



British Youth Band Association and Marching Arts United Kingdom announce Strategic Partnership

The British Youth Band Association (BYBA) and Marching & Performing Arts United Kingdom (MPA-UK), representing both Drum Corps United Kingdom (DCUK) and Winterguard United Kingdom (WGUK), are pleased to announce that, following the first official meeting between the two organisations, a new Strategic Partnership has been formed to ensure, following the successful Europe wide talks that have taken place, we are able to provide a coherent and structured focus for the UK activity.

Whilst these initial talks were fairly informal, discussions did take place about season dates, collaborations and ensuring that every effort is made to ensure barriers are not put in the way forcing performing units to make a choice about which direction they take but still allowing units to decide how best to plan their own seasons.

Both organisations have a history totalling over half a century and are proud of their separate heritages but are committed to working together to benefit the activity. Further meetings are being planned for the New Year.

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