
Time to Shine
Youth Arts
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— Introduction —

It is the vision of *Time To Shine* to support all Scotland's children and young people to flourish and achieve in and through the arts and creativity.

For some young people with a particular interest in the arts, realising their ambition means developing a particular artistic skill to a certain recognised standard – perhaps leading to a career in the arts and the creative industries. For others, the arts will uncover personal qualities that will help them grow confidently as citizens and lead towards realising ambitions in their lives that may lie elsewhere.

Either way, recognising progression through an established awards-based scheme can be an excellent way to support a young person in attaining goals and ambitions through crediting achievement.

This document has therefore been produced to act as a guide for youth arts providers who may want to offer such a chance for young people to gain an award as part of their youth arts activity.

The document offers a summary of awards schemes currently available in Scotland for arts activities. Each summary includes details of what the award entails and what young people will have to do, where and if it fits into the Scottish Qualification Framework, and contact details for each organisation to help you and the young people you work with decide which award best fits their needs.

As well as this there is information on what your organisation will need to do to offer the award.

Please note that Creative Scotland is not affiliated to any of the awards providers detailed and provides this document for guidance purposes only.

Arts Award

Arts Award is a range of unique qualifications recognised on the Qualifications and Credit Framework for England and accredited by Ofqual. The awards are managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England.

Arts Award can be achieved at five levels; four accredited qualifications **Explore**, **Bronze**, **Silver** and **Gold** and an introductory award **Discover**.

Arts Award can be achieved in any area of the arts from fashion to poetry, rapping to dancing, sculpture to film. Young people can create or perform their own work, or develop skills in essential roles like marketing or stage management.

Arts Award can be done wherever art is happening with young people – youth clubs, arts centres, schools, colleges, theatres or community groups.

Doing an Arts Award means children and young people can gain a nationally recognised qualification. Young people develop a portfolio or arts log with evidence of the activities they have taken part in that demonstrate their art form knowledge and understanding, creativity, communication and their abilities to plan and review.

Young people will:

- take part in different arts activities
- be inspired by artists and arts organisations
- experience arts events
- share their arts skills with others
- create a portfolio or arts log. This could be a digital portfolio through **Artsbox**, a digital platform and app for young people working towards their Arts Award.

Young people:

- set themselves arts challenges
- organise their own arts leadership project
- research arts careers and the arts sector

Arts Award is available to anyone up to the age of 25 and young people can start at any level. To deliver Arts Award at your organisation you will need to train as an Arts Award adviser by attending a training course at Discover and Explore, Bronze and Silver or Gold level. Arts Award advisers can choose the award that is most appropriate to the needs and interests of the young people they are working with. To help with this we have put together this recommended age guidance.

Award level	Age	Time in hours	Credit (Qualifications and Credit Framework - England)	Challenges	Evidence
Discover	5-9	20	N/A	Children and young people discover the arts around them find out about artists and their work and share their experiences with others.	Keep a record of their work in an arts log or digital portfolio.
Explore	7-11	25	Entry level 3 Award in the arts	Children and young people take part in a range of arts activities, find out about artists and arts organisations, create their own art work and share their work with others.	Keep a record of their work in an arts log or digital portfolio.
Bronze	11-14	40	Level 1 Award in the arts	Take part in an arts activity, experience an arts event, research their arts inspiration and share their arts skills.	Plan their work with an adviser, keep a record by creating their own Arts Award portfolio.
Silver	14-16	60	Level 2 Award in the arts	Two units: Unit 1, Arts Practice and Pathways; Unit 2, Arts Leadership Achieve an arts challenge, review arts events, research artists and arts organisations, and deliver an arts leadership project with others.	Plan their work with an adviser, keep a record by creating their own Arts Award portfolio.
Gold	16 plus	90	Level 3 Certificate in the arts	Two units: Unit 1, Personal Arts Development; and Unit 2, Leadership of an Arts Project Develops creativity, communication, planning, teamwork and leadership skills.	Plan their work with an adviser, keep a record by creating their own Arts Award portfolio.

What will your organisation need to do?

Get started by training staff as Arts Award advisers by booking in-house training for six or more to get training tailored to your setting. Alternatively, individuals can book onto a course at various locations throughout the year. Find out more about training courses and book a place at www.artsaward.org.uk/training

Once your staff are trained, your organisation can register as an Arts Award centre and start promoting Arts Award as part of your offer. As a registered centre you can access planning resources and information to assist in your delivery of Arts Award.

Once young people have completed their portfolio or arts log, it is assessed by the adviser. A moderator then checks this assessment for the QCF accredited levels. Moderations can be **booked online** and there are a range of moderation options available to suit you.

More information about costs and funding Arts Award can be found **here**.

Find out more about how you can get involved in Arts Award at www.artsaward.org.uk

Dance Leadership Award

The Level 1 Award in Dance Leadership is a nationally recognised qualification that enables successful learners to lead small groups in simple dance activities, whilst under the direct supervision of their Tutor/Assessor or other suitably qualified adult. The award is offered by Sports Leaders UK.

The qualification teaches generic leadership skills such as organisation, planning, communication and teamwork through the medium of dance. There are no entrance requirements or final examinations to sit with this qualification.

- Age: 13+ (please note, there is no upper age limit for this qualification)
- Guided learning hours: 33 hours (including one hour demonstration of leadership)

In Scotland the award is an SCQF Level 4 Award.

In order for learners to complete their Level 1 Award in Dance Leadership they must complete one hour demonstration of leadership. This element of the qualification is part of Unit 1;

however the one hour demonstration of leadership must happen at the end of the course, after all of the taught aspects have been delivered.

What will your organisation need to do?

Organisations wishing to deliver the award must apply online to become an Approved Assessment Centre (AAC). There is no fee to become an AAC but at least one person per AAC must have trained in the relevant qualification. Costs can be found [here](#).

<http://association.sportsleaders.org/tutors/awardsqualifications/qcf-qualifications/level-1-award-in-dance-leadership>

Young people will need to:

Young people are required to participate in the following to receive their award:

Unit name	Guided Learning Hours (GLH)	Credits	Mandatory or optional
1. Plan, lead and review a dance activity	12	2	M
2. Developing leadership skills	3	1	M
3. Lead activities that promote a healthy lifestyle	5	1	M
4. The relationship of music to dance	4	1	M
5. Use a stimulus to create a dance piece	6	1	M
6. Opportunities in dance	3	1	M

Youth Achievement Awards

Youth Achievement Awards offer significant opportunities for young people to develop the four Curriculum for Excellence capacities: successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens. They recognise young people's contributions in a variety of settings including youth work, volunteering, active citizenship and formal education.

Aimed at young people aged 14+, the Awards recognise four levels of responsibility taken by young people participating in activities that interest them. Bronze is about young people taking part, at Silver young people assist – sharing responsibility with others, at Gold they take individual responsibility to organise, and at Platinum they undertake training and lead.

The Award does not come with a programme; instead, the open framework allows learning providers to mould the Award around existing youth work and school programmes.

This is an individual learning award, meaning it should reflect the interests and needs of the individuals who participate. Participants choose the challenges (activities) they wish to work on and set themselves personal targets to work towards as they complete their challenges. There are no set themes or modules. Participants must collect evidence as they work on their challenges.

Evidence can come in any format as long as it demonstrates the young person was working towards their personal targets, records the time they spent on their challenge and that they took the level of responsibility appropriate to the level of the award.

What will your organisation need to do?

Your organisation will need to register as Participating Unit with an Operating Agency. Operating Agencies oversee the delivery of awards and Participating Units are groups that operate the award directly with young people. Please contact the Youth Scotland Awards Team on 0131 554 2561 to discuss your options or email awards@youthscotland.org.uk. Registration as a Participating Unit is £60 annually and allows you to give out 25 awards each year. Once you are registered you will need to purchase a **Youth Achievement Award** booklet which vary between £9 and £12 depending on the level chosen.

www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/youth-achievement-awards.htm

Young People will need to:

Young people taking part in Youth Achievement Awards will need to:

Award	Age	Time	Requirements	SCQF Level	SCQF Credit Points
Bronze	14+	60hrs	Take part in an arts activity	4	7
Silver	14+	90hrs	Help to organise an arts activity	5	11
Gold	14+	120hrs	Plan, organise and lead an arts activity	6	14
Platinum	16+	135hrs	Take on leadership and peer education role.	7	16

Dynamic Youth Awards

Dynamic Youth Awards are peer-assessed awards recognising the contributions and achievements of young people age 10+.

The awards can be incorporated into existing youth work and school programmes. Young people are encouraged to self-assess and then peer-assess each other's achievements, and can use the awards as an access route to the **Youth Achievement Awards**.

Key Features of the Award:

- They are peer assessed: young people assess and recommend the award for certification as part of an Award Group
- They are externally accredited by **ASDAN**, the Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network
- They are credit rated on the **Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF)** at Level 3 by SQA
- They are non-prescriptive: the awards complement existing quality youth work practice providing a framework, not a programme
- They encourage and support youth participation: the process encourages young people to take ownership over their activities and own awards They are progressive: the awards encourage continuing participation and increasing responsibility.

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www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/dynamic-youth/dynamic-youth.htm

Award	Age	Time	SCQF Level	SCQF Credit Points
Dynamic Youth One Star Award	10-14	5-15hrs	3	1
Dynamic Youth Two Star Award	10-14	16-30hrs	3	2
Dynamic Youth Three Star Award	10-14	31-100hrs	3	7
Dynamic Youth Four Star Award	10-14	101-250hrs	3	17
Dynamic Youth Five Star Award	10-14	250+hrs	3	31

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