



DISTRICT 105A YOUTH TEAM ACTIVITIES



A Message from the Youth Committee

The Lions Youth Projects play a significant role in the overall Lions movement. The youth of today are the Lions and leaders of tomorrow and it is vital that we encourage youngsters into our various initiatives, to ensure they receive full benefit from the programmes we offer and work to reach their full potentials. For our projects to be both progressive and effective it is useful for the District Youth Officers (DYO) to work together to promote our wider aims and the various projects as a whole. The Committee will ensure that all DYO are a reliable source of information on all district youth projects

Aims and Objectives

The combined efforts of the District Youth Team have the purpose and intention of achieving the following:

- To promote and recognise the significant contribution that young people make to society;
- To encourage and develop young people to be active citizens, providing them with a wealth of opportunities and experiences and enhancing the citizenship programme in schools;
- To recognise and reward the achievements of young people;
- To raise awareness of the Lions, encourage future membership and work towards achieving its mission statement.

LEOS

The Leo program a recognized youth activity for Lions Clubs has just celebrated it's 50 year milestone and from the early beginnings its aim has been "...to provide the youth of the world (with) an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community."

Leos are young people aged between 12 and 28 years. Leo stands for Leadership, Experience and Opportunities for youth from all backgrounds, nationalities and religions. Every Leo Club has a sponsoring Lions Club. A Leo club advisor is appointed to serve as liaison between the two clubs. The advisor is a member of the sponsoring Lions club. Leo Clubs are designated either Alpha 12-18 years old or Omega 18 -28 years old and their members take part in organizing a wide variety of volunteering, social and fundraising activities.

District 105A is proud to boast nine enthusiastic Leo Clubs all serving their local and wider communities. There is a wealth of information and support for Lions Clubs who want to investigate how they too can help the young people from their communities form a Leo Club.



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YOUNG AMBASSADOR OF THE 21ST CENTURY AWARD

Many young people make a considerable and positive difference to our society and their efforts often goes unnoticed; The Young Ambassador of the 21st Century Award makes a small effort to reward and recognise the valuable contribution which young people make to help others and those in need. The award scheme also helps to portray young people in the media positively in an attempt to detract from the negative image that is created by a small minority of youths.

The Young Ambassador award has several stages: local, regional and national levels. Candidates are required demonstrate their achievements to an interview panel and give a presentation in order to progress to each through level, with the winner of the district competition receiving a bursary of £500 to spend on a community project which they are involved in. The overall national winner will in addition, receive £1000 to put towards their desired project. The award scheme is an excellent way to empower the young volunteers and also greatly enhances their skills and experiences.

It is essential for us to have an engaging and competitive Young Ambassador competition in order that we can effectively recognising the work of young people and to encourage other young people to become active in the local community. We hope that in doing so we can get as many Lions Clubs in the district to go out and meet the young people in their region. The District Finals will be held in conjunction with the Music Competition on 25th January 2009 at Wycombe High School for girls.

PEACE POSTER

The Lions International Peace Poster Contest was created to give young people the opportunity to creatively express their feelings for world peace and to share their visions with the world. Approximately 350,000 children from more than 65 countries participate in the contest annually.

Lions Clubs in the area sponsor the contest open to children ages 11-13 in local schools or organised, sponsored youth group, such as Scouts and Boys and Girls Clubs. The Contest provides Lions with the chance to interact with young people in their communities, introducing the youth to international understanding, as well as giving Lions a vehicle for obtaining positive publicity for their clubs.

The Grand prize winner receives a trip to the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City, New York, USA. At the ceremony he or she will receive a cash award of USD 2,500. Two family members and sponsoring Lions Club president or club member will accompany the winner to the award ceremony. The award ceremony is planned for February/March.

The 23 merit award winners each receive a cash award of USD500. In addition, the 24 finalist posters are exhibited to the public at different locations throughout the year, including the Lions International Convention.



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MUSIC COMPETITION

The role of the Cultural and Communities Officer is to promote the European Music Competition throughout schools and colleges in the District and encourage clubs to promote activities that celebrate their culture within their own community.

Each year the Europa Forum host country selects an instrument for the Competition and also a piece of music, which each candidate is required to play. They are also required to play 1 piece from a pre selected repertoire list. The candidates should be no older than 23 years of age. This years instruments is the Trombone.

As the standard of the competition is very high we should encourage younger students to participate in the competition who may not necessarily be at the standard to progress through to the finals of the competition. This may be achieved by organizing a local competition within schools in the District but not part of the main competition. This would hopefully encourage young people to participate in future years.

The competition final date has already been set for Sunday 25th January 2009 at Wycombe High School for girls. It is traditional for the District Finalist to play at District Convention (6th March 2009)

The Multiple District Competition will take place at the Birmingham Conservatoire on the 4th April 2009. The successful candidate from this competition will represent Multiple District 105 at the Lions Europa Forum to be held 17th -19th September 2009 in Tampere, Finland.

TACADE

TACADE is a non-for-profit Charity working in the fields of personal, social, health and citizenship education for children and young people. They operate in partnership with MD105 under a Memorandum of Intent between Lions Clubs International and MD 105, for a renewed period between 2008 and 2013. Lions and TACADE have a 40 year history of cooperation in producing and distributing Teaching Materials that are practical, direct, accessible and constantly updated, to aid teachers in raising awareness with students. A new Lions - TACADE Voucher scheme is being launched to enable Lions Clubs to grant aid Schools towards the cost of TACADE Materials. Lions can find further information on the TACADE Website: www.tacade.com

The District Life Skills officer contact at schools is through the PSHE Teacher based in each School and also with a PSHE Organiser, appointed by Education Departments. Training Programmes are organised for Teachers, called Twilight Sessions, held after the School day. TACADE supplies the Trainer and TACADE Materials of the Teachers' choice are made available to all teachers attending. Teachers from the London Boroughs of Brent, Barnet, Enfield and Haringey are organised through the Middlesex Boroughs Life Skills Initiative.



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YOUTH EXCHANGE

In order “to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world” the Youth Exchange programme began in 1961 and is committed to broadening international awareness among young people worldwide. The programme emphasises the value of sharing and community life in another country; it is not about tourism.

A Window on the World of Youth Exchange...

The Youth Exchange is about hosting youngsters coming into this country and sending our young people abroad. Young people deserve the opportunity to learn how other cultures 'tick'. Young people of quality will gain from the learning experience; they will enhance international understanding at a formative age; it will give young people in our community a better chance of understanding of the world they are entering.

As well as looking for host families, we need young people to send abroad. It should be emphasised that the young people do not need to be from the Lions Family and can be independent of the organisation. We need support from the Lions to make this project a success and to renew our base of host families and young people to participate.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Through our youth programmes we are all dedicated to providing challenges and opportunities for youngsters that they would not otherwise enjoy. One such opportunity is the Lions Youth Football Competition.

Any “Under 14” boys team playing in its local league, and affiliated to its County FA, can represent its local Lions Club in this knock-out competition.

Initial games are drawn on a regional basis so as to reduce travelling time and costs, moving farther a field as the rounds progress.

By organising early rounds on a regional basis each District has its own District Cup with eventually the Multiple District semi-finals and Final being staged at prestigious professional stadiums.

In the past we have played at the City Ground, Nottingham Forest, Walsall, Ipswich Town, Port Vale, Telford United & Burton Albion.

The Competition is sanctioned each year by the English, Scottish, Welsh and Irish Football Associations and by UEFA.

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