

The Role of Leaders and Advisers for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award - England



Introduction

This is the second edition of this factsheet and now contains references to the new Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme – Award 2000.

General

This factsheet aims to clarify and explain the role of Leaders and Advisers responsible for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award within The Scout Association.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a programme of activities for young people aged between 14 and 25 years old. The Award has 3 levels - Bronze, Silver and Gold. Within each there are four sections: Service, Skills, Physical Recreation and Expeditions. In addition to this, at Gold level, there is also a residential element. There is a wide range of opportunities available within each section; these are detailed in the Award Handbook and other Scout Association factsheets (see Publications Cross Reference).

Advisers/Leaders

Each County in England has an Adviser for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and some also have District Advisers. (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland each have their own way of organising the Award.) In general terms, a County Adviser is someone who has an overall view of what is happening within Sections, Fellowships and Districts with respect to The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. He is the first point of contact for help and information for those in the County. In Scout terms, the Award Leader is the Scout or Venture Scout Leader.

Each County Adviser may be responsible for...

- Ordering and distributing Entrance Packs and Record Books.
- Liaising with the Co-ordinator at Gilwell Park, District Advisers, Leaders, County Commissioner and possibly Regional/Local Education Authority Officers.
- Helping new groups starting the Award.
- Arranging seminar/conference/information/training days.
- Checking and signing Silver, and possibly Bronze, Awards on their completion.
- Dealing with Gold Award applications on completion.
- Helping to find appropriate Supervisors and Assessors.
- Helping to link people to form groups for expeditions.
- Organising or attending presentations.
- Ensuring any necessary procedures are followed for both The Scout Association and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
- Dealing with queries/problems as they arise.
- Completing the Annual Census figures.

Award Leaders may be responsible for...

- Getting young people started.
- Helping young people to see the links between Scout/Venture Scout Awards/badges and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
- Giving encouragement.
- Liaising between the County or District Advisers and young people.

- Helping the young people to find appropriate Supervisors and Assessors.
- Organising or attending presentations.
- Ensuring any necessary procedures are followed for both The Scout Association and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

A District Adviser would be a link person between the County Adviser and the Award Leaders and may do any part (or parts) of either role depending upon the particular locality. A District Adviser may be responsible for checking and signing Bronze Awards on their completion.

Resources

The Award Scheme produces numerous resources (some are free) and also souvenirs, videos and audio visual material, as well as other reference books. These are available from: The Award Scheme Limited, Unit 18/19 Stewartfield Industrial Estate (off Newhaven Road), EDINBURGH EH6 5RQ. Some of this material may be available for loan from the Local Authority, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Regional Office or Gilwell Park.

In addition to these, The Scout Association has factsheets specifically linking with The Duke of Edinburgh's Award available from the Information Centre at Gilwell Park (see Publications Cross Reference).

Below is a list of the main Duke of Edinburgh's Award resources:

Essential	-	Entrance Packs and
	-	Award Handbook
		(The Duke of
		Edinburgh's Award)
Desirable	-	Skills File
	-	Expedition Guide
	-	Exploration Resource
		Pack
		(The Duke of
		Edinburgh's Award)

Support from Headquarters

As an Operating Authority for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, The Scout Association has a member of staff responsible for co-ordinating the

Awards. The Co-ordinator gives the Association approval to Gold Awards, and is also available to give help and advice on any aspect of the Award.

Queries should be addressed to: The Co-ordinator for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, The Scout Association, Gilwell Park, Chingford, LONDON E4 7QW.

Publications Cross Reference

From The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Award Handbook
Expedition Guide
Exploration Resource Pack
Skills File

From The Scout Association

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