



Dear all,

As spring turns to summer and the sun makes a welcome return, it seems particularly appropriate to extend a warm welcome to Youth United's May newsletter.

This month marked Mental Health Awareness Week, running from 16-22 May, centring on the theme of relationships. According to the Mental Health Foundation, about 1 in 10 young people will experience mental health conditions, including depression, anxiety and conduct disorder, which can arise as a response to what is going on in their lives. It's good, then, to be able to highlight just one aspect of the work [The Boys' Brigade](#) has been doing to raise awareness of these issues and the steps they are taking to combat them, in part enabled by Youth United's Uniformed Youth Social Action Fund.

This month we also introduce some new faces here at Youth United. One of the most commonly identified barriers to growth among uniformed youth groups is a lack of suitable premises in which to meet. It was therefore a great pleasure to welcome [Michael Carpenter](#) to the Youth United fold to lead on delivering our venue sharing project which is designed to alleviate this problem. Michael joined in April 2016 just a few days after [I stepped in as Interim CEO](#) to cover Lindsay Levkoff Lynn's maternity leave.

With thanks,

Youth United introduces new Interim Chief



Executive, Jessica Mulley

Youth United Foundation was pleased to welcome Jessica (Jess) Mulley in April as Interim Chief Executive. Jess will be working with Youth United while Lindsay Levkoff Lynn is on maternity leave.

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Boys' Brigade partners with YoungMinds to offer mental health awareness conferences

[Boys' Brigade](#), together with YoungMinds, are working to raise awareness of youth mental health issues by offering regional conferences to help those who are suffering or vulnerable.

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Youth United welcomes Michael Carpenter, Head of Venue Sharing

Youth United Foundation is pleased to announce a new member of the team, Michael Carpenter, who will be leading the Venue Sharing pilot project as part of Youth United's Collaboration Hub for members.

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