



**“When I did the Award I saw that there’s a whole world waiting to be discovered.” Lily, 15**

## **YOUR AWARD IN SIX STEPS**

- 1.** Register via [theawardni.org](http://theawardni.org)
- 2.** Choose activities for each section and sign off with Leader.
- 3.** Do your activities for the set amount of time and record your progress.
- 4.** Get an Assessor’s sign-off for each activity.
- 5.** Achieve your Silver Award!
- 6.** Challenge yourself some more and take the step up to Gold.

**The Award helps young people 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. Because when you prove to yourself that you’re ready for anything, nothing can hold you back.**

**Here to help**  
Visit [theawardni.org](http://theawardni.org) for ideas and resources to support you through your Award.

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Silver Award

Participant programme information

# **SILVER STARTS HERE**



# WELCOME TO YOUR AWARD

## FOUR SECTIONS. ONE UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE.

### Congratulations on deciding to take on the Silver Award.

Everyone's Award is unique but it's always an adventure. It gives you the chance to take on your own challenges, follow your own passions, and discover talents you never knew you had.

You'll choose from thousands of activities, some you'll know, some totally new. From football to film-making, skateboarding to singing, DJing to helping out at your local youth club – the possibilities are endless. What's more, you'll make memories, friendships and skills that'll last forever.

Your Award won't just help you stand out when you apply for college, uni or a job. It'll help you build life-long belief in yourself. Because we believe that when you prove to yourself that you're ready for anything, nothing can hold you back.

Welcome to you without limits.



### Get the Award app

The app makes it quick and easy to plan your activities, connect to your Award Leader, complete your programme and achieve your Award. Download it today and get going.



Your Award is totally unique to you. You'll need to choose and complete one activity to do under each of the four sections. With the Silver Award, you need to do Volunteering for six months, your choice of either Physical or Skills for six months and the remaining section for three months. The Silver expedition takes place over three days and two nights.

**Top tip.** Choosing activities you'll enjoy will make it easier to stick at it and ultimately help you get more out of your Award experience.

**“The Award really showed me what I was capable of, physically and mentally.”** Maria, 15

### 1. VOLUNTEERING 6 months\*

Whether it's giving time to a local charity or helping organise activities for your youth club, get out there and make a difference in your community by helping others, the environment or your local charity.

#### Ideas to get you started:

Help in a charity shop, fundraise for a local cause, conservation work, campaigning, mentoring.

### 2. PHYSICAL 6 or 3 months\*

From skateboarding to scuba-diving, wheelchair basketball to ballet, choose your own way to get active. You'll track your progress and get fitter, happier and healthier while you're at it.

#### Ideas to get you started:

swimming, netball, fitness classes, dance, hockey, football, wheelchair tennis.

### 3. SKILLS 6 or 3 months\*

Learn something you've always wanted to or maybe get better at something you already do. From filmmaking to a musical instrument, cooking to animal care, what will you choose?

#### Ideas to get you started:

photography, playing a musical instrument, drawing, first aid, cooking, singing.

### 4. EXPEDITION 3 days 2 nights

As part of a small team you'll have an unforgettable experience getting to grips with the great outdoors, and improving your communication and leadership skills along the way.

#### Ideas to get you started:

cycling, horse riding, hiking, canoeing / kayaking.

\* Choose one of Physical or Skills to extend to 6 months. If you didn't do Bronze, you'll need to do 12 months of either Volunteering, Physical or Skills.

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