

# The Resilience Fund

# GUIDANCE

# NORTHERN IRELAND



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD (DOFE)  
THE RESILIENCE FUND: SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
IN NORTHERN IRELAND



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WITHOUT  
LIMITS**

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# Fund **OVERVIEW**



As young people face up to today's challenges, we know the DofE has never been more needed.

In line with our strategy, **Youth Without Limits**, we are committed to ensuring that the DofE is open to all young people and that our participants reflect the most diverse generation of young people ever.

To break down barriers to participation, we're re-launching the Resilience Fund for 2023/24.

With the generous support of our donors – the new Resilience Fund will provide DofE Participation Places to marginalised young people across the UK.

## Who does this fund support?

→ This fund supports marginalised young people for whom one or more of the below applies to do their DofE:

- Those who have additional needs
- Those who are deemed 'at risk'<sup>1</sup>
- Those who receive Free School Meals (FSM)
- Those who are eligible for Pupil Premium (PP), Pupil Equity Funding or the 16-19 Bursary
- Young people at risk of exclusion from education
- Those who are looked after or in care
- Young people who are responsible for caring for someone else
- Parents under the age of 18
- Young people whose first language is not English, Welsh or Gaelic
- Asylum seekers
- Refugees
- Young people in custody
- Other – the Licensed Organisation must specify.

### Bronze, Silver, and Gold Participation Places

There isn't a limit on the number of Participation Places an LO can apply for, but the Places must be for young people supported by the Fund and should be guided by Country Operational Teams and their Business Plan.

<sup>1</sup> By 'At risk' we mean any young person who may be vulnerable due to, for example, their age, mental health, disability, illness, gender, race, religion or belief sexual orientation, economic status or who may be unable to take care of themselves against abuse.







“ Located in an area of Blackpool which has high levels of deprivation, there are many families on low incomes and therefore opportunities like the Duke of Edinburgh are fantastic for the students as it allows them to access activities and skills that they might not have the opportunity to do, due to The Resilience Funding that we receive off the Duke of Edinburgh. Having access to The Resilience Funding has been absolutely life changing for individuals at South Shore Academy. It has allowed nearly 300 students over the last three years to be able to access the DofE who without this funding would never have had the opportunity to do this.”

Amy Leach, DofE Manager,  
South Shore Academy, Blackpool

## Key dates

- The Resilience Fund will **open for applications on 24th November 2023.**
- The fund will **close to applications in week commencing 11 March 2024,** or sooner should the DofE decide to do so.





# Licenced Organisation Application Process

## Step 1

Contact your DofE Operations Officer to find out more.

## Step 2

If eligible, complete the DofE's Grant Application Form with the support of your Operations Officer.

## Step 3

Submit your application form, including reading and confirming you agree to the DofE's Terms and Conditions.

## Step 4

Your application will be reviewed, and you will receive an email from your Operations Officer confirming whether it has been successful or not.

## Step 5

If successful, use your grant in line with the agreement.

## Step 6

Complete an interim and final report by the dates stated on your application form.

### Reporting requirements

The reports will ask how your organisation has used the grant to support young people from marginalised backgrounds to do their DofE and the impact this has had.

### Further support:

Please contact your DofE Operations Officer for further guidance or support.

