



Dear all,

December is upon us and Christmas is just around the corner! 2016 has been a year of many great stories, some of which we have highlighted in this month's newsletter.

Dame Louise Casey's [review](#) on integration and opportunity in isolated and deprived communities in Britain was released earlier this month. The study acknowledges Youth United's role in creating stronger communities and we have included a new [map](#) showing all the great work that we have done with our members in five short years.

To provide more colour to the work our members do, we have also featured the stories of two inspirational young ladies, from Fire Cadets and [Sea Cadets](#), who credit their personal development and achievements to being part of fantastic uniformed youth organisations.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the Cub Scouts on their very special 100th birthday! Here's to at least another 100 years of adventure, fun and challenges!

With best wishes for a joyful holiday season,

Lindsay



Social mixing between young people - key to integration in isolated and deprived communities

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Smooth sailing for some of London's most disadvantaged young people

Hazel Jasper joined [Sea Cadets](#) Newham unit after going along to a Saturday Club in East London with her brother. Several months down the road, she has gained many nationally recognised qualifications as a Cadet and is now looking forward to returning to her unit as a volunteer. Read about Hazel's fantastic journey here.

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Olivia's Spoken Word

Olivia Olarewaju-Moore is a Volunteer Cadet Instructor for [London Fire Brigade Fire Cadets](#) and one of the many inspirational young leaders from our member organisations. Her Spoken Word consists of her view on the average London teenager, with many young people facing drug and gang related crimes, some of which Olivia herself was part of.

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