



# Club Management Conference Junior Gliding

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## Why do we need more Juniors in Gliding?

- BGA Support
- Longevity of Clubs
- Our Future
  - \* CFI's
  - \* Competition and Cross Country Pilots
  - \* Winch Drivers, Mechanics and Engineers

## How?

- Junior Gliding Centre Status
- Initiatives
  - \* Nene Valley
  - \* Bannerdown
  - \* Lasham
  - \* Windrushers
- Focus Day – Young Pilots
- Bursaries
- Sponsorship
- Positive role models
- Partnership with Schools and Colleges

## Possible Strands

- Links with Physics, Maths and Engineering
- Links with Sports Academies
- Discovery of Gliding
- Other ideas for discussion

# Challenges

- Gaining Junior Gliding Centre Status
- Capacity
- Support – (parents and club members)
- Retention
- Costs – (perceived or real)
- Risk Assessments
- Establishing links with young people through Schools and Colleges
- Access to Information

## Some Examples of Good Practice to support Junior Gliding

- Junior Gliding Centre Status
- Reduced rates for Juniors/Cadets (M'ship, launch and soaring)
- Club Trusts set up to support Junior Gliding
- Auction of Promises to raise money
- Designated personnel to run youth program
- Instructors keen to work with young people (DBS checked)
- Designated flying slots for youth flying
- Expeditions to promote bonding and increase experience
- Effective tracking and monitoring of progress

## Some Examples of Good Practice to support Junior Flying (continued)

- Intense courses solo to Bronze
- Maintain motivation by continuous training
- Positive support from CFI's and club leadership
- Dedicated Junior website
- Links with Schools, Colleges and Universities
- Links with STEM
- Fixed price to solo

# Sharing of good practice and ideas

- Supports growth of membership
- Marketing opportunities
- Share yours with Liz Pike ([lizzie@gliding.co.uk](mailto:lizzie@gliding.co.uk))

Any Questions or Comments?