



## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

# MKC Heroes' Newsletter

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### Welcome to the first Royal British Legion's MKC Heroes Newsletter.

With 2020 in full swing, and the days getting longer and brighter, we're excited for what the year ahead has in store. Back in January, the Legion appointed a new MKC National Coordinator, Sara Lamerton, who, amongst other things, has been visiting schools to see some of the amazing work that takes place and how the network supports and empowers children and young people. Sara has been really impressed by your commitment to supporting MKC Heroes' members and is looking forward to visiting more groups in the near future.

Sara's background is in teaching and youth work, and she aims to work closely with Legion colleagues, volunteers, and the wider community to grow the national network of MKC Heroes' schools, as well as provide a youth voice platform that puts children and young people at the heart of positive change.

As well as familiarising herself with the work done in schools, over the coming months she will be attending national events and reaching out to various stakeholders to develop, expand, and grow the network.



Alongside school visits, Sara has been able to attend monthly Ambassador meetings held at the Plymouth Regional Office, which has been a great way to understand some of the wider work that young people are involved in and see how dedicated teachers, school staff, and local volunteers are in enabling the work of MKC Heroes.

Events coming up over the next few months are: The SSCE Cymru Stakeholder Day, The Creative Forces Days for primary and secondary schools in April, and The SCiP Alliance Conference in May.

We will post more about these events via the newsletter and on our new social media channels, so watch this space!

If you'd like Sara to visit your school, be part of an event, or discuss something else, please contact her via [mkcheroes@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:mkcheroes@britishlegion.org.uk).



## Social Media

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**Great News! MKC Heroes now has a social media presence on Facebook and Twitter.**



**Facebook:** Our community Facebook page has been set up so that the Legion and schools can promote the amazing work that's taking place across the network, as well as to create a supportive and interactive space where MKC's school community can share inspiration and support one another; whether that's through ideas and advice, collaborative opportunities, or finding new ways to build upon what's already happening.

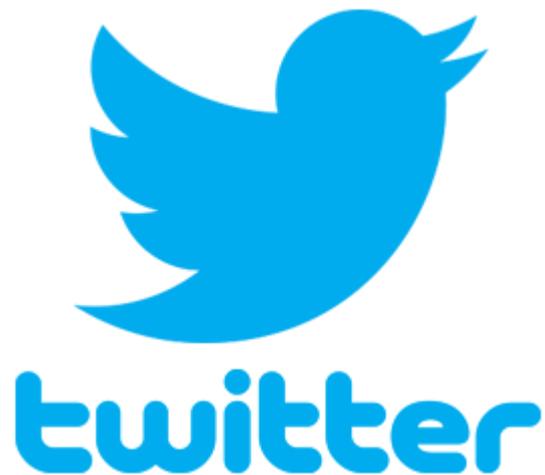
You can access the Legion's MKC Heroes' Facebook page here [@RBLMilitaryKidsClub](#)

MKC Heroes would not be what it is today without the efforts of yourselves and the children and young people involved, so please support us in growing this online community platform and make 2020 the year we celebrate our work more.

We would like to encourage you to share achievements, events, and any fundraising undertaken, as well as to reach out to one another for advice and guidance.

However, please make sure you have the correct permissions to share any images or information before adding to the page.

We may also seek to use some of the information you do share with us for forthcoming newsletters as we believe it's incredibly important to shout about the work everyone is doing across the country. If you have anything you would like us to include in future editions, please send the details to [mkcheroes@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:mkcheroes@britishlegion.org.uk).



**Twitter:** We also have a new Twitter profile [@MKCHeroes](#). Please follow us and we'll share further news and updates there, as well as keep up to date with the wider Service community. Twitter is all about ideas, so we'll create, share, and like content that we think is useful to schools, volunteers, other charities and Service organisations, as well support the wider work of the Legion and the events we attend across the country.

## School Survey

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Back in February we sent out a link to a school survey. We've had several responses back so far but would love to hear from more of you. Our aim, with your help, is to gather feedback from across the network so that we can assess what is in place and then build upon this. The answers you provide will allow us to more accurately shape and improve the services we offer to our network, as well as form part of an offer and pack of resources we create for new and existing MKC Heroes' schools.

It's vital we obtain honest and constructive feedback from those who are already involved. There are 14 questions that focus on furthering our understanding about what works well, what needs improvement, ideas you'd like to suggest, alongside how we at the Legion can better collaborate with stakeholders to create the best MKC Heroes network possible.

Ultimately, we're here to support and empower children and young people, as well as grow the work of the network so it can flourish and be a positive youth voice platform.

The survey will be available until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. If you haven't had a chance to do so yet, you can complete the survey [here](#).

We look forward to hearing your feedback.



## School Updates

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We know that things can change from time to time, perhaps staff move around, or new members join and start working on MKC Heroes. It's important for us at the Legion to keep our records as up to date as possible so that we reach out and contact the right staff members. If something has or does change, please let us know so that we can update our database.

Furthermore, if you haven't completed the MKC Heroes' application with accompanying T&Cs, and want to run a group, it is essential that you do so.

Please feel free to contact us any time on [mkcheroes@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:mkcheroes@britishlegion.org.uk) with any updates or enquiries.

## Thank You

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Finally, we'd like to thank you for taking the time to read our first newsletter and we hope to continue communicating, collaborating, improving and achieving more together throughout 2020 and beyond.