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The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
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The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Information Update



Award Statistics

The Award in Stirling goes from strength to strength. In the year ending March 05 we issued more books, and young people from within Stirling District gained more Awards than ever before. The actual figures were:

- **Books Issued – 380**
- **Bronze Awards - 69**
- **Silver Awards – 20**
- **Gold Awards – 5**

In addition to this we issued 70 section certificates.

This year we are keeping up the good work, so far we have issued 42 Awards.

Remember that these figures do not include Awards and Section certificates gained by Pauline's New Start groups.

The credit for this magnificent achievement lies with all of you slogging away in your groups – all the group leaders and helpers – but especially all the young people who volunteer to put themselves through this.

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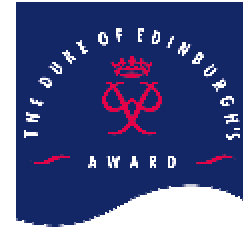
Funding Opportunities

"SERCO - one of The Award's Charter Members, is offering 'disadvantaged' young people, or groups financial support to help them with their Award Programme. Bursaries of up to £100 are available to support young people that are enrolled on the programme, but maybe having difficulties in participation because of the cost of equipment/cost of course etc

If you are an Award Leader who knows of a group or a young person that would benefit from this bursary then please contact Clare Whiston at Stirling Council Youth Support to receive a bursary application form.

This is only an information update of the latest news on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Further information will be included in the Newsletter in November. If you wish to include any articles please do not hesitate to contact Kelvin Martin on 01786 432211 or email martink@stirling.gov.uk

SCOTTISH TRAINING & EVENTS



For further information please contact

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First Steps Course for New Leaders

Date: 17th - 18th September

Cost : £70

Location: Ardmay House, Arrochar, Argyll

Who Should Attend: New or less experienced Award Leaders and Helpers

Course Aim: To provide new Award volunteers and staff with a thorough introduction to the aims, principles, requirements and delivery of the Award programme

Content: This weekend residential course will begin by looking at the values and principles that undermine the Award. The role of the Leader will be explored, and the outcomes and requirements of each of the Awards five sections will be looked at in detail. The course is highly participative with the emphasis on learning and having fun at the same time.

Assessor Accreditation Course

Date: 30-1st November 2005

Cost : £75.00

Location: Glenmore Lodge, Aviemore

Who should attend: Experienced Assessors for Wild Country Panels and Operating Authorities impending to undertake Wild Country Assessments

Course aim: To prepare and accredit Assessors to undertake assessments in Wild Country Panel areas, primarily at Gold level.

These courses are not training events but are courses to validate the applicants understanding of the role of the Assessor.

Pre-requisites: Before attending the course, participants must be enrolled on the Assessors Accreditation Scheme and possess and Assessors log book.

Scottish General Council

Date: 18th - 20th November 2005

Cost : to be confirmed

Location: Tulliallan, Fife

Who Should Attend: Open to Group Leaders, helpers and interested parties.

Content: Sharing of practice, launch of new procedures, networking and celebration.

Group Work Skills

Date: 27-29th January 2005

Cost : £80

Location: Lothian

Who Should Attend: Award Leaders and Gold Award Participants

Course aim: To provide participants with practical advice and ideas to help them contribute to the development of young people and their Award Group

Content: Over the weekend participants will explore a variety of topics including; Group Dynamics, team work and leadership styles, motivation techniques, reviewing and evaluation skills

Mountain Leader Training Course

Date: 9th - 15th October 2005

Cost : £150 Subsidized rates may apply

Location: Glenmore Lodge, Aviemore

Who Should Attend:

Content:

First Steps Course for New Leaders

Date: 18th - 19th February 2006

Cost : £70

Location: Aberdeen

Who Should Attend: New or less experienced Award Leaders and Helpers.

Course Aim: To provide new Award volunteers and staff with a thorough introduction to the aims, principles, requirements and delivery of the Award programme

Content: This weekend residential course will begin by looking at the values and principles that undermine the Award. The role of the Leader will be explored, and the outcomes and requirements of each of the Awards five sections will be looked at in detail. The course is highly participative with the emphasis on learning and having fun at the same time.

Award Group Leaders: A practical residential course for Award Leaders and Helpers

Date : 17-19th March 2006 (course begins 8pm on Fri night)

Cost : £85

Location : Ardmay House, Arrochar, Argyll

Who Should Attend : New Award Group Leaders and Volunteers who have already completed a First Steps - New Leaders Course

Course Aim : To provide new Award Group Leaders and perspective leaders with a practical understanding of the key requirements of the role.

Content : Promoting & managing an Award Group, Developing Training Programmes, planning, budgeting, risk assessment and health & safety programmes.

This course can be credited towards the Open College Network Certificate in Award Leadership.

LOCAL TRAINING & EVENTS

For further information to provisionally reserve a place please contact:

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The Steeple
65 King Street
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Tel: 01786 432211
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<http://web.stirling.gov.uk/>

Induction Course for New Leaders

Date: Oct 2005 (to be confirmed)

Cost : Free

Location: Stirling (to be confirmed)

Who Should Attend: New or less experienced Award Leaders and Helpers.

Course Aim: To provide new Award volunteers and staff with a thorough introduction to the aims, principles, requirements and delivery of the Award programme

Content: This course will begin by looking at the values and principles that undermine the Award. The role of the Leader will be explored, and the outcomes and requirements of each of the Awards five sections will be looked at in detail. The course is highly participative with the emphasis on learning and having fun at the same time.

National Navigation Award Scheme

Date: To be confirmed

Cost : £20

Location: Stirling (to be confirmed)

Who Should Attend: New or less experienced Award Leaders and Helpers who haven't attended the BELA course and would like to support young people to undertake lowland expeditions as experienced helpers.

Course Aim: Bronze NNAS Award - navigation in the countryside using paths tracks and other linear features, basic map interpretation and compass work is included. Distance 2-5 kilometers

Content: The National Navigation Award Scheme (NNAS) is a personal performance, non-competitive, incentive scheme for all ages.

Training and Assessment courses use Harvey Maps of 1:25000 or 1:40 000 scale, Ordnance Survey maps of 1:25000 or 1:50000 scale or orienteering maps of 1:10000 or 1:15000 scale.

- Would you like to enhance your enjoyment of the countryside?
- Would you like to develop sound navigation practice including planning walking routes?
- In doing so, you could achieve a personal performance award in navigation at the NNAS Bronze, validated to a national standard.

Basic Expedition Leadership (BELA)

Date: Jan - April 2006

Cost : £35 Subsidised rates may apply

Location: Stirling (to be confirmed)

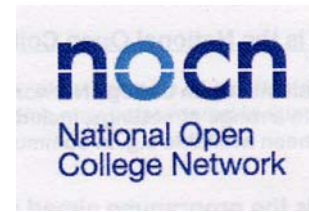
Who Should Attend: All Group Leader's and helpers who wish to support young people to undertake lowland expeditions.

Content: Lead groups in lowland areas, have responsibility for the care of others when outdoors including day journeys and organise basic standing camps.

Emergency First Aid Course

For all Award Group Leaders and helpers who haven't an up to date emergency first aid certificate please contact Clare Whiston Project Leader on 01786432211 to put your name forward for the forthcoming courses.

Open College Network Training Opportunity



For many years now, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Scotland has been providing training and accreditation for Award Group leaders and helpers, by offering the Open College Network (OCN) qualification in Award Scheme Leadership. The qualification is aimed at existing Award leaders or anyone interested in becoming an Award leader. It is also suitable as an option for those undertaking the Service Section of their Gold Award.

The programme takes between six months and a year to complete. Registration for the course is in October.

The Award is gained by completing a programme of four units:

- **Knowledge of the Award**
- **Managing an Award Group**
- **Group Work Skills**
- **Practical Award Leadership**

Participants complete the programme in three ways:

- **Attendance on the weekend courses run by the Scottish Award Office – The Group Work Skills Course (January 06), and the First Steps Course (February 06).**
- **Completion of a portfolio of evidence**
- **Work with your local Award Group (which might be an Open Group, or at a local school)**

Throughout you will be supported by Kelvin Martin from Stirling Council Youth Support. We expect to be able to help you with costs for this programme. However, because of the time involved in tutoring, we only have the capacity to support up to two participants per year, therefore if you would like to take part in this please contact Kelvin Martin at Youth Support as soon as possible on **01786 432211**.



This interesting article appeared in the Youthlink Scotland Briefing for 8 July 05. Further information can be obtained from the Youthlink Scotland web site at www.youthlink.co.uk

“Grants of £5000 to £25000 are available for projects led by youth and community groups working in partnership with a heritage organisation. We are looking to support projects, which stem directly from young people’s interests

“To qualify for a grant under the Young Roots scheme your project idea should:

- Involve young people aged between 13 and 20 (or up to 25 for those with additional needs). Youth Involvement must show how young people are managing and participating in the project.
- Relate to the varied history and heritage of the UK. For example, it could involve young people carrying out research into local history or doing practical conservation work
- Be delivered in partnership with one or more heritage organisation e.g. a local heritage group, museum or wildlife site
- Increase opportunities for young people to learn about heritage through active participation.
- Promote greater understanding and appreciation of heritage for a wide range of young people

Before applying please discuss your project with Annika Roy at Youthlink Scotland on 0131 240 1590 or email annikaj@hlf.org.uk



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award – New Start

New Start is responsible for making The Award accessible and relevant to young people who wouldn't ordinarily think that the Award was for them.

Over the past 8 months Pauline has spent a lot of her time developing partnerships with voluntary and statutory organisations who previously hadn't considered the benefit of The Award within their programmes. As a direct result, young people involvement in the Award has increased and more partner organisations believe that the Award not only complements but actually enhances their work.

The New Start aims include:

- Promoting community safety
- Prevention of youth crime
- Personal & social development of young people

Agencies/Services that are currently involved in The Award include,

- Compass for Life
- Secondary School Support
- Criminal Justice
- Quarriers/The Bridge
- The Prince's Trust
- Through Care After Care
- Brucefield Residential Home
- Unit 2 – Aberlour Trust
- Fraegarroch –Barnardo's
- Cornton Vale HMP
- Careers
- Apex

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer in New Start please contact Pauline Evans, evansp@stirling.gov.uk or Telephone, The Steeple 01786 432211

Residential Opportunities

The National Trust for Scotland undertakes a wide programme of activities throughout Scotland under the Thistle Camps labels. On residential camps volunteers can help maintain and improve a projects. Upcoming projects include Rhododendron bashing on the



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and garden construction at Drum (Aberdeenshire), both in October, and footpath repair in Glencoe in September.

As well as taking part in a very worthwhile activity, these week-long projects will qualify a DoE Gold participant for their Residential Section. Participants for all the above projects participants will need to be over 18. Costs are generally £50-£75 for a week (which includes the accommodation – in a bothy or similar). Stirling Council Youth Support would be interested in supporting any young person who wished to take part in one of these projects.

For further details first visit the Thistle Camp web site at www.thistlecamps.org.uk, then please contact either Kelvin Martin or Clare Whiston at Stirling Council Youth Support

We only found out about these camps recently. However earlier in the year there were projects aimed at 16-17 year olds (the 'Trailblazer' projects). These are slightly more expensive but include the chance to do some adventurous activities including some sea kayaking. If you might be interested in a project like this, keep an eye out on their web site for their 2006 brochure.