

The DofE UK statistics

1 April 2019-31 March 2020

Awards started

295,490

young people started their DofE journey – up 2.6% on last year

This includes

72,577

disadvantaged young people – up 6% on last year



201,958

Bronze Awards started



63,031

Silver Awards started



30,501

Gold Awards started

490,535

young people are currently doing their DofE programme

27.6% of 14 year olds in the UK started a Bronze DofE programme

Awards achieved



A total of

159,051

Awards were achieved – that's 3.9% more than last year



112,525

Bronze Awards achieved



34,123

Silver Awards achieved



12,403

Gold Awards achieved

Of those who started...

55.2%

...achieved an Award*

DofE statistics – South West

1 April 2019-31 March 2020

Awards started

28,408

young people started their DofE journey – up 5.6% on last year

This includes

5,373

disadvantaged young people – up 9% on last year



18,987

Bronze Awards started



6,121

Silver Awards started



3,300

Gold Awards started

47,572

young people are currently doing their DofE programme in the Region

32.2% of 14 year olds in the Region started a Bronze DofE programme

Awards achieved



A total of

15,794

Awards were achieved – that's 9.6% more than last year



11,394

Bronze Awards achieved



3,187

Silver Awards achieved



1,213

Gold Awards achieved

Of those who started...

58.7%

...achieved an Award*

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award



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OUR PURPOSE

We help young people build life-long belief in themselves, supporting them to take on their own challenges, follow their passions, and discover talents they never knew they had. Because when you prove to yourself that you're ready for anything, nothing can hold you back.



Our strategic goals

Over the next five years, we'll work towards four strategic goals.



Access



Relevance



Impact



Quality

These goals will be powered by three strategic drivers:



People-powered
and values-led



Data-led and
digitally innovative



Financially and
environmentally
sustainable

ACCESS

We'll make the DofE more widely available and accessible, increasing the number and diversity of young people who can access a DofE programme.



To do this, we'll:

- work with existing and new partners and young people to better understand and tackle barriers to participation and progression
- develop new delivery models so we can take DofE to where young people are, particularly reaching those who experience marginalisation
- support and advise DofE centres so they can increase the number and diversity of young people who can access DofE programmes.





RELEVANCE

We'll ensure the DofE is relevant, engaging and inspiring for young people and our supporters.



To do this, we'll:

- put young people at the heart of shaping, championing and representing the DofE, and create support and leadership roles for young people, such as Young Leaders and Young Ambassadors
- connect young people with opportunities to help them make a positive impact on issues they care about
- engage and expand DofE's supporter community (including alumni and employers) to help expand DofE's reach and impact
- build DofE's brand and communication, adapting it to different audiences, to boost its profile, reach, influence and income.

QUALITY

We'll ensure that all young people doing their DofE experience a high-quality, challenging and personalised programme, delivered by a dedicated DofE Leader.



To do this, we'll:

- refresh our quality framework so DofE Leaders are supported to deliver DofE programmes in the most personalised and impactful way
- adapt and innovate DofE programmes to ensure they continue to be accessible, relevant and impactful for the new generation of young people
- support our diverse network of delivery partners by refreshing our digital training offer, facilitating local collaborations and streamlining programme administration
- improve access to meaningful volunteering opportunities and high-quality activities for young people doing their DofE.





IMPACT

We'll measure and articulate the impact of DofE – and use our reach, credibility and partnerships to influence decisions and debates that affect young people's overall life chances.



To do this, we'll:

- embed our new impact framework to measure and strengthen our short and longer-term impact
- recognise young people's achievements throughout their DofE journey, and support them to track and reflect on their own progress and outcomes
- explore ways for local centres to assess and communicate their impact
- influence debate and decisions on issues that affect young people's life chances and well-being – particularly education, personal development, employment opportunities and mental health.

My DofE Journey: Designed by me and for me

DofE is a personal challenge that helps me get the most out of life and make a difference to the world around me.

During my programme

I've set myself goals and persevere to reach these.



I think about what I've done and I'm proud of my achievements.



I'm being active and having fun.



I'm giving something back to my community.



I'm doing things I wouldn't have done otherwise and being challenged, in a good way.



I'm meeting new people and making new friends.

Medium-term outcomes



I feel more confident. When things get tough I know I can work through them.

I feel good about myself.



I've learnt personal and practical skills that help me now and will help me in the future.



I'm more aware of who I want to be and what I can do to get there. I feel I can make a difference.

I feel closer to my community and to the world around me.



Longer-term impact



I've got tools I can draw on that help my mental health and wellbeing.



I'm more likely to fulfil my potential, including in work and education.



I'm more willing to speak up and step up to help other people.



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