



# Delivering 21st century skills

Arts Award is a unique set of qualifications that support children and young people up to the age of 25 to enjoy the arts and develop as artists and arts leaders. Young people completing Arts Award acquire creativity and communication skills that are essential for success in 21st century life.

Since Arts Award launched in 2005, over 399,000 awards have been achieved across five levels – Discover, Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold.

In England, Arts Award is managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England working with 10 regional Bridge organisations.

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## Creativity for life

There are five key areas where Arts Award has been found to have a positive impact on young people, as shown through the results of our three-year impact study\* led by London South Bank University.

Life skills

Of the many positive impacts that Arts Award can have on young people, a key area is the development of skills transferable to the world of work, such as increased confidence, leadership and organisational skills.

Accreditation

Arts Award is a highly respected and universal qualification, based on sound approaches to teaching and learning.

Arts choices

Arts Award influences young people's choice of subjects and supports successful applications for further study.

Entrepreneurial skills

Completing an Arts Award encourages independent learning, creativity and communication skills; all vital for a career as a freelancer or arts entrepreneur or for careers beyond the arts.

Creativity for life

Arts Award develops young people from all backgrounds as creative artists and arts leaders, nurturing their understanding of routes to education and employment in the creative and cultural sector.

Find out more at: artsaward.org.uk/impactstudy

<sup>\*</sup>Researchers tracked 68 young people over two years during and after doing Arts Award. Research was led by London South Bank University and focused on Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.



Arts Award gave me a whole new set of skills in photography and an interest in the arts. I also learned leadership and organisational skills which have really helped me at university. Carl, Gold Arts Award achiever

### Which level is right for young people?

Arts Award is designed to support children and young people to develop their skills and interests in the arts, building their knowledge as they progress through the levels. Young people can start at any level and advisers determine the best starting point by considering the needs and abilities of their group. Arts Award's flexible framework means young people can work across a wide range of arts, cultural and heritage activities and projects, including creative and technical roles.

### **Arts Award Discover**

20 guided learning hours (recommended)

Arts Award Discover is designed for ages 5 and above but is open to anyone aged up to 25

Start the arts adventure! To achieve Arts Award Discover, young people:

- take part in arts activities
- research artists or craftspeople and their work
- share their arts discoveries

Find out more at: artsaward.org.uk/discover

### **Arts Award Explore**

(Qualification no. 600/3894/9) Entry Level (Entry 3) on the RQF\*
25 guided learning hours + 10 independent learning hours = 35 hours' total qualification time
Arts Award Explore is designed for ages 7 and above but is open to anyone aged up to 25

Explore the arts and be inspired! To achieve Arts Award Explore, young people:

- take part in a range of arts activities
- explore the work of artists or craftspeople and arts organisations
- create a piece of art work
- > share with others what they enjoyed and achieved through completing their Arts Award

Find out more at: artsaward.org.uk/explore

### **Bronze Arts Award**

(Qualification no. 501/0081/6) Level 1 on the RQF\* 40 guided learning hours + 20 independent learning hours = 60 hours' total qualification time Bronze Arts Award is open to anyone aged 11 to 25

Take part in the arts and share new skills! To achieve Bronze Arts Award, young people:

- take part in the arts
- experience and review an arts event
- research the career and work of an artist or craftsperson
- pass on an arts skill

Find out more at: artsaward.org.uk/bronze

### Silver Arts Award

(Qualification no. 500/9914/0) Level 2 on the RQF\*

60 guided learning hours + 35 independent learning hours = 95 hours' total qualification time Silver Arts Award is designed for ages 14 and above but is open to anyone aged 11 to 25

Take on a challenge and lead others! Silver Arts Award has two units: arts practice & pathways and arts leadership.

To achieve Silver Arts Award, young people:

- plan, complete and review an arts challenge
- review arts events and share their views
- research future opportunities and careers in the arts
- develop leadership skills through planning, delivering and reviewing an arts project

Find out more at: artsaward.org.uk/silver

### Gold Arts Award

(Qualification no. 500/9666/7) Level 3 on the RQF\* 16 UCAS points 90 guided learning hours + 60 independent learning hours = 150 hours' total qualification time Gold Arts Award is designed for ages 16 and above but is open to anyone aged 11 to 25

Develop arts skills and lead the way! Gold Arts Award has two units: personal arts development and leadership of an arts project.

To achieve Gold Arts Award, young people:

- extend their arts practice, experience another art form and create new work
- get involved in the world of the arts through placements, volunteering, training and research
- review arts events and find out about artists or craftspeople and their career paths
- research and make the case for an arts issue
- develop leadership skills through taking individual responsibility for planning, delivering and reviewing an arts project and sharing it publicly

#### Find out more at: artsaward.org.uk/gold



Uckfield Community Technology College photo Kirsten Holst



Discover Children's Story Centre

<sup>\*</sup>RQF = Regulated Qualifications Framework

### How to prepare, plan and deliver Arts Award

To run Arts Award, book onto a training course to become an Arts Award adviser. Our courses are delivered throughout the year nationwide or can be offered in-house at your organisation exclusively to your staff team. Arts Award advisers support children and young people by providing guidance and assessing their work. Find out more at: artsaward.org.uk/gettingstarted

Advisers can be teachers, arts practitioners, youth workers, volunteers or members of learning teams. They need to have experience of working with young people and access to arts opportunities, but don't have to be arts specialists.

After training, register your organisation to become an Arts Award centre. Centres can be theatres, art galleries, museums, libraries, schools, colleges, youth clubs, or arts and cultural organisations. Registration is a quick and free process.

#### Support for advisers

Following training, support is on hand to help advisers deliver Arts Award successfully including:

- a range of resources such as delivery ideas, planning tools, moderation and assessment tips, along with all relevant criteria and paperwork
- free support visits, surgeries and webinars which can be booked online
- regular blog posts on how Arts Award can work in practice: artsaward.org.uk/blog

Full details of the support options on offer are available at artsaward.org.uk/adviserhub

### Support for young people

Young people can get inspiration from Arts Award Voice, an online platform dedicated to young people doing Arts Award. The Bronze, Silver and Gold Hubs offer step-by-step guidance, case studies of achievers, interviews with artists, portfolio examples and downloadable planners to help young people to complete their awards. Young people can also get benefits and opportunities by joining the Arts Award Voice community. **Find out more at: artsawardvoice.com** 

## Delivering Arts Award

Arts Award can be delivered in many ways and in a wide range of settings. You can map it to your existing activity or use it to kick-start something new. Arts Award delivery happens in curriculum or extra-curricular and enrichment programmes, museum or heritage projects, weekly clubs or groups, and partnership projects. We have a range of free resources to help plan and deliver any Arts Award project at artsaward.org.uk/resources

#### **Evidence and assessment**

Young people create an arts log or portfolio by collecting evidence of their arts journey and skills development. These can take any format from drawing and blogging to photography and video. Once young people have completed their arts log or portfolio it is assessed internally by the adviser. An external moderator then validates this assessment (except at Discover level which is internal assessment only). There are a range of moderation options available. Find one to suit you and book online at artsaward.org.uk/moderation

### **Partnerships**

We work closely with many organisations and national bodies to increase young people's access to Arts Award, including but not limited to Children & the Arts, Kids in Museums, Youth Music, Into Film. Find out more at: artsaward.org.uk/partnerships

### **Funding**

There are many ways of funding Arts Award. Schools, colleges, local authorities and training bodies may be able to use accreditation funds. Funders welcome Arts Award as a way of monitoring your project's impact as well as providing a measurable outcome and a national qualification for young people. Check out Arts Council England's Children, Young People and Learning Project Grants which can fund some of the costs associated with delivering Arts Award.

Find out more at: artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants

The Arts Award Access Fund is also available for organisations working with young people who face barriers to accessing the awards. Find out more at: artsaward.org.uk/accessfundinfo

### Cost

#### Adviser training (per person)

| Levels             | Length   | Cost (until August 2019) |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Discover & Explore | Half day | £149                     |
| Bronze & Silver    | Full day | £199                     |
| Gold               | Half day | £129                     |

New for 2018/19: You can now attend Gold adviser training without first completing the Bronze & Silver course (see back cover for more details).

Get a discount of up to 37%\* per person on these costs when you book in-house training for a group of six or more.

### Moderation/certification (per young person)

| Level    | Cost                     |
|----------|--------------------------|
| Discover | £3.95 (certificate only) |
| Explore  | £13.50                   |
| Bronze   | £24                      |
| Silver   | £29                      |
| Gold     | £42                      |

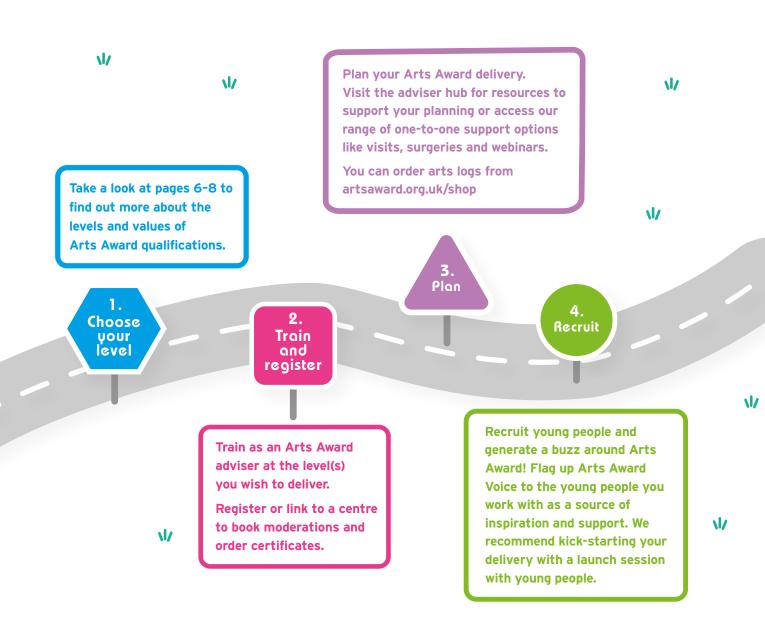
Get a discount of up to 25%\*\* per young person on these costs when you deliver with large groups.

Find out more about in-house training and large group moderation/certification discounts, as well as tips for funding and budget planning: artsaward.org.uk/costs

<sup>\*</sup>Discount level based on a group size of 15 people doing Bronze & Silver training.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Discount level based on a group size of over 100 young people doing Discover and all within one certificate order.

## The Arts Award journey





### Get in touch

The Arts Award team is here to help at every stage, whether you're looking to get started, deliver the award, arrange a moderation or promote your programme.

Arts Award website artsaward.org.uk

Arts Award Voice artsawardvoice.com

Arts Award blog artsaward.org.uk/blog

Help centre artsaward.org.uk/helpcentre

Telephone 020 7820 6178

Email artsawardenquiries@trinitycollege.co.uk

Keep up to date on all things Arts Award and join in the conversation on Twitter and Facebook.





### Life after Arts Award

When young people finish their awards, they become Arts Award alumni. If they have signed up on Arts Award Voice (see page 9) we'll keep in touch with them to offer help and opportunities for their next step and to profile their pathway. Find out more at: voicemag.uk/artsaward/alumni



