

DOFE CYMRU YOUTH AMBASSADORS

JOIN THE TEAM!





We are on the lookout for more Youth Ambassadors to join our team in Wales - representing the DofE at events, helping inform our decisions and promoting the DofE for future generations.

The DofE is all about empowering young people to build life-long belief in themselves, supporting them to take on their own challenges, follow their passions, and discover talents they never knew they had. Through being a DofE Cymru Youth Ambassador, you could be the inspiration for more young people in Wales to take the first steps on their own DofE journey.

Who are DofE Cymru Youth Ambassadors?

We are looking for young people aged 16-24 living in Wales who have completed at least one level of their DofE Award or are a substantial way through their Gold to join us as DofE Cymru Youth Ambassadors.

We want our Youth Ambassadors to be representative of all young people in Wales, so are looking for a range of experiences from a diverse group of DofE Participants. You don't have to be a navigation master, a sporting champion or a local volunteering hero, just willing to share your story and inspire others.

What can you expect?

As a DofE Cymru Youth Ambassador, you'll work with like-minded young people from across Wales who share your passion for the DofE Award and who are keen to promote the DofE as an opportunity for all young people.

We will work with you to develop your skillset in areas such as public speaking, media training, social action campaigning and leadership, through an ongoing programme of events throughout the year. We'll host workshops, exploring different sections of the DofE Award and informing our decision making to ensure the DofE continues to be an opportunity for all. You will also have the opportunity to share your DofE story more widely and speak at DofE events, both online and in-person, and meet our associate supporters and DofE Wales Business Group.

The programme is voluntary, but any reasonable expenses will be covered provided we agree these in advance with you. Your time as a Youth Ambassador can also count towards your DofE Volunteering section!

How do I join?

To become a DofE Cymru Youth Ambassador, click [here](#) and either fill out an expression of interest form, or be nominated by your DofE Leader using this [online form](#).

We'll then get in touch to chat further with you and discuss more information about the role.

If you are under 18, you will also need permission from your parent or guardian to apply.

Accessibility

The ability to join sessions online will be important, so if you think this might be a barrier to you taking part, please let us know in your application and we will work with you to find a solution.

We welcome people from different backgrounds, religions, culture, gender identities, abilities, and perspectives to apply. We will provide the support you need to get the most out of the programme, and work around your needs.



FAQ'S



How old do I need to be to join?

The minimum age requirement is 16, and the upper age limit is 25 years old. This aligns closely to the demographic of current DofE Participants. If you are under 18, you will need permission from your parent or guardian before you can start in your role.

Do I need to have finished my DofE?

We like to see Youth Ambassadors who have completed at least one level of their DofE Award or are a substantial way through their Gold. This is to ensure that you have the necessary DofE experience to feedback on the Award and relate to young people starting their journey as a DofE Participant.

How is this different to the UK Youth Ambassador Programme?

You may have heard information about the DofE UK Youth Ambassador Programme. This is run across the UK, with a few representatives from each DofE country or regional area.

Although you are likely to have some involvement with the UK Youth Ambassadors, as a DofE Cymru Youth Ambassador your role will be Wales-focused, and led by staff in the DofE Wales team.

I'm starting uni in September - can I still become an Ambassador?

Yes! If you are moving away from Wales, you can still be involved in the programme, provided you are happy to take part in some sessions remotely online. Additionally, we will be able to help cover some costs for you travelling back to Wales for a DofE event or activity where necessary.

If you are continuing to study in Wales, your role will not change, however you may be signposted to more opportunities in the area your university or college is located.

How long will I be an ambassador for?

We would like ambassadors to commit to two years on the programme, but if your circumstances change or you find the programme is not for you then you can step away at any time.

After two years you can choose to stay engaged with us as part of our wider network of DofE Champions, but that is entirely up to you, and we will discuss this more during your ambassadorship.

Is there any cost involved?

The programme is voluntary, but we will cover all reasonable expenses and agree this with you beforehand. You may be required to travel for some aspects of your role, and we will support you with this by covering any travel expenses and catering to your needs.



‘Being a Youth Ambassador for DofE Wales has given me endless opportunities to develop as a person and gain exciting new experiences.’

(Lydia, DofE Cymru Youth Ambassador)

‘The programme has been fantastic for making friends and building my people skills - everyone is both friendly and ambitious! I’ve had loads of opportunities to learn new things and push myself!’

(Sam, DofE Cymru Youth Ambassador)



For any further info, head to dofe.org/join-us.

See you soon!