

Our vision

Our vision is to reach more young people from diverse backgrounds and equip them as individuals to succeed in life.

Our ambition

Our long term ambition is that every eligible young person will have the opportunity to participate in the Award.

By 2020 we aim to:

- Increase the number of young people starting an Award from 500,000 each year to 750,000.
- Increase the number of Awards gained to 500,000 each year.
- Engage with more ‘at risk’ and ‘marginalised’ young people (making up 20% of all participants).



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The Award framework

A global framework for non formal education...

The Guiding Principles

Individual
Participants design their own programme, tailored to suit their personal circumstances, choices and local provision. They start at whichever level suits them and they can take as long as they wish (within the age limit) to achieve their Award.

Non-competitive
Doing the Award is a personal challenge and not a competition between participants.

Achievable
An Award is achievable by any individual who chooses to take up the challenge, regardless of ability, gender, background or location, with the right guidance and inspiration.

Voluntary
Whilst the Award may be offered within school, college, work or custody, individuals choose to do a programme and must commit some of their free time to participate.

Developmental
Participating in the Award fosters personal and social development. Individuals gain valuable experiences and life skills, grow in confidence and become more aware of their environment and community transforming them into responsible young adults.

Balanced
The Award provides a balanced framework to develop the individual's mind, body and community spirit by engaging them in a range of activities in up to five different challenges.

Progressive
At each level, the Award demands progressively more time, commitment and responsibility from the participant.

Inspiring
The Award inspires individuals to exceed their expectations. They are encouraged to set their own challenges and goals, aim for these goals and by showing improvement will achieve an Award.

Persistence
The Award requires persistence and cannot be completed with a short burst of enthusiasm. Participants are encouraged to continue with activities and to maintain their interest beyond the programme.

Enjoyable
Participants and Leaders should find the Award enjoyable, fulfilling and rewarding.

The Award

(ages 14+)

(ages 15+)

(ages 16+)



Outcomes for Young People

The immediate value of participation for the individual

- Confidence
- Managing feelings
- Resilience and determination
- Relationships and leadership
- Creativity and adaptability
- Planning and problem solving
- Civic competence
- Intercultural competence
- Personal and social well-being
- Communication

Impact measures

The long-term value of the Award for individuals and society

- Improved educational attainment
- Improved employability and sustainable livelihoods
- Improved health and well-being
- Increased participation in civic life
- Social inclusion
- The environment
- Gender equality and the empowerment of women
- Reduction and prevention of violence, conflict resolution and peace-building
- Reduced reoffending (recidivism) rates

...delivered locally

