

Insurance

All Council staff and volunteers working on the Award are vetted to ensure that they are suitably qualified and competent. The staff, volunteers and the young people taking part in activities organised by the Council are covered by third party insurance. You are advised to take out personal injury insurance for your child.

Activities outwith school or Council arrangements are not covered by the Council's insurance. Therefore, you are strongly advised to arrange private insurance cover for your child and/or seek written assurances from the provider with regard to safety standards, the qualifications and competencies of instructors, and their insurance cover in the event of a young person suffering an accident or loss during those activities.

Adult Volunteering

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award helps develop young people, building confidence, self-reliance and social skills. These life skills are highly rated by employers and universities.

If you have particular talents as an administrator, an arts or music teacher or you have an outdoor adventurous activity qualification you might consider helping your child's school deliver the Duke of Edinburgh's Award experience.

Training is available to enable you to support young people through the Award. If you are interested please contact your school or Moray Council's DofE Staff on 07890 275514 or DofEMoray@moray.gov.uk

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Introduction to The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

For Parents and Guardians in Moray



THE DUKE
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AWARD



What is the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is the world's leading achievement based award; recognised and valued by universities and employers. It is valued because of the breadth of involvement and the commitment young people need to show to achieve the award.

Whilst the onus is on young people to complete their Award, they will need support from parents/guardians. This leaflet outlines the structure of the Award and how you can support your son/daughter.

Levels and Section

The Award is organised into 3 levels:



Each level builds on the previous one; using the skills learnt to meet new challenges.

Each level has 4 elements (known as sections). These are: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and an Expedition.

The sections provide a broad selection of challenges to help develop a wide range essential skills for life and work.

Individual Commitment

Young people normally start their Duke of Edinburgh's experience at Bronze level. They can begin working on all their sections as soon as they have enrolled.

They must choose the activities they want to undertake for each section. With a wide range of activities available, they will be able to find activities that match their interests. Young people can use activities that they already enjoy, such as attending youth organisations, playing a sport or learning to play a musical instrument. Or they can use DofE as a chance to try a new activity or skill.

At Bronze level, each section requires a commitment of one hour per week which must be sustained for a minimum of 3 months (plus an additional 3 months on one section)

For the expedition section young people need to complete a training package, a practice expedition and a qualifying expedition. The training and the expeditions can be tailored to suit the level of the award and the needs of the young people taking part. For Bronze, the expeditions must include two days walking and an overnight camp.

More information on the levels and sections of the Award can be found at <https://www.dofe.org>

Parental Support

Whilst the emphasis is on the young people giving time and commitment to achieve the Award, your child/ward will need support. For example your child may need lifts to attend sessions for their Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections or to take part in expedition training. These activities may be carried out in school, sports club, community centre or another location.

Often the best support that you can give is to remind your child/ward to keep their record of activity up to date on eDofE.

Cost

There is an enrolment fee of £28 for Bronze and Silver, £35 for Gold. Participants will receive a welcome which will help them get started on their Award. They will need to record their activities on an easy to use electronic system called eDofE. When they complete their each level of the Award they will receive a Certificate.

Making Sure Your Child is Properly Supervised

The school or Moray Council will provide PVG cleared volunteers to support expedition training and supervise your child whilst on their expeditions. Activities for the other sections may also be carried out by teaching staff or other volunteers already PVG cleared.

However, if your child wishes to take part in an activity run by other agencies such as voluntary clubs, commercial organisations or local groups, eg: a sports club, a dance class or a guitar tutor, then it is your responsibility to ensure that the adult supervising that session is trustworthy. The Council does not vet these agencies, their staff or volunteers, or the standards of work that they provide.