## Letter to the editor – CEO of The Boys' Brigade

We have received a letter from Bill Stevenson CEO of The Boys' Brigade who is pleased that young people are involved in the #IWillWeek

Dear Editor,

I am delighted that The Boys' Brigade will be involved in this year's #IWill week. The #iWill campaign champions youth social action, where young people aged 10-20 help others in their communities. .

We are using this week to celebrate how much our own young people go above and beyond to help other people.

As an organisation, we are committed to increasing the amount of opportunities we can provide for young people to get in to volunteering and using their skills to help others. I have met many of our young people who give up their time each week to make a difference in their town or village – some of this is carried out through awards like Queens' Badge or DofE, but often the young people get involved because they have seen a need and want to help.

In 2016, BB young people have already undertaken in excess of 50,000 hours of volunteering this year alone, and by 2020, we hope to provide an additional 2,000 youth social action opportunities.

Our hope is that by celebrating how much young people help in their communities, we can inspire a new generation of BB volunteers to help us make a difference for young Scots.

## **Bill Stevenson**

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