



Professor Norman C Nevin OBE 'Adaptive and Visionary'



Professor Norman Nevin became President of the Northern Ireland District of The Boys' Brigade in 1992. He was already widely known and respected for his clear Christian witness, his academic gifts of scholarship, particularly in genetics, teaching and leadership, and personal attributes of vision, enthusiasm, and encouragement. In a short time these and a host of other qualities and abilities were freely used in the interests of Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland.

Norman was a member of 75th Belfast Company and came to faith, in Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, at a BB Bible Class, and achieved The King's Badge.

As President he enjoyed being with Boys and Young Men, in various settings; Company Displays, Competition Finals, National Competitions, and KGV Training Courses. He was an excellent ambassador of BB. He chaired meetings with a gentle but firm touch, and guided business with wisdom and grace. He was adaptive when change was needed and visionary when it seemed that there was the danger of getting stuck in a rut.

Beyond all this was his commitment to 'keep the main thing the main thing' – giving priority to advancing Christ's Kingdom among Boys. Prof Nevin was determined that this should be foremost in our thinking, planning and doing.

Just two weeks before his death, at the Open Day in our new Northern Ireland District Headquarters at Culcavey, he brought the formal proceedings to a close. This was his first outing, due to illness, since March and it was his desire and delight, to bring some words of encouragement, vision and inspiration, 'God has guided us to this place, God has given new opportunities, Let's trust God to get the work done', and then he led in a gracious and stirring prayer. All of this a treasured fitting climax to his service for the Lord through The Boys' Brigade.

Growing Bigger Growing Better

Did you know you can order free recruitment resources to help promote your company and/or attract new leaders? Go to www.bbni.org.uk/growingbigger.htm

Anchor Boy Project 2014/2015

The Anchor Boy Committee thanks those who sent in nominations for the project for this session. After some deliberating we have decided to support our new NI Headquarter centre at Newport. Any money raised will go towards purchasing games equipment for boys. It would be our hope that we could use these facilities for an Anchor Boy event/competition final in the future.

Did you take part in last year's project for Allergy NI? If so can you please send your project money to NI District Headquarters at Newport by Friday 19th September so it can be included with the presentation cheque?



Please like the following BB Facebook groups ...

- Boys' Brigade Northern Ireland
- KGV Youth Leadership BB
- BB Connect

Behind the Labels!



Anchor Boy Leaders' Conference

Saturday 4 October 2014

Killead Presbyterian Church Hall

Registration from 10.00am

See full programme (over page)



Who is Incredible Ed?

Perhaps the first question we should ask is 'What is CRED?'

CRED is Community Relations, Equity and Diversity and is a key topic within the Department of Education and Youth Council of Northern Ireland policy. Boys' Brigade Northern Ireland District have set up a 'CRED Team' to formulate and deliver an action plan to implement this policy within The Boys' Brigade. Having spent the first year focused on Young People and Leaders the 'CRED Team' considered how best they could deliver the CRED message to Under 11's. After much discussion we came up with 'Incredible ED!'

During this year and hopefully with the help of the Anchor and Junior Sections, 'ED' and his gang will be introduced throughout the Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland.

This is where we need your Anchor Boys' help. Our incredible ED will be introduced to the Anchor Boys through the colouring competition. The winner of this competition will then help create a computer animated ED and a costume character! So make sure your boys are in the competition!



BB Cred Team – here to help!

A CRED Team has been established to assist The Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland by providing support to Companies across the District with community relations, equality and diversity issues. If you would like any more information please contact the Training and Programme Officer, Kenneth McLaughlin. E mail: kenneth.mclaughlin@boys-brigade.org.uk

Anchor Boy Leaders' Conference Programme

10.00am	Registration & Tea/ Coffee
10.00 -10.25am	Welcome
10.30am	Keeping Faith
10.45am	T.E.S.C.O
11.30am	T.E.A.M.
12.15pm	A New Beginning
12-45pm	Rest A While
1.30pm	Allsorts
2.45pm	CRED
3.30pm	A Fitting Response
3.45pm	Be Happy

Check out the Upcoming Events on the homepage at www.bbni.org.uk for all the latest information.

All the action from Anchor Boy Conference 2014



Boys' Brigade NI District e News - are all your Leaders on the mailing list?

Our regular e news keeps Leaders up to date with news, looming deadlines and programme ideas. Please forward email addresses to alison.irvine@boys-brigade.org.uk to join the mailing list.

Change of details

Please notify Northern Ireland Headquarters of all changes of personnel and contact details as soon as possible. Notification can be made by post or email using the contact details printed to the right.

Netmums - list your BB

Young mums in your area are likely to be using Netmums! Some BB Companies are already listed. Perhaps you might want to promote your company in this way? It is particularly suitable for the recruitment of Anchor Boys.

Founded in 2000 Netmums is the UK's fastest-growing online parenting organisation with over 1.7 million members and 8 million unique users each month. Netmums is a family of local sites that cover the UK, each site offering information to mothers on everything from where to find playgroups, how to eat healthily and after school activities including uniformed groups in the area.

Follow these steps to get a listing:

1. Register
2. Choose your area from Belfast, Southern NI, Northern NI, Western NI and Eastern NI.
3. Go to local activities, choose after school activities and then uniformed.
4. Add your company details and meeting nights/times. Please note the January Anchor Boy News will be e mailed. If anyone wishes to have a hard copy they should contact NI Headquarters to request this.

Northern Ireland District AGM

Mon 15 September 2014

7.45 pm, NI District Headquarters,
Newport, Culcavey.
Everyone Welcome

Enclosures with this newsletter:

(Please note these enclosures are all available to download from the website at www.bbni.org.uk/niforms.htm)

- 2014 Conference and Booking Form
- Anchor Boy Challenge Games Information
- Anchor Boy Challenge Rules
- Anchor Boy Fun and Games Information
- Anchor Boy Fun and Games Rules
- Incredible Ed Competition Rules
- Incredible Ed Templates P1- P4

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The object of The Boys' Brigade: The advancement of Christ's kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.

