

# Funding for COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS



INFORMATION FOR  
PROSPECTIVE ORGANISATIONS



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# OVERVIEW



**The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust has committed £3m to fund voluntary and community groups that do not currently offer the Award to launch their own Award programmes, so that more young people than ever have the opportunity to benefit from the Joint Award Initiative.**

**Voluntary and community organisations can access up to £10,250 of grant funding, combined with support from our operations teams to setup, launch and deliver their Award programme.**



## What is the Award?

- ➔ A life-changing experience. A fun time with friends. An opportunity to discover new interests and talents. A tool to develop essential skills for life and work. A recognised mark of achievement; respected by employers.
- ➔ 14-24 year-olds can do the Award programme at one of three progressive levels which, when successfully completed, leads to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.
- ➔ There are four sections to complete at Bronze and Silver level and five at Gold. They involve helping the community/environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition and, for Gold only, working with a team on a residential activity.
- ➔ Any young person can do their Award - regardless of ability, gender, background or location. Achieving an Award isn't a competition or about being first. It's all about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries.



## Why should we offer the Award?

- ➔ Young people develop a whole range of skills and attributes such as resilience, confidence, commitment, drive, self-awareness, empathy, team working and problem solving, which support them in navigating life.
- ➔ Achieving a respected Award that's recognised throughout the world improves young people's future opportunities, prospects, and opens doors to jobs.
- ➔ When doing their Award young people interact with peers on a level playing field; any young person of any ability can start their Award programme.



# SUPPORT PACKAGE

## How much funding is available and for how long?

Eligible voluntary and community organisations can apply for up to **£10,250**.

The project runs for **three years** with grant funding available up to 31st March 2025.



**2022-23**



**2023-24**



**2024-25**

## What can the funding be used for?

Our operations team will support you to develop your project and develop a proposal for what the funds will be used for. Examples of what could be included in the funding packages are:



**A contribution to the Award Licence Fee.**



**Funded Participation Places for young people to enrol on the Award.**



**Access to staff and volunteer training courses - both DofE training and National Governing Body qualifications related to the outdoors.**



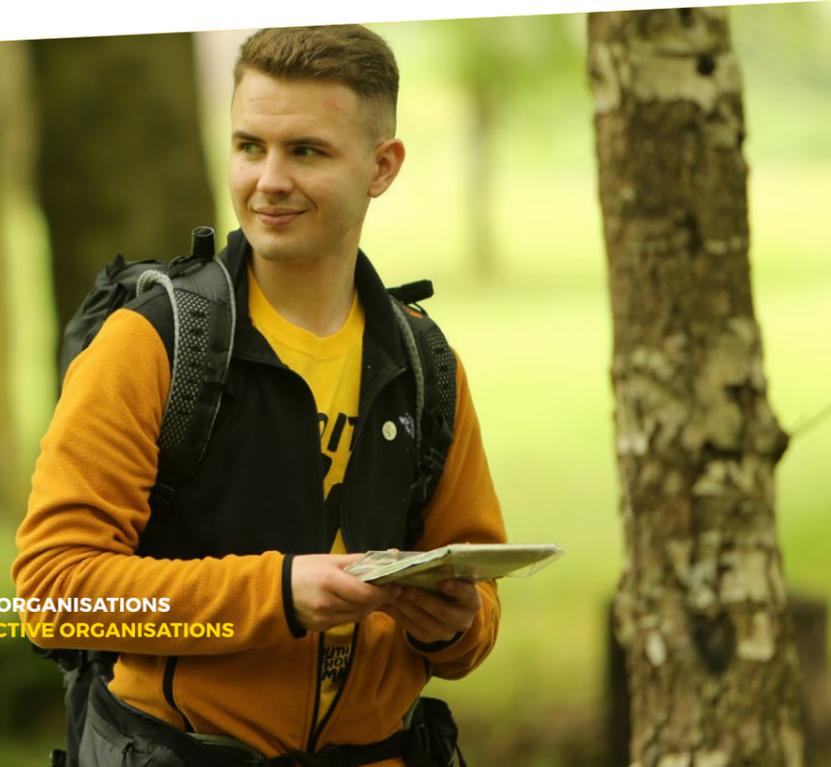
**The provision of an Expedition provider to run the Expedition section for the organisation.**



**Expedition/sectional equipment as required.**



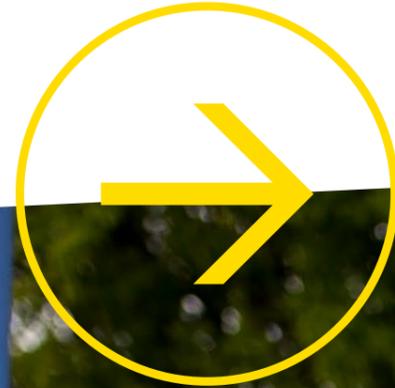
**Support for the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections of the Award.**





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# APPLICANT CRITERIA



**“ Anyone and everyone can really enjoy the Award. A shy person will learn how to work with other people. It’s a learning process going through the Award, you learn from each other, you learn about life and it opens your eyes about little things that you should know but that you don’t know. It’s a good thing to do.”**

Shehbaaz, 17



# Eligibility Criteria



The organisation must have a track record of supporting young people in Northern Ireland.

Organisations/groups must be a Voluntary, Community or Social Enterprise (VCS) Organisation that has been established for at least one year. This ranges from small community-based volunteer-led groups, to larger national organisations.

Organisations/groups must have a bank account in the organisation's name, with two or more signatories and any reserves accrued by organisations are used to support your charity (i.e. not for profit). Organisations must also have a dissolution clause in place.

Organisations must be able to meet the requirements of a licensed organisation and will be required to sign a Directly Licensed Centre (DLC) agreement or be part of an operating authority (OA) licence.

Each organisation will require a designated Licence signatory and Award Manager who will receive dedicated support from an Operations Officer to help them get the programme up and running with support every step of the way.

For further information, visit our funding webpage [Access Without Limits - community - N.I - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](https://www.dofe.org/access-without-limits-community-ni), or contact us at [georgina.harper@dofe.org](mailto:georgina.harper@dofe.org). Organisations will be able to fill in an expression of interest form to identify if they are eligible for support.

## We require the organisation to agree to the following:

- 1 The Award will be available to any young person wishing to take part.
- 2 The partner organisation will commit to supporting their young people through the programme.
- 3 The partner organisation will adhere to the terms and conditions included in the Grant Funding Guide provided by the Award.



# Monitoring YOUR PROJECT

Funded organisations will be required to complete an annual report evidencing your financial spend and demonstrating the impact of your project based on the following themes:

**Opportunity:** How the funding enabled the removal of barriers to the Award and opportunities for more marginalised young people to take part.

**Innovation:** Tell us about how you were able to take new and novel approaches to entrenched problems. Please tell us about any challenges or learning to arise.

**Resilience:** How the project has supported the young people you work with to become more resilient in the face of multiple challenges.

**Sustainability:** Tell us about how the funding will enable you to continue to offer the Award to your young people.

Once you have completed an annual report, this will trigger the payment of each subsequent year of grant funding that has been applied for.



## How do we apply for funding?

Voluntary and community organisations can fill in an expression of interest form and apply by completing the grant application process with support from a designated Operations Officer.

**For further information on how to access the funding and to check if your organisation is eligible, please see**



**[Access Without Limits - community - N.I - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](#)**



**or contact  
[Georgina.harper@dofe.org](mailto:Georgina.harper@dofe.org)**

# The Joint Award Initiative in numbers

April 2021 - March 2022



## 5,699 Young people started their Award journey



**8,735**

Young people actively doing their Award



**42,731**

Total volunteering hours given by young people



**£197,417**

Estimated total value of volunteering hours given in support of others

## 13.3%

Of 14 year olds in Northern Ireland started a Bronze Award



**816**

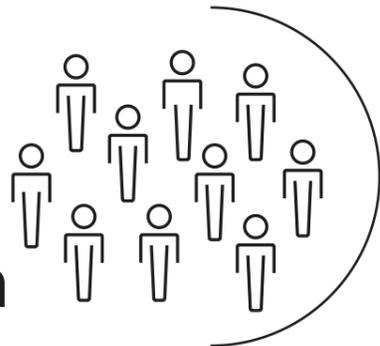
Leaders and volunteers delivering Award programmes



**26**

Licensed Organisations actively delivering the Award

## Awards started by young people facing marginalisation



**649 (11.4%)**  
Experiencing poverty



**931 (16.3%)**  
From minority ethnic backgrounds



**232 (4.1%)**  
Have additional needs



**1,640**  
Awards were achieved



**628**  
Certificates of Achievement achieved

AWARDS STARTED



**3,322** Bronze



**1,536** Silver



**841** Gold



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