

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 105 NOT CONVENTION

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LLANDUDNO, NORTH WALES,

9th – 11th May 2025



As we proudly celebrate our 75th Anniversary, we are honoured to present this special Souvenir Magazine, a lasting memento of a truly unforgettable National Convention weekend in the beautiful coastal town of Llandudno.

This milestone event was more than just a celebration of our proud history - it was a vibrant reflection of the spirit, service, and unity that have defined Lions for generations. Over a weekend filled with camaraderie, inspiring stories, and forward-looking dialogue, Lions from across the country came together to honour the past, celebrate the present, and look boldly to the future.

From the great fun of **Host Night** to the stirring **Opening Ceremony** to the **Gala Dinner**, there was something for everyone, with many thought provoking speakers and social gatherings inbetween, this Convention captured the heart of what it means to be a Lion: unwavering commitment to community, fellowship across borders, and a shared purpose to serve where there is need.

Within these pages, you will find highlights from the weekend - mainly photos, which share moments of joy that echo the legacy of 75 remarkable years. Whether you joined us in person or are revisiting the occasion from afar, we hope this magazine rekindles fond memories and inspires renewed dedication to the our mission.

Here's to 75 Years of Service - and to the next chapter of making a difference, together.

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GREETINGS FROM LLANDUDNO





Llandudno Bay Hotel



Convention Centre - Venue Cymru



St. Georges Hotel Llandudno



Lions Clubs International National Convention

Our COUNCIL of GOVERNORS

Our incoming and outgoing Council of Governors primarily oversees District Governance. On Thursday and Friday prior to Convention starting the Council meet - this year in a meeting room at The St Georges Hotel and comprising all current District Governors and incoming Governors and Council Officers and our PIDs.





WHAT DO COUNCIL DO? -

The Council is the deliberative body for the formation of administrative plans and policies affecting the Multiple District, including the Multiple District Convention. The Council plays a crucial role in ensuring that Clubs effectively work towards serving our communities and supporting our global causes.











This year at Convention we carried out several service projects including **Health Screening** - the opportunity to look around the dementia bus and the chance for clubs to donate spectacles and hearing aids - food for the local food bank, bras, postage stamps and coins (old and foreign), all of these go to support our good causes and our own Charities. From the donations raised by the raffle on the Friday night at Host Night we were able to support two local Charities, RNLI and YSGOL GOGARTH (Special Needs School) in Llandudno.



Even our Guests and Governors got involved in a local litter pick on Friday afternoon...



... as well as helping out with local Foodbank collections

FRIDAY REGISTRATION



On Friday our **Registration Desk** opened at 1.00pm to **Welcome all our Convention Delegates** – our Lions shop was available to all and the Exhibition Area opened to allow all our Multiple District Officers to show their projects. We were delighted that our Insurance brokers - **Bartletts**, also attended and answered any questions on Friday afternoon.



It was also a chance to have a **Health Screening** carried out by the team from District 105A (pictured right). We also had the opportunity to look around the **Dementia Bus** which was outside the Conference venue.











FRIDAY NIGHT HOST NIGHT



A great evening at our **Host Social Night** in Llandudno. The evening, hosted by the local Club of Llandudno and lots of helpers across District CN

featured some great funfair games to start the evening, followed by some buffet food and an evening of superb entertainment.

Firstly a huge, fabulous **Welsh Choir** (male and female) excellently singing a range of Welsh and English songs. Following on was a hilarious performance by **Martin Gregory Lambert** and his daughter **Fay**. In addition to brilliant songs, Martin also interacted fantastically as demonstrated by his dance routine with



Lions Marc Diepenmaat of The Netherlands and Declan Moon from District 133, we can't forget Martin serenading us while driving around on Lisa Dilloway's mobility scooter.!!!!!!!!

A fantastic evening all round with friends from across the UK and overseas.





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SATURDAY - OPENING CEREMONY

The day commenced with an inspiring Opening Ceremony, featuring national anthems and a welcome address from **The Mayor of Llandudno, Clir. Michael A. Pearce**. In his speech, he reflected on the incredible journey of the Lions Clubs, honouring the achievements of our members who have made a lasting impact in their communities.



During the morning we remembered those Lions who have passed to higher service. A moment of silence was observed to reflect the spirit of compassion and community that defines us as Lions. This tradition is more than just a tribute - it is a reminder of the lasting impact each Lion member leaves behind. Through this act of remembrance, the Lions family continues to honour the lives of those who served with pride, kindness, and dedication.





BAGSHOT PARK

It is a privilege to welcome you to this year's Multiple District Convention as we celebrate 75 years of Lions serving communities across the British Isles. This milestone is a testament to your unwavering dedication, compassion, and commitment to making a difference.

Your dedication and passion are the driving forces behind the incredible work that Lions do, making a real and lasting difference in so many lives. This convention is an opportunity to reflect on your achievements, recognise the challenges you have overcome, and inspire fresh ideas for the future. Each of you plays a vital role in this journey, and it is truly moving to witness the collective spirit and commitment that propel our mission forward.

As your Patron, I am humbled by the impact you continue to make and the new paths you explore to bring positive change. Together, you have the power to uplift communities, spread hope, and transform lives.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication through your Clubs across the Multiple District. Your service is truly valued, and I know that you will continue to make a difference in the years to come.



SATURDAY - MORNING

A Personal Reflection from Council Treasurer PCC Lion Philip Goodier

"This year also marks a personal milestone as I step down from my role as Council Treasurer - a position I have held for a period twice as long as anyone before me.

It has been a privilege to serve. A unique moment in our history occurred this year as my wife Lion Jacqueline and I, each from Clubs in two different Districts, were both recognised with individual awards and appeared on stage together. The response was touching, many partners commented on how meaningful it was to see a 'partner' formally acknowledged for their vital support."

Philip's words are a poignant reminder that behind every Lion is often a

quiet force contributing to our shared success.

Together, we serve and together, we shape the future.





WATCH NOW Saturday morning 2

FRMATION

SATURDAY - AFTERNOON



Saturday continued into the afternoon with inspiring presentations from our **Guest Speakers**.



Lara Waring from Lifelites Lara spoke to Convention about the work of Lifelites which works to ensure that children and young people with lifelimiting conditions should be able to play, explore the world around them and communicate with the people they love



PCC Lion David Pope with an LCIF update to Convention



DGE Lion Chris Speed telling about his Lions Journey



Convention had a rousing Global Membership update from PCC Lion stewart Sherman-Kahn

Our **Past International President Lion Brian Sheehan** was totally awesome and his speech to Convention was enjoyed by all into the afternoon.



Simone Schehtman the founder of Birmingham for Ukraine joined Convention for a heartfelt presentation on the plight of refugees in MD105. Founder www.birminghamforukraine.org



Lion Jatinder Kaur A speaking about Lions and working in partnerships



WATCH NOW Saturday Afternoon



Kim Webb Senior Fundraising, Partnership and Impact Manager told us about the work for Independence for children and young adults who are blind or partially sighted.

SATURDAY EVENING - GALA DINNER



SAA Lion William Kevin Joseph O'Neill opened the Saturday Gala Dinner Celebrations



Everyone joined in for a boogie to the sounds of SUMMIT OF SOUL



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GALA DINNER MENU «CYMRU Centre, Llandadno, Water Saturday 10th May 2025 YEAR













SUNDAY MORNING





As we celebrate the achievements of our Young Ambassadors we remember

our MD105's Past International President Bert Mason. Nearly two decades have passed since Bert left us, yet his legacy continues to inspire. Newer Lions members may not fully appreciate the tremendous contribution he made to Lions Clubs International and our own Multiple District (MD), but as we celebrate this 75 year milestone, we are reminded that to understand where we are going, we must remember where we have come from.

The Enduring Legacy of Bert Mason Bert Mason's passion for youth engagement left an indelible mark. In 1975/76, he founded what began as

the Youth Award Competition - now known as the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century. This year, we proudly celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Highlights included a stirring presentation by Shelby, the 2025 MD Young Ambassador Winner, and the presence of Imogen, the District CN Winner, sponsored by our Host Club, Llandudno.



In recognition of Bert's humanitarian spirit, **The Bert Mason Humanitarian Award** was established - the highest honour given to a Lion in our Multiple District. As its most recent recipient, **PCC Lion Philip Goodier** believes this prestigious award deserves renewed recognition and relaunch to continue its intended purpose: to inspire and honour



outstanding service. **The Bert Mason Memorial Trophy** is awarded to a Lion who has made a significant impact in youth work, an area close to Bert's heart. The trophy, this year won by **Graham Drayton**, has become a cherished symbol of service to young people.





PID Phil Nathan MBE was recognised with a Progressive Melvin Jones Award

WATCH NOW Sunday



INCOMING COUNCIL 2025-2026





Lion Stu Young, incoming Council Chair, addressing Convention with his acceptance speech



DGE Chris and Jamie Speed 105CE



DGE Sue and Keith Wilding 105CW



DGE Richard and Debbie Allen 105SW



DGE Harvinder and Karpal Virdee 105A





DGE Di Hopkins 105SC



DGE John and Karen Sellers 105N

SUNDAY MORNING





CC Kav and Pammy Dev



PID Geoff and May Leeder



PID Phil Nathan MBE and Heidi



A Conga of current DG Team



Lion John Barnes MBE receiving a PMJF



PDG Lion Dave Ebsworth MD Events Officer receiving a Presidents Certificate



The MD105 Awesome Convention Team

SUNDAY MORNING



PDG John Chambers receiving a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation



PDG Lion Doreen Allen receiving a Presidential Certificate



PDG Lion Tony Buchan receiving a Presidential Medal



A Presidential Certificate awarded to Office Manager Brigitte Green



Vote of thanks to Past International President Brian from PIDs Geoff and Phil



Dave Allen receives a Presidential Medal



Donations made to two local charities in Llandudno



Lion Paul Murphy MD Young Ambassador Officer addresses Convention



Looking Back, Looking Forward

The Lions of the British Isles continue to support specialist charities such as LiBRA, Moorfields Eye Hospital Korle Bu Project, Gift for Living, Brain Tumour Foundation, and Sightsavers.

We are also rebuilding our Youth Exchange Programme, strengthening opportunities for young people across borders. At the heart of our MD are two of our most impactful and long-standing projects: Spectacle Recycling and Message in a Bottle (MIAB), both based and managed at our Headquarters.

We've hosted major international events, including The International Convention in 1998, 2006 Europa Forum in Bournemouth and the 2014 Europa Forum in Birmingham, reinforcing our place in the wider Lions community. We have not only the Lions Clubs International Foundation but also the MD105 Lions Foundation. The Foundation supports Lions Clubs in delivering humanitarian aid, disaster relief, and youth programmes across the British Isles.

As we reflect on the achievements of the past 75 years, let us honour those who brought us here, celebrate those making a difference today, and inspire the Lions of tomorrow.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Council Chair Kav

On behalf of all Lions members in the British Isles, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Council Chair Kav for an exceptional year of leadership 2024-25. Your time in the **"hot seat"** was marked by vision, fair play, dedication, and a tireless commitment to the values of Lionism.

Your inspired leadership brought to life a truly memorable National Convention in 2025 - one that not only showcased the incredible service Lions provide but also celebrated the spirit of camaraderie that binds us together. It was a shining example of what we can achieve when guided by purpose and unity.



Thank you, Chair Kav, for your unwavering service and for steering us through a remarkable year with grace and strength. You've left a lasting legacy.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY... 8th-10th MAY 2026 We hope you will all join us for Convention 2026 in Newcastle.

THANK YOU – to all those Lions who worked hard to make Convention 2025 a success, thanks to Llandudno Lions who were outstanding and ensured we all had the best time, whether you chauffeured guests around, created our wonderful visual aids and Technical back up, whether you moved equipment and loaded vans, set up gazebos, attended to our guests or whatever role you played you were AWESOME.