

# discover amazing things

What can Youth Awards do for...

## Young People

Up for a challenge? Do you want to try new things and have your personal achievements recognised? Youth awards might be for you! Do awards in spare time activities, part of a youth group, through volunteering, or through your school/college!

Some things you might experience are:

- ▶ Meet new friends and experience new things
- ▶ Challenge yourself and gain qualifications
- ▶ Gain new skills in fun and practical ways
- ▶ Develop teamwork, communication, problem-solving and leadership skills
- ▶ Feel good about making a difference to your community or to a cause
- ▶ Celebrate personal achievement
- ▶ Add amazing things to a CV or UCAS application

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**FUN** **SELF-BELIEF**  
EXPERIENCES RELATIONSHIPS  
**RECOGNITION**  
**NEW SKILLS** ADVENTURE

## Youth Work

Youth workers are vital to helping young people to plan their learner journey. Completing youth awards with young people means you support them to develop a whole range of skills, aptitudes and knowledge that colleges, universities and employers are looking for.

Some of the benefits for youth workers are:

- ▶ Accessible and less formal setting than school
- ▶ Diverse range of activities can be recognised
- ▶ Build confidence within your groups
- ▶ Can work where formal education does not
- ▶ Boost young people's employability skills
- ▶ Recognises valuable personal learning achievement
- ▶ Certificates and awards for activities young people choose

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**YOUTH LED**  
**ENGAGEMENT**  
**OPPORTUNITIES & OUTCOMES**  
**CONFIDENCE ACCREDITATION**

## Schools & Colleges

Youth awards recognise and accredit a young person's non-formal learning achievements. They complement academic attainment as evidence of the skills and experience young people bring to the world of work and higher education.

Some benefits to schools & colleges are:

- ▶ Awards complement formal education, enhance attainment and recognise wider achievement
- ▶ Some awards lead to qualifications on the SCQF and captured through Insight
- ▶ Offering different learning pathways
- ▶ Youth awards can address (perceived) barriers to learning and achievement
- ▶ Builds engagement and relationships
- ▶ Changes the learning dynamic

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**ENGAGEMENT**  
**INDIVIDUALISED LEARNING**  
**WIDER ACHIEVEMENT**  
**ATTAINMENT ACCREDITATION**

## Employers

Youth awards provide recognition of a young person's non-formal learning and personal achievements. They support academic qualifications as evidence of the skills and experience young people bring to the world of work and higher education.

Youth award achievers bring the following to employers:

- ▶ Motivation, determination and commitment
- ▶ Practical application of skills and experiences
- ▶ CVs that stand out from the crowd
- ▶ Transferable workplace skills
- ▶ Stories and experiences illuminating knowledge and skills
- ▶ Young people willing to learn and up for a challenge

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**COMPETENCY**  
**CONFIDENT INDIVIDUALS**  
**SOCIAL SKILLS** **APTITUDE & ATTITUDE**  
**TEAMWORK** **COMMITMENT**

## Parents & Carers

Parents and carers can make a positive difference on young people's growth and encourage them to reach their potential. Youth awards can be as important in supporting this as formal learning.

Parents and carers might look into youth awards because they:

- ▶ Encourage personal learning and celebrate achievement
- ▶ Can be achieved through youth groups, sports clubs and schools
- ▶ Provide accreditation and qualifications
- ▶ Provide fun, challenge, skills and experiences that look great on a CV
- ▶ Help young people engage with their communities
- ▶ Help young people build confidence, resilience and ambition

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**FLEXIBILITY**  
**COMMUNITIES** **ACHIEVEMENT**  
**CONFIDENCE** **ENGAGEMENT**  
**HOME LEARNING**

**Awards Network**  
The network of youth awards in Scotland