



**To all current and potential leaders,
instructors and supporters aged 16 yrs +**

**The British Federation of Youth Marching Band Organisations
in association with The Open College (SE)**

THE FIRST ACCREDITED COURSE FOR THE UK ACTIVITY

In 2006 each of the Federation's member organisations signed up to 'MarchOn', a whole activity development strategy. An important part of this programme is a course that adds credibility to the dedicated leadership and coaching role undertaken by leaders, instructors and staff in the activity throughout the UK – YOU and your colleagues!

We have recently concluded liaison with the long established government funded **Open College Network** to offer a leadership course accredited by the College. We believe we have succeeded in creating a course that is based around what you already do, so it should not take a lot more time than you already dedicate to the activity. This will be at a credible OCN level 2.

Over a time-period of your choice, you will need to produce a folio which contains mostly either photos and notes, or evidence of verbal discussions, or demonstrations (you in action !)

The qualification is based on the following units, all linked to the role you play in the activity:

- Awareness of the activity
 - Awareness of children and young peoples' development in a band's training programme
 - Leadership and teamwork skills
 - Instrumental and choreographic* competence OR Administrative & organisational skills
- (* *marching and / or manoeuvre/dance*)

As this is an accredited course, fees are payable to the Open College. This is £12.00 registration and a later payment of approximately £10.00 for external moderation (per person).

Those signing up for the course will need to attend an introductory day during which part of the submission file will be completed. A detailed 'step by step' guide book' will be issued to support everyone taking the plunge !

What next ? This is a demanding new initiative for The Federation. A pilot will proceed during the summer and at a later date we would anticipate scheduling autumn and summer introductory days located so that they are accessible. However the Federation is prepared to consider running an introductory day sooner if local bands can guarantee a minimum of 12 attendees, perhaps by combining with other local bands.

If interested further, please e mail the Federation Office.

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