

Funding for **COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**



INFORMATION FOR
PROSPECTIVE ORGANISATIONS



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OVERVIEW



Julia and Hans Rausing have 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 started in 2022, 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 (VCO) Organisation, such as a CIO, CIC, Social Enterprise, or charitable company, that has been established for at least one year.

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

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 on eligibility, visit our funding webpage dofe.org/access-without-limits/community/ni/ or theawardni.org or contact us at georgina.harper@dofe.org.

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 provide an update on the progress of your project.

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

At the end of your funded project, we will ask for a more detailed report, covering the following themes:

Opportunity: How the funding enabled the removal of barriers to the DofE 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 DofE to your young people.

How do we apply for funding?

Voluntary and community organisations should contact us directly to find out more. If eligible for funding, Organisations need to apply for a DofE licence and complete the grant application process, with support from a designated Operations Officer.

All organisations will be subject to our due diligence process before they can be licenced or funded. This involves some standard checks around governance, safeguarding and finances.



The Joint Award Initiative in numbers

April 2022 - March 2023

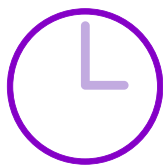


9,876 Young people actively doing their DofE



6,246

Young people actively doing their Award



74,646

Total volunteering hours given by young people

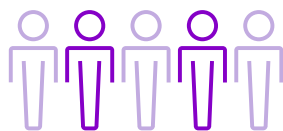


£359,047

Estimated total value of volunteering hours given in support of others

13.8%

Of 14 year olds in Northern Ireland started a Bronze Award



867

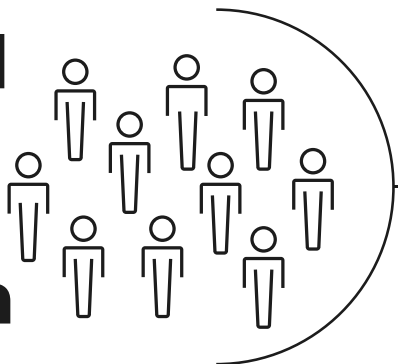
Leaders and volunteers delivering Award programmes



30

Licensed Organisations actively delivering the Award

Awards started by young people facing marginalisation



686 (11.0%)
Experiencing poverty



343 (5.5%)
From minority ethnic backgrounds



395 (6.3%)
Have additional needs

AWARDS STARTED



3,429 Bronze



2,037 Silver



780 Gold



2,796

Awards were achieved



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