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Dear Colleagues

Thank you for dealing so calmly with all the changes to our operations across the charity as a result of the death of the late Queen and the upcoming Bank Holiday. I am aware that a short notice bank holiday comes with added work pressures and for some the need to find suitable childcare as schools close. With centres so full, staff have been busy trying to accommodate requests from visitors or make changes to bookings. I'm pleased to say that there seems to be a good deal of understanding between parties.

It's a much shorter catch up this week. Whilst our teaching activities have carried on, we paused some of our others until after the funeral. A letter of condolence has been sent to the King and we will wait to hear whether he will be able to continue as our patron. It seems unlikely given what he has already said and a review of patronages will be undertaken. We will wait for official confirmation.

The best place to keep up to date with events over the coming few days is the [Government Website](#). By now most of you may have heard that there is to be a National Moment of Reflection on Sunday at 8pm, rather than a 2 minute silence on the day of the funeral.

#### **Internal Development Opportunities**

Three Education Project Officer roles have become available, each for a 6-month fixed-term period from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023. If you are an existing Education Team Leader, Senior Tutors or Tutors with relevant experience you are invited to express an interest in Project A NEA Webinars, Project B Curriculum Plus – Well Being and Mental Health and Project C Adventure, Sustainability & Climate Change Education. More information can be found [here](#).

#### **Welcome to Field Studies Council**

Mike Etherington is joining Head Office as our new Head of Education and Operations (North)  
At FSC Slapton, Tanya Bedford and Celestine Stilwell are the new General Assistants  
Dan House is returning to FSC Nettlecombe, this time as Residential Centre Manager

#### **Special Mention**

We know a lot of heaving and lifting goes on at centres, but Amanda Gisby from Margam has taken this to a new level. At the weekend Amanda attended the AWPC World Championship Powerlifting in Manchester and won the title of World Champion M1 under 67.5kg. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> time of holding the World Record and comes just a few weeks after she secured the British title too. Sian and the team at Margam are rightly really proud of Amanda's achievements and wanted to share the good news with all of us. Congratulations Amanda.

Stay safe and keep well

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