

#Youthworkathome - Supporting Award Achievement / Responding to the Pandemic

(updated January 2021)



GUIDANCE ON YOUTH WORK DELIVERY

From 5th January 2021 until at least Monday 1st February 2021, updated Scottish Government guidance states that youth work delivery should be delivered online on Mainland Scotland and on Skye.

Face-to-face support should only take place for the following purposes:

- 1) providing support to education hubs for the children of key workers and vulnerable children and young people
- 2) providing support for the most vulnerable young people who do not have other means of support and cannot access support remotely. *In circumstances where support to a vulnerable young person is required, this should be provided on a one-to-one basis with restriction measures in place.*

Learn more about [COVID 19 Local Protection Levels](#) and adhere to safe practice outlined in the latest (updated 5 January 2021) [Guiding Framework](#).

COVID restrictions do not put a stop to opportunities for youth work or youth award achievement! This resource demonstrates the remarkable agility, creativity and professionalism that Awards Network members have demonstrated in responding to the Pandemic and related operating restrictions. It includes a raft of new resources and digital solutions to enable young people to enjoy #youthworkathome and to continue their personal journey to youth award attainment and achievement.

Activity resources from membership organisations that are normally restricted to members have been made widely available for members and non-members alike to engage, learn, achieve, have fun and enjoy.

In addition to links to programme ideas, challenges and activity resources from Awards Network Members, we have also included below links to helpful guidance, information and resources from other external sources to support #youthworkathome and education recovery.

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: activities and resources

Archaeology Scotland - [Heritage Hero Awards at Home](#) outlines many 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](#).

See also a [presentation](#) highlighting the potential contribution of the Heritage Hero Award to addressing priorities for education recovery.

For more details, advice and support contact awards@archaeologyscotland.org.uk

Army Cadets - The Army Cadets are planning to share activities for Cadets to do online and at home with their parents if families are faced with self-isolation. You can keep up to date with all online Cadet activity across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching and using the hashtags **#VirtualACF #Keeptheflamealive** and **#CadetForceResilience**

Arts Award – The latest Arts Award COVID information can be found [HERE](#). A series of blogs highlight [Resources](#) to support remote delivery of awards from Bronze to Gold. Read how [Arts Award](#) organisations are adapting to new modes of delivery. An example of how one Arts Award centre has developed programme resources and guidance to support completion of home-based Arts Award can be found [HERE](#). See also [Arts Award and Education Recovery](#)

ASDAN – [Free resources](#) are available to support some ASDAN programme activities at home. See also ASDAN's [Coronavirus Notification to Centres](#). This covers those delivering ASDAN qualifications and ASDAN programmes. The key is flexibility, without compromise to integrity and quality.

The Boys' Brigade continues to provide their [#BBatHome](#) programme, with challenges for youth members across 3 age ranges. Monthly programme resources are available in the [Programme Hub](#) providing leaders with a blended approach, with material for face-to-face delivery, virtual sessions or a mixture of both. Materials are available to non-members. Guidance for leaders can be found [HERE](#). The BB continue to use [Stronger Safer Together](#), a framework for returning to face-to-face BB activities, with a [Regional Operating status](#) for Groups.

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

Children's University Scotland (CUS) continues to provide opportunities for serious fun and learning through their [Winter Challenge](#). Find the full range of Children's University downloadable activity sheets and challenges for individuals and families [HERE](#)

CVQO - e-resources have been developed for all CVQO qualifications that learners can use at home, as well as [webinars](#) to support our BTEC Diploma in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community at SCQF Level 5. Virtual training sessions are bookable via

Regional Manager, Jim Black jb@cvqo.org. New learners and units can register their interest for 2020/2021 by clicking [here](#). Other information and contact details can be found [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](#). See also information on the [2020 DofE Certificate of Achievement](#). A collection of games and activities that can be undertaken with DofE groups remotely can be found [HERE](#)

Girlguiding Scotland – *‘Being an adventurer is a state of mind – it’s being brave and determined, supporting others and finding fun in everything we do. And it doesn’t need to stop just because we’re staying indoors.’* The Girlguiding fun continues with [#AdventuresAtHome](#), including a wide range of suggested activities across 4 age ranges from 4 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](#). Further COVID recovery-related Guidance can be found [HERE](#)

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.

JASS - there are lots of activities that can be done from home to continue progression through the award levels. Supporting digital learning, [eJASS](#) has been developed in response to demand from schools looking for on-line alternative to the traditional paper based model. It is currently available at Bronze, Silver, and Gold level only. Watch a [brilliant film](#) about the JASS award produced by pupils from Larbert High.

John Muir Award - There's lots to see and do from home and garden! See the John Muir Award [updated FAQs](#). We will be sharing activity ideas and suggestions through social media [@JohnMuirTrust](#) and #JohnMuirAward.

See how wild nature can bolster an education recovery in Scotland through the [John Muir Award supporting restarting schools, youth work, equity in education and helping raise attainment](#).

The John Muir Trust has launched a new weekly newsletter [Wild Inside](#). Out fortnightly, 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.

Outward Bound Trust - Thanks to the support of their donors The Outward Bound Trust are continuing to offer their Free days of adventure into 2021, to help get young people back outdoors. Next set of dates are February break at their centres in Snowdonia (Aberdovey), The Lake District (Ullswater) and Scottish Highlands (Loch Eil). See more information [HERE](#)

Additionally, Outward Bound instructors have been hitting the road and can come to your schools or youth group – as with Adventure Days funding is available [READ MORE](#)

Whilst not their traditional residential work, both the Adventure Days and In School Adventures is having a positive impact on young people during COVID_19 [READ MORE](#)

Prince's Trust - [Coronavirus Support Hub](#) provides advice and resources targeted at young people aged 16 to 30 and an opportunity to engage in **live chat with support workers** every day from 9.00am to 9.00pm.

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](#)

For the first time ever non-Scout members can also achieve a Scout badge. [The Great Indoors Badge](#) has 3 stages, with a total of 27 age-appropriate challenges to complete.

[Back Together Safely](#) provides a framework, guidance and support materials to prepare for a return to face-to-face activity

Sea Cadets – Lots of training resources and activity ideas being shared [@SeaCadetsVirtualTraining](#). It is our aim to remain engaged with cadets across the country, in a safe and organised manner.' See also [Website](#)

Sports Leaders (SLQ) - Sports Leaders has created a new learning programme designed to support schools through the Covid-19 crisis. The ['I Can, I Am'](#) Resilience Education Programme has been created to be delivered online to learners aged 14 to 18, requiring them to complete the ten challenges at home.

See also Guidance for Centres delivering SLQ awards on matters to include assessment, award leadership requirements and quality assurance, including specific [information for Centres in Scotland](#). Find the latest COVID_19 updates [HERE](#). Note that from October 2020 Sports Leaders has moved solely to e-certification [Read more](#)

Young Enterprise Scotland (YES) – The Company Programme continues to be supported remotely or otherwise as agreed with participating schools. The [Scotland's Enterprising Schools](#) Project, hosted by Young Enterprise Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Government, continues to provide 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 downloadable [learning resources](#) for anyone working with young people. Meeting a variety of Experiences and Outcomes from the Curriculum for Excellence, 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. These resources are complemented by a vast array of digital information to help young people [Get Informed](#). Meanwhile the [Young Scot Awards 2021](#) will be announced at a virtual event in April.

Young STEM Leader (SSERC) – the [programme](#) continues to be available in a range of settings offering both Formal accreditation and non-Formal recognition. [Training](#) of tutor assessors and for verification and assessment is being delivered fully on-line.

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

The Youth Scotland [Re-opening of Indoor Youth Work Toolkit](#) provided practical guidance for community-based youth groups to prepare for phased re-opening of services and activities. See further COVID-related information and guidance for safe online youth work [HERE](#)

YouthLink Scotland – representing the youth work sector in Scotland, YouthLink Scotland provides a key sector repository for general and youth sector specific [guidance in response to COVID-19](#). This includes guidance on activity in each of the phases out of Lockdown and for youth work and school collaboration.

The [Guiding Framework](#), updated on 5 January, is intended to support youth work leaders to make informed decisions regarding a risk-led approach to a return to face-to-face delivery, at the right time and pace; and to plan for the longer-term recommencement of full youth work services. See also:

- [FAQ](#) on steps to youth work recovery
- [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.

Other useful 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 and FAQs

SDS - Information on services responding to COVID_19 can be found [HERE](#). Skills Development Scotland (SDS) has introduced a new Portal connecting 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: The latest Scottish Government advice and guidance on COVID19, can be found [HERE](#).

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): stay at home guidance](#), released 7 January 2021
- [Guidance for schools re-opening January 2021](#)
- [Local Protection Levels](#), updated 15 December
- [Route Map Update](#) released 30 July

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.