

# Lt-Governor's five new cadets looking forward to year ahead

Youngsters will support Lt-Governor at official and public functions

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BECOMING one of the Lt-Governor's cadets will help one young man to fulfil his dream of joining the Army.

Five new cadets were presented with their special medals this week having been chosen from an 'outstanding' pool of candidates.

St John's Ambulance cadet of the year Lydia Batchelor, Girl Guides young leader Elise Bott and Air Training Corps corporal Amy Woodland were selected.

Rory Johnson and Ben Brown, a sergeant and petty officer respectively in the Elizabeth College Combined Cadet Force, were also chosen.

Mr Johnson, 17, said it was an honour and that the position would help him to pursue his dream career.

'My interest is in the Army and the selection [for that] is tough,' he said. 'I hope this will single me out from some of the other people applying.'

Miss Batchelor, 16, said she could not wait to get started.

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Sir Ian commended each of the



Left to right: Rory Johnson, Lydia Batchelor, Lt-Governor Sir Ian Corder, Amy Woodland, Lady Corder, Ben Brown and Elise Bott. (Picture by Aaron Carpenter, 19303078)

new cadets on their achievements to date and said he looked forward to working with them.

'How much they have achieved

already is testament to the opportunities that we collectively give to young people in the island, and to them for making the most of those

opportunities,' he said. 'Normally there are only four cadets but all of their CVs were simply outstanding. We could not deny any of the

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The new cohort of Lt-Governor's cadets will be the first also to serve as members of the Youth Commission for Guernsey and Alderney's Youth Forum.

Kerstin Neason, CEO of the Youth Commission, said: 'The main role of the cadets is to support the Lt-Governor at official and public functions so it is great that through their involvement in the forum the cadets, and, as a result, His Excellency, will be fully informed on the views of young people across the islands.'

Sir Ian also thanked outgoing cadets Hannah Belton, Leah Moore, Peter Morley and Ross Senior for their service during their one-year tenure.