

Awards Network - responding to Covid-19

#Youthworkathome - Supporting Award Achievement



Awards Network members have responded rapidly and creatively to the challenges presented by COVID-19 and the requirement to stay at home. Below are links to resources developed to support young people to enjoy fun and learning through #youthworkathome and continue their journey to youth award attainment and achievement.

Activity resources from membership organisations have generally been made available for members and non-members alike to engage and enjoy.

Understanding COVID-19: a resource for young People

To help young people understand more about the Coronavirus and simple steps they can take to stop its spread, **Young Scot** has developed an excellent on-line COVID-19 resource. Young people can find out more about what they can do if feeling anxious and worried, how they can support others in their community, and other links to a vast range of information and advice. [READ MORE](#).

Supporting award achievement: fun activities, information and resources

Archaeology Scotland - [Heritage Hero Awards at Home](#) outlines lots of ways that the Heritage Hero Awards (HHA) can be completed safely at home. Archaeology Scotland's [Heritage Resources Portal](#) is also bursting with resources to help with Awards. PDF awards workbooks, which parents and guardians who are unfamiliar with wider achievement awards might find helpful, can be emailed to record activities. More information, including the HHA Handbook and case studies are available [HERE](#). For more details, advice and support contact awards@archaeologyscotland.org.uk

Army Cadets - keep up to date with all online Cadet activity across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching and using the hashtags #VirtualACF, #Keeptheflamealive and #CadetForceResilience

The Boys' Brigade has launched a new [#BBatHome](#) programme, with daily weekly challenges for youth members across 3 age ranges. Materials are available to non-members. Guidance for leaders can be found [HERE](#).

British Red Cross - the Power of Kindness: a suite of on-line educational resources encouraging young people to engage in and record **acts of kindness** during the current lockdown period. Includes activities aimed at ages 7-11 and 11-18. [Read more](#)

Children's University Scotland (CUS) continues to provide opportunities for serious fun and learning through their *Challenge of the Day* and weekly *Family Learning Challenge*. Find the full range of Children's University downloadable activity sheets [HERE](#)

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award have produced information and guidance for those doing and delivering the DofE Award, including activity ideas for home. To find out more about continuing Award progress visit [#DofEWithADifference](#)

Girlguiding Scotland - the Girlguiding fun continues with [#AdventuresAtHome](#). Each week a new batch of activities will be highlighted across 4 ages ranges from 5 to 18. The [Guiding at Home Hub](#) provides support and advice for volunteers who wish to continue delivering Girlguiding programmes on-line at this time. Practical resources and checklists to ensure safety on line are found in the Volunteer Zone.

Girls' Brigade Scotland - members are sharing programme ideas through social media, demonstrating lots of creative ways in which the programme and mission of GB Scotland continues at this time. Keep in touch by visiting [Girls Brigade Scotland on Facebook](#) and [@gbinscotland](#) on twitter.

John Muir Award - There's lots to see and do from home and garden! See the John Muir Award [updated FAQs](#), [@JohnMuirTrust](#) and [#JohnMuirAward](#). The John Muir Trust has launched a weekly newsletter [Wild Inside](#). Out Tuesdays, it features activities to support home schooling and creative ways people are using nature to help connect and support each other during the coronavirus pandemic.

Prince's Trust - [Coronavirus Support Hub](#) provides advice and resources targeted at young people aged 16 to 30 to support upskilling and an opportunity to engage in live chat with support workers.

Saltire Awards - with many thousands of people volunteering to look after others facing difficulties during the Coronavirus crisis, now is a good time to visit the [new Saltire Awards website](#). Young people aged 12 to 25 can sign up to ensure that their volunteering is recorded, celebrated and reward with nationally recognised certificates.

Scouts - The Scouts have produced an on-line resource of over 100 activities for young people to continue their Scouting at home. These are available to non-members too. See [#TheGreatIndoors](#). More information for parents and Leaders can be found [HERE](#)

Sea Cadets - [@SeaCadetsVirtualTraining](#) shares lots of training resources and activity ideas.

Young Enterprise Scotland (YES) - The [Scotland's Enterprising Schools](#) Project, hosted by Young Enterprise Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Government, provides fantastic learning resources online for teachers to support young people as they adapt to their new learning life at home.

Young Scot Learning Resources - Young Scot has created [learning resources](#) to support home learning/education around COVID-19 and other relevant information topics for young people. Meeting a variety of Experiences and Outcomes from the Curriculum for Excellence they are relevant for a number of ages. Parents, carers, schools, teachers, or anyone

working with young people can engage with the resources. Some can be completed online, and others should not require a computer.

Youth Scotland - Accrediting lockdown activities with [Awards at Home](#) - Youth Scotland has now added the Dynamic Youth Award (ages 10+) to The Hi5 Award (age 5+) in its on-line Awards at Home offer, supporting young people engaging in activities at home to achieve an SQA qualification at SCQF Level 3 (DYA) and SCQF Level 2 (Hi5).

These Awards at Home products have been put together to support youth work and parents during the extraordinary times caused by the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic. They are valid to cover that projected time period and will be replaced at a later date with a fully-featured online awards solution. The Hi5 Award and DYA challenge sheet products are valid until 30 September 2020 and the toolkit is valid for 90 days from first use. [READ MORE](#)

YouthLink Scotland - [Safeguarding checklist for online youth work](#) - as more youth workers switch to online platforms to maintain contact and programme support for young people this is a helpful resource from YouthLink Scotland to ensure safe online youth work activity. See also additional general and youth sector specific [guidance in response to COVID-19](#).

External Information and Resources:

SCVO - [Coronavirus Third Sector Information Hub](#): Provides COVID-19 related information for third sector Employees, Funding, Leading your organisation, Services, Volunteers, Fundraising, Guidance & support, What SCVO is doing, Frequently asked questions

SDS online Portal: Skills Development Scotland (SDS) has introduced a new portal in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to connect people with **thousands of free-to-access online learning materials**. Working closely with learning providers, additional opportunities will be included in the coming weeks and months. It's a gateway to an incredible free learning resource.

[Go explore!](#)

Scottish Government: Guidance on [Learning during Term 4](#) - to help support continuity in children and young people's learning in Term 4, following the closure of schools in March 2020 due to COVID-19. See also relayed [guidance for parents](#) from **National Parent Forum Scotland**.

Community Learning and Development (CLD) Wakelet: This [Wakelet](#) makes it easy to access relevant materials from the one place. When you explore this Wakelet you will discover a collection of links to online resources. Please check which are available and suitable for use within your organisation, as well as relevant to the learners in your area of practice.

National Parents Forum of Scotland: NPFS has produced 3 downloadable Nutshells for parents and carers, with information, advice and useful links for supporting learning at home and helping to stay safe online: [Learning at Home in Lockdown](#); [Online Safety](#); [Securing your devices](#)