

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



INFORMATION FOR
LICENSED ORGANISATIONS AND CENTRES
IN NORTHERN IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES



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The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is making additional support available for Licensed Organisations (LOs) and Centres in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales facing financial pressures due to the current challenging economic situation.

This fund will help LOs and Centres in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales supporting marginalised young people to continue to offer the Award, ensuring that the Award remains accessible for all young people.

What is the Award?

- 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.
- 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 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.



Why the Award is so important

► Welcome to the DofE

For the thousands of young people who take part each year, the benefits of achieving a 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 Award 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 Award programme.
- ➔ Young people also give their time freely through volunteering, bringing positive benefits to themselves, their school and the wider community.



What are we offering?

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

“ 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.

Anita, 13 and Sarah, 14, show Paul how they iron together crisp packets to make foil blankets that are donated to a local homeless charity.





“DofE made everything easier and gave me space to talk to others, it was good for my head space. I still have bouts of anxiety but I know I can face any challenges ahead now. Getting out in nature and being on the Brecon Beacons forces you to focus on yourself.

The DofE teaches you that it is okay to slow down and take time for yourself. You don't need to be everywhere, to be everything, you are perfectly enough as you are.”

Lucy, aged 22 - DofE Gold Award holder, Wales

“For my Bronze Skills I did public speaking at school and went on to win a public speaking competition which has allowed me to have a bit more confidence, to feel more comfortable talking to people than I did. I would never have done that competition without honing in on the public speaking for DofE and it really is a skill that you can use in your day-to-day life.”

Eoin, aged 18, from Northern Ireland - DofE Youth Ambassador, Bronze, Silver Award holder and currently completing his Gold.

Eoin speaking at the DofE's first ever Live event: DofE Beyond the CV at Google HQ, London.



What can the funding be used for?

Eligible 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 31st 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 Award 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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