

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award impact in numbers

Youth Without Limits strategy April 2021 – March 2026



Record breaking participation numbers

1,664,604 awards started

– over 600,000 above original target



Over 21 million

volunteering hours
given by young people



£130m

estimated total value
of volunteering hours given
in support of others

Widening access

1,000+ more organisations started delivering DofE including



- 59 prisons and young offender institutions
- 312 new schools in IMD 1-3 postcodes
- 327 community organisations
- 539 new SEND settings



Awards started by young people

- 438,631 from minority ethnic backgrounds
- 123,840 with additional needs and disabilities
- 249,556 experiencing poverty

£4.2m



in funding distributed to support over
111,500 young people
to have a DofE experience

30.9%

of 14-year-olds doing
Bronze Award
(*as of March 2026)

