

Funding support for current **LICENSED ORGANISATIONS AND CENTRES**



**INFORMATION FOR
LICENSED ORGANISATIONS AND CENTRES
IN ENGLAND**



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What is DofE?

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has committed over £370,000 to help existing Licensed Organisations (LOs) and Centres in England facing financial pressures due to the current challenging economic situation.

This fund will assist LOs and Centres in England to support marginalised young people, and support those LOs and Centres who wish to expand their programmes to offer the Award to more young people.

- Any young person can do their DofE – 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.
- 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 a DofE programme at one of three progressive levels which, when successfully completed, leads to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's 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.



Why DofE is so important

► Welcome to the DofE

For the thousands of young people who take part each year, the benefits of achieving a DofE Award at any level are endless:

- ➔ Young people develop a whole range of important life skills such as resilience, confidence, commitment, drive, self-awareness, empathy, team working and problem solving.
- ➔ The DofE is a flexible tailored journey enabling a young person to shape their activities and experiences around their interests and abilities.
- ➔ Taking part helps level the playing field where any young person, of any ability, can start their DofE programme.
- ➔ Young people also give their time freely through volunteering, bringing positive benefits to themselves, their school and the wider community.
- ➔ The Award is recommended by Ofsted as a quality enrichment programme as part of their guidance for schools and colleges.



What are we offering?

The DofE is offering grants to Licensed Organisations and Centres that need financial support to continue delivering the DofE.

“ We wanted to offer the DofE to our students to give them the opportunity to build some really important life skills and gain some incredible experiences that will benefit them later on in life, whether helping other people through volunteering or doing outdoor education. ”

Paul McEvoy, School Principal - Oasis Media City Academy, Salford.

Halimah, 14. Sarah and Halimah show Paul how they iron together crisp packets to make foil blankets that are donated to a local homeless charity.





Corron has set up a Resilience Club for his DofE volunteering, a 'safe space' for younger students in years seven to nine to share their feelings and concerns in a bid to boost their self-esteem, mental health and wellbeing.

“For my volunteering section I do three things. I'm a young carer for my twin sisters, I hold a resilience club and I also help out in my old primary school. When I first arrived at secondary school, I was a really shy person. I was nervous. Now I'm a really confident person, I help people that struggle like I struggled. My passions for the future are to become a teacher and help the people that need help the most.”

Corron - DofE Bronze Award participant in South Shore Academy, Blackpool

Danni has completed her DofE Gold Award and is now a DofE Young Leader at Cramlington Voluntary Youth Project, which provides a safe and friendly space for young people.

“I wouldn't have done what I'm doing now if it wasn't for the DofE. I didn't know what I wanted to do, I didn't like school and I didn't want to go to college. I wanted to be a DofE Young Leader so I could watch the full journey of different groups, especially the disability groups doing a massive thing not a lot of people would expect them to do.”

Danni Heron - DofE Young Leader and Gold Award holder



What can the funding be used for?

Eligible LO's/Centres can apply for funding to support with the following:

-  Licence fee support
-  Expedition equipment top-up
-  Leader expedition support
-  External Adult Training support

Your Operations Officer will be able to advise on how much funding you are eligible for.

How to apply

LOs and Centres will be supported by a designated Operations Officer who will work closely with them to develop their application and apply.

-  **Please apply for funding by contacting your local Operations Officer or by emailing accesswithoutlimits@dofe.org**

The current grant application process is now open until 20th March 2023.

Next steps...

Step 1

Contact your Operations Officer to discuss the funding support that can be offered to your LO/Centre.

Step 2

Your Operations Officer completes the funding application on your behalf.

Step 3

Your application will be reviewed and you will be informed whether you have been successful.

Step 4

If successful, spend your funding in line with the agreement, making sure you keep copies of all receipts/invoices.

Step 5

Complete the monitoring report by 1st June 2023.

The DofE in numbers

April 2021 - March 2022

321,622 Young people started their DofE journey



485,945

Young people actively doing their DofE



2,156,076

Total volunteering hours given by young people



£9,961,071

Estimated total value of volunteering hours given in support of others

30.5%
Of 14 year olds in the UK started a Bronze DofE

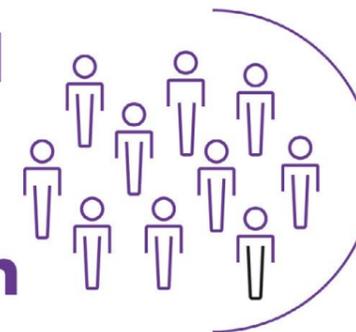


37,595
Leaders and volunteers delivering DofE programmes



4,072
Licensed Organisations actively delivering the DofE

Awards started by young people facing marginalisation



- 47,053 (14.6%)** Experiencing poverty
- 78,581 (24.4%)** From minority ethnic backgrounds
- 15,297 (4.8%)** Have additional needs

99,248
Awards were achieved

28,802
Certificates of Achievement achieved

AWARDS STARTED

★ **232,768** Bronze | ★★ **62,731** Silver | ★★★ **26,123** Gold





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