

Together: Building United Communities (T:BUC) Junior Leadership Programme at Queen's University Belfast

Queen's Sport are pleased to announce a new opportunity for Young People aged 15 – 17 to be part of this year's Summer Scheme.

This programme is managed by the Queen's Sport and is funded by The Executive Office (TBUC) programme and supported by the Education Authority:

'Camps can be extremely rewarding and beneficial experiences for young people. They can provide immersive experiential learning opportunities that change the way they see themselves, their relationships with peers and other groups, and ultimately their future. The experience of being in a new or different environment, especially if there is a significant outdoor element, is often a sharp contrast from 'normal' day-to-day routines - and can be life-changing' **Together: Building United Communities (T: BUC) programme (Resource Pack 2018)**

Background to Queen's Junior Leadership Programme for 2022:

- The Junior Leadership programme at Queen's offers young people aged 15-17 with the opportunity to assist activity leaders and team leaders to deliver activities and coaching for children aged 6-13 on Queen's Sport's annual summer scheme.
- There is a focus this year on good relations and the required outcomes are largely based around participants' positive attitudinal change, learning and appreciation of cultural difference and diversity, and the development of new friendships between young people from different backgrounds
- The programme uses a youth-led approach, giving young people from diverse backgrounds responsibility and the opportunity to be role models for younger children
- It gives young people the chance to take part in a wide range of sporting activities, greatly boosting their skills, future opportunities and health
- It enables them to achieve recognised sports leadership qualifications and provides them with expert training from Queen's Sport staff
- The project will provide each participant with up to 118 contact hours with other young people from different backgrounds
- Young people will be able to train in the excellent sporting facilities at Queen's University
- Participant-led feedback and evaluation will be built into the project at every opportunity, through team meetings and daily de-briefs
- It places young people in a University environment, potentially for the first time, creating an early connection between them and a leading University and raising aspirations about going to University.
- This project reinforces Queen's commitment to making an impact in our local community and wider society as part of our Social Charter - <https://www.qub.ac.uk/social-charter/>



Who can apply?

Any young person who lives in Northern Ireland and is aged between 15 -17 years' old at the start of the scheme. Young people should have an interest in gaining new skills, having fun and be willing to work as part of a team. Young people must attend all induction and training sessions and be available to attend one of the camps below.

What activities, training and support is available to the young people before during and after the camps?

There is an extensive pre camp induction and fun programme of training and workshops that includes good relations, sport leadership, safeguarding and 'how to coach young people'. Young people are supported during the camp by a full time camp leader and camp assistants alongside the summer scheme staff. A post camp celebration and follow up events are also planned in September and October.

When does it take place?

The summer scheme runs for 7 weeks during July and August, and each 'Junior Leader' will complete two weeks of 'camp' during the summer scheme in groups of approximately 20 which will each reflect a mix of community backgrounds.

In total, this project will deliver 3 camps.

- Camp 1: Monday 4th July – Friday 15th July (8 days only)
*Centre closed Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13th July
- Camp 2: Monday 18th July – Friday 29th July (10 days)
- Camp 3: Monday 1st August – Friday 12th August (10 days)

It is compulsory for all young people to attend the **Pre-Camp (induction and Training Programme)** and this will be delivered over two evenings and a full weekend in June. Young people are also required to attend all **Post Camp events (1 evening in September and 1 full day during Mid-term in October)**

How do I register my interest?

Applicants must complete a short application form and have written consent from a parent or legal guardian to take part in the programme.

Applications can be found at www.queenssummerscheme.com

Is there a cost?

There is a set fee of £25 per young person, refreshments and lunch is provided (free of charge) during each day of the camp including training and induction days.

When will I hear if my application has been successful?

Successful applicants will be informed before **Friday 4th June 2021**

For further information on the Programme please contact:

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