invaluable as they move forward.



Business Meetings

Ffion has been back in action, teaming up with Ian, our Senior Relationships Manager, presenting to the High Sheriff's Group about the transformative effects of our work with young people. This was an excellent opportunity to highlight the charity's mission and enhance our profile.

Following this meeting, Ffion shot across Cardiff to also attend our Business Meeting, engaging with our supporters and discussing exciting plans for the 70th anniversary next year!

Team News!

After 20 years as DofE Director for Wales, **Steph Price** has announced that she will be stepping down at the end of March 2026. It was Steph's vision and dedication that shaped the creation of the Youth Ambassador Programme. Steph often describes this programme as her proudest accomplishment.

As Steph passes on the baton, we're not slowing down... The Youth Ambassador Programme will keep growing, and you'll continue to be at the heart of everything we do.



Recruitment - New Director

Following on from Steph's announcement, **Caitlin, Abisha, Mathew and Tabitha** had the opportunity to be involved in the interview process for the new Director. Their insights and perspectives were invaluable, offering a unique viewpoint in the selection process.

New pop-ups - Featuring YOU!

We've refreshed our event pop-ups with updated images and included some of our amazing Ambassadors. Keep an eye out for some familiar faces at our upcoming events!



What's coming up?

- ▶▶ 2026 is our 70th anniversary which means throughout the year there will be lots of special events and activities to get involved with.
- ▶▶ We are also beginning to prepare for the recruitment of the 26-28 cohort of Youth Ambassadors with applications expected to open in May 2026.
- ▶▶ ExpedFest 2026 is happening in March, our annual training event where Leaders come together from across Wales to learn new outdoor and Expedition skills. If you are aged 18 or over and actively support DofE expeditions at a centre, please contact Megan about attending. More details can be found [here](#).

We hope you enjoyed your winter update!

Best Wishes
The DofE Wales Team

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