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‘Arts Award has made me realise what I am capable of doing’  
Mia, Explore achiever

# Delivering 21st century skills

Arts Award is a unique set of qualifications that supports children and young people up to the age of 25 in enjoying the arts and developing as artists and arts leaders. Since Arts Award launched in 2005, over 300,000 awards have been achieved at one of five levels - Discover, Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Young people completing Arts Award acquire creative and communication skills that are essential for success in 21<sup>st</sup> century life.

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 transferable skills 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. It encourages young people to explore new areas of the arts.

## Entrepreneurial skills

Completing an Arts Award encourages independent learning, communication and networking, all vital skills for a career as a freelancer or arts entrepreneur.

## 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.



Chipping Camden, photo Kirstin Prisk

**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

\*Researchers tracked 68 young people over 2 years during and after doing Arts Award. Research led by London South Bank University, focused on Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

**Find out more at: [artsaward.org.uk/impactstudy](https://artsaward.org.uk/impactstudy)**

# Which level is right for young people?

Arts Award's flexible framework means young people can work across a wide range of arts and cultural activities and projects, including creative and technical roles. Young people can start at any level or progress through all five. Advisers identify the level that best meets the needs, interests and abilities of the young people they are working with.

## Arts Award Discover

20 guided learning hours (recommended)

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

- ▶ take part in the arts
- ▶ experience artists' work
- ▶ share what they have discovered

**Find out more:** [artsaward.org.uk/discover](https://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 total hours' total qualification time

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

- ▶ take part in a range of arts activities
- ▶ explore the work of artists and arts organisations
- ▶ create an art work
- ▶ present and share their Arts Award journey with others

**Find out more:** [artsaward.org.uk/explore](https://artsaward.org.uk/explore)

\* RQF - Regulated Qualifications Framework

## 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

Take part in the arts and share new skills! To achieve a 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 their arts skills to others

**Find out more:** [artsaward.org.uk/bronze](https://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

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

To achieve a Silver Arts Award, young people:

- ▶ plan and complete an arts challenge
- ▶ review arts events and share your views
- ▶ research arts careers
- ▶ develop leadership skills through planning, delivering and reviewing an arts project

**Find out more:** [artsaward.org.uk/silver](https://artsaward.org.uk/silver)

# Which level is right for young people?

## 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

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

To achieve a Gold Arts Award, young people:

- ▶ extend their arts practice, experience a new art form and create new work
- ▶ get involved in the art world through placements, volunteering, training and research
- ▶ attend arts events and find out about artists and their career paths
- ▶ research and make the case for an arts issue
- ▶ develop leadership skills through taking individual responsibility for planning, running and reviewing an arts project and managing a public sharing of their work

**Find out more:** [artsaward.org.uk/gold](https://artsaward.org.uk/gold)

# 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. Arts Award advisers support children and young people working towards their awards, providing guidance and assessing their work.

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

Register your organisation to become an Arts Award centre. Types of centres include theatres, art galleries, museums, libraries, schools, colleges, or youth clubs and arts and cultural organisations.

## Extra support for young people

Young people can get inspiration from Arts Award on Voice, an online resource dedicated to supporting them to complete their Arts Award. The Bronze and Gold Hubs offer case studies and portfolio examples to inspire young people to complete their Arts Award, while the Arts Award Youth Network offers opportunities and benefits.

**Find out more:** [artsawardvoice.com](https://artsawardvoice.com)

Uckfield Community Technology College, photo Kirsten Holst



Rawlins College College, photo Paul Mavon



# Delivering Arts Award

Arts Award can be delivered in many ways in a wide range of settings. You can map it to your existing activity or use it to kick-start something new. Some examples are in curriculum or extra-curricular programmes and enrichment options, 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 [artsaward.org.uk/resources](https://artsaward.org.uk/resources)

## Evidence & 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.

You can book a moderation online - there is a range of moderation options available to suit you at:

[artsaward.org.uk/moderation](https://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 and the Mozilla Foundation.

[artsaward.org.uk/partnerships](https://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. Many 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. The Arts Award access fund is also available for organisations working with young people who face barriers to accessing the awards.

[artsaward.org.uk/accessfundinfo](https://artsaward.org.uk/accessfundinfo)

# Cost

## Adviser training (per person)

Levels	Length	Cost (until August 2018)
Discover & Explore	Half day	£147
Bronze & Silver	Full day	£197
Gold	Half day	£125

Get a discount of up to 38%\* per person on these costs when you book in-house training for a group of 6 or more.

## Moderation/Certification (Per young person)

Levels	Cost
Discover certificate	£3.75
Explore	£12.75
Bronze	£23
Silver	£28
Gold	£40

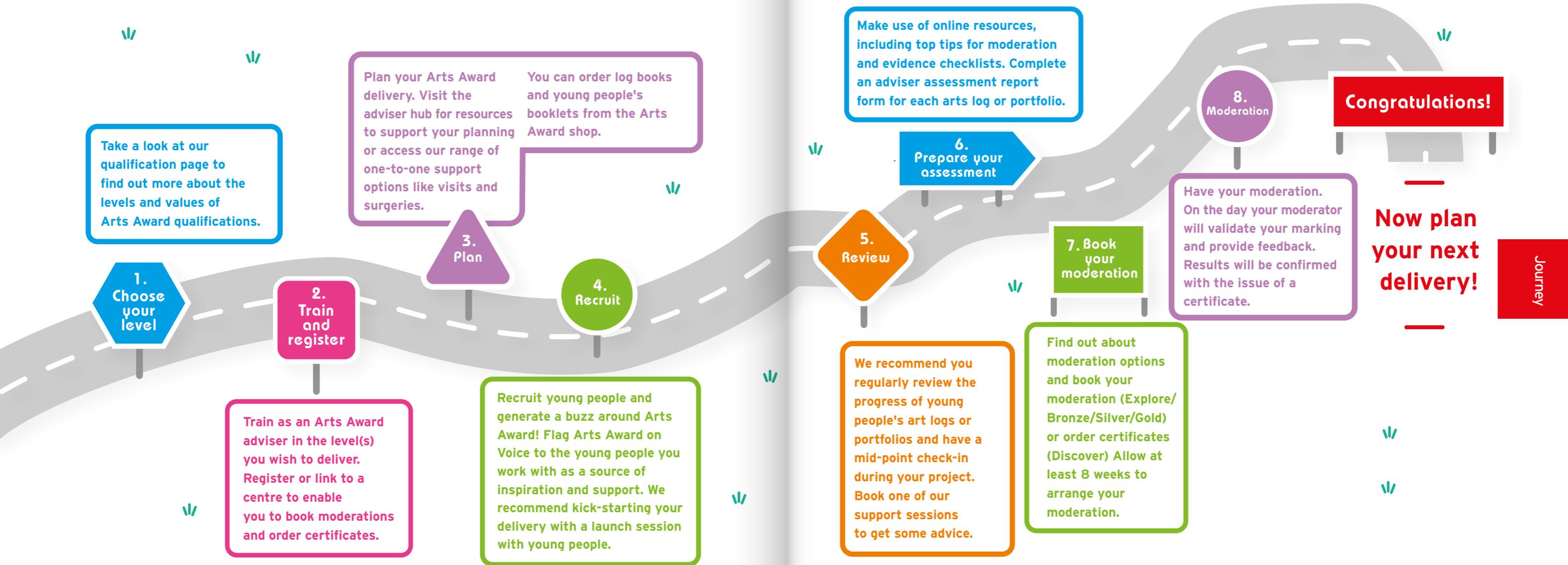
Find out more about in-house training and large group certification/moderation discounts, as well as tips for funding and budget planning: [artsaward.org.uk/costs](https://artsaward.org.uk/costs)

You can get a discount of up to 38%\* per person on costs of when you book in-house training for a group of 6 or more. You can get a discount of up to 27%† per young person on these costs when you deliver with large groups.

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

†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](http://artsaward.org.uk)
- Arts Award on Voice** [artsawardvoice.com](http://artsawardvoice.com)
- Help Centre** [artsaward.org.uk/helpcentre](http://artsaward.org.uk/helpcentre)
- Telephone** 020 7820 6178
- Email** [artsawardenquiries@trinitycollege.co.uk](mailto:artsawardenquiries@trinitycollege.co.uk)

**We're a social bunch! Keep up to date on all things Arts Award and join in the conversation**

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**Need some inspiration?**

Check out [artsaward.org.uk/blog](https://artsaward.org.uk/blog) for up-to-the-minute ideas on how Arts Award can work in practice and opportunities of interest.

**Kick-start your Arts Award delivery**

Did you know that free support is on hand to help you successfully deliver Arts Award after you've trained as an adviser?

- ▶ Access a range of resources including delivery ideas, planning tools, moderation and assessment tips, along with all relevant criteria and paperwork.
- ▶ Book support visits or attend support surgeries for free. A great option if you are struggling to get going after training.

Visit [artsaward.org.uk/adviserhub](https://artsaward.org.uk/adviserhub) for full details of support options on offer