

## Volunteer roles

There are many different roles for our adult volunteers, with time commitments being from as little as just an hour or so a month...

**DofE Co-ordinators** set up and manage the DofE in a centre, support Leaders and oversee groups.

**DofE Leaders** are responsible for a DofE group. You'll lead, guide, inspire and encourage young people, agree their activity choices and approve their progress in eDofE, our online record keeping system.

**DofE Assessors** check on a young person's progress and agree completion of a section of their programme. You'll need knowledge of the activity they're doing. Qualifying expeditions must be assessed by a competent adult approved by the Licensed Organisation and accredited by the DofE.

**DofE Supervisors** have a good understanding of a participant's chosen activity. You'll help them set their goals and regularly meet with the young person to check on their progress and support them. An Expedition Supervisor is responsible for supervising and supporting participants to ensure their safety

and well-being whilst doing their expedition. Expedition support staff help the Supervisor to deliver a safe expedition.

**DofE Award Verifiers** grant final approval to DofE Awards, making sure that they are of the right standard and meet all the requirements. Verifiers must be completely independent from the delivery of DofE programmes and will need good knowledge of the DofE.

**Volunteers/helpers** are those people who can spare some time to help DofE Leaders run a group. You may give general support, e.g. administration, help run a DofE section or give specific training.

### Get in touch

If you'd love to make a positive impact on young people, then we want to hear from you!

- Talk to your local DofE Leader/ Co-ordinator
- Contact a Licensed Organisation via [DofE.org/takepart](https://DofE.org/takepart)
- Visit our website: [DofE.org](https://DofE.org)
- Email us: [info@DofE.org](mailto:info@DofE.org)

### Local contact

For more detailed information visit: [DofE.org/leaders](https://DofE.org/leaders)



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Developing young people  
for life and work

# A guide for volunteers

Volunteer and become part  
of a life-changing adventure

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# A life-long adventure...

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) develops young people for life and work. It helps them to fulfil their potential and have a brighter future. For many young people, the impact can be life-changing.

## Be an inspiration

If you enjoy a challenge and would like to help young people develop the skills and attitudes they need to succeed in life, you'd make a fantastic volunteer for the DofE.

By giving just a little of your free time you'll make a real difference to young people's lives.

We need people like you who can inspire young people to take part; encourage them to complete their programme and congratulate them when they achieve their Award.

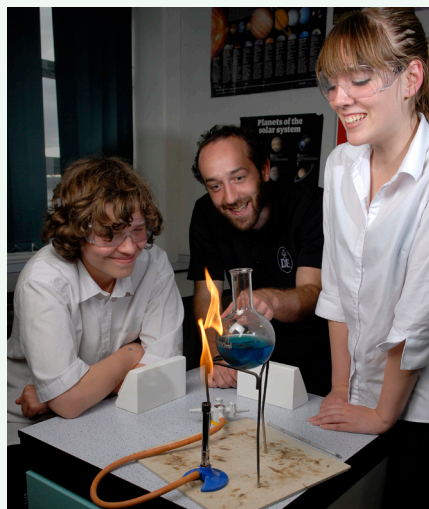
Our unique approach offers flexibility for participants and volunteers alike. There are lots of ways you could become part of this exciting journey.

It will be a real adventure for you as well as for them!

As a DofE volunteer you'll gain an unbeatable sense of achievement.

You'll also be able to:

- Develop your leadership skills
- Master new activities
- Make new friends
- Achieve personal goals
- Give back to your community
- Have lots of fun!



## Share your skills and experience

You don't need special qualifications to be a DofE volunteer. From giving guidance and advice or training and assessing young people's progress, to driving a minibus or helping with administration – there's a role for everyone.

If you have specialist skills, interests or qualifications, you can put them to good use. You may be able to get more qualifications on the way. You could organise team volunteering opportunities, teach a skill, coach a sport or supervise expeditions. If you're good at organising and communication and can make a regular commitment, you could become a Leader in a local group.

## What is the DofE?

DofE programmes consist of non-competitive voluntary activities for young people. Anyone aged between 14 and 24 can do a DofE programme.

There are three levels of DofE programme which require increasingly more time and commitment from young people:

■ **Bronze** start in year 9

■ **Silver** start in year 10

■ **Gold** start at 16+ years old

With four sections (five at Gold level), there are hundreds of activities that young people can choose to do and need your help with:



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If you're going to volunteer for something, the DofE is great as you know you're making a real difference to young people's lives whilst having a great time!”

Adam White, DofE helper

## Volunteering

From helping at an after-school kids' club or running an awareness campaign to raising money for a charity or working on a recycling project, young people can get out and help others.

## Physical

From football to yoga, swimming to skateboarding, participants get active as they take part in a sport, dance or fitness activity and show improvement over time.

## Skills

Participants learn a new skill or develop existing talents. With choices from DJ'ing and science to drama and zoology, the sky's the limit!

## Expedition

Through planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey in the UK or abroad, young people develop initiative and a spirit of adventure and discovery.

## Residential (Gold level only)

Participants take part in a shared activity away from home with people they don't know. Be it a conservation camp, a language course or helping on a kids activity camp, there are opportunities to suit everyone.

You can choose to help young people at any level, with any section.

Whatever your strengths, however you want to help and however much time you can spare, you'll be welcome as a DofE volunteer. See [DofE.org/leaders](https://www.dofe.org/leaders) for more information.