

A photograph of four children in costumes and face paint standing in a grassy field. From left to right: a girl in a yellow dress with a colorful belt and a small green nose; a boy in a tan vest and shorts with yellow face paint; a boy in a yellow shirt and orange pants with a white mustache and yellow face paint; and a boy in a yellow shirt and black pants with a colorful mask and a patterned sash. All boys are holding wooden sticks with green pom-poms. The background is a green field with trees in the distance.

# Arts Award

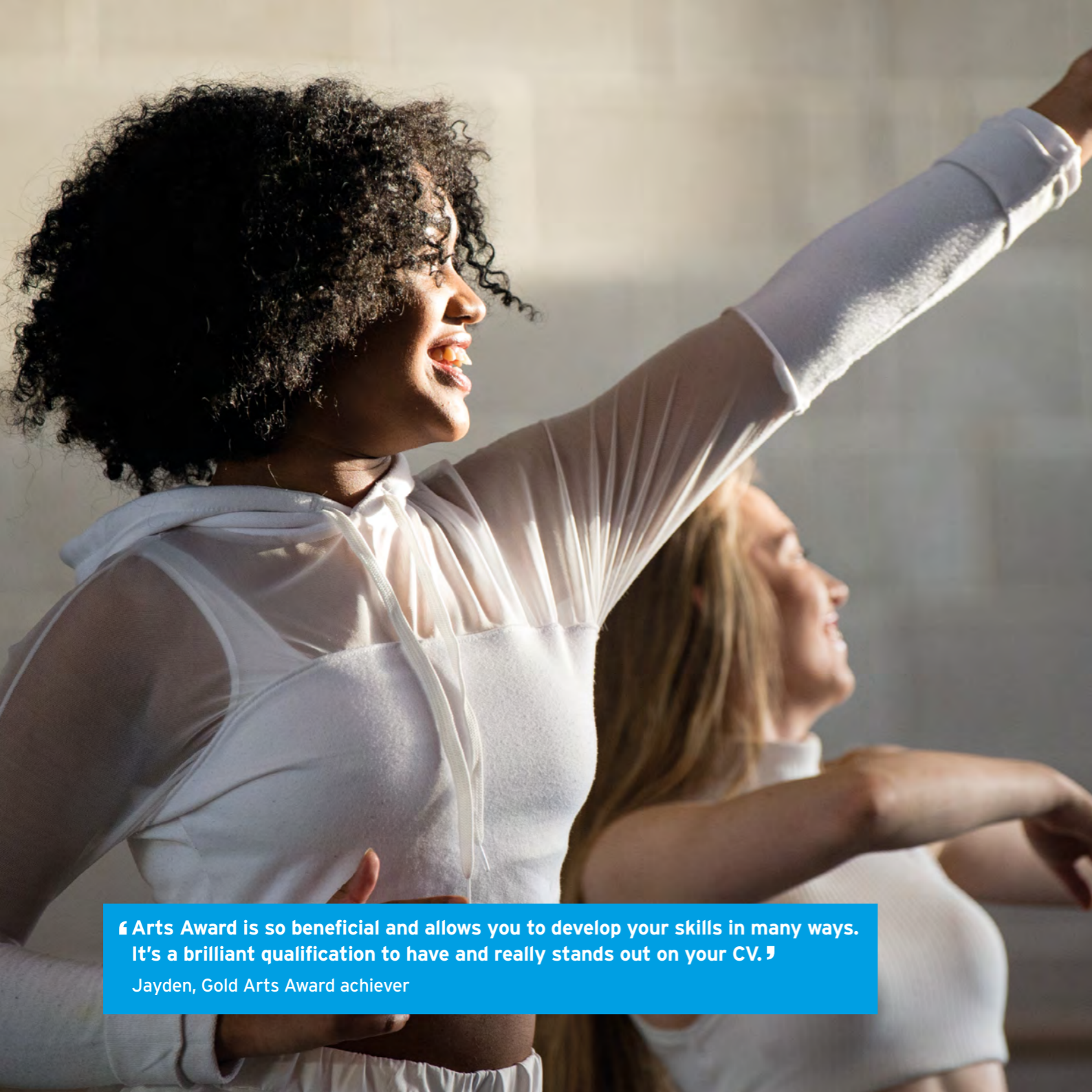
## Annual Guide

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# Delivering 21st century skills

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

Over 700,000 awards have been achieved across five levels – Discover, Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold – since Arts Award launched in 2005.

“Arts Award is so beneficial and allows you to develop your skills in many ways. It’s a brilliant qualification to have and really stands out on your CV.”

Jayden, Gold Arts Award achiever

In England, Arts Award is managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England

Cover: Newminster Middle School *photo* Geoff Love  
Inside cover: National Youth Dance Company *photo* Kirsten Holst

# 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 confidence, leadership and organisational skills.

## Accreditation

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

## Art 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.

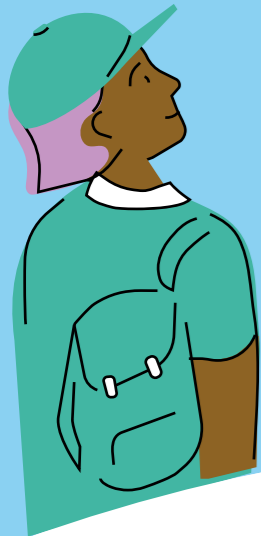
\*Researchers tracked 68 young people during and for two years after their Arts Award, surveyed nearly 400 Arts Award participants, and interviewed Arts Award alumni. Research focused on Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. Find out more at [artsaward.org.uk/impactstudy](https://artsaward.org.uk/impactstudy)



‘Not only has Arts Award allowed me to deepen my appreciation for the arts, but it has in turn boosted my confidence and opened my eyes to varied careers within this incredible industry.’

Fenella Sheldon, Bronze Arts Award achiever

# How Arts Award works



Arts Award takes young people on a journey to arts achievement, through developing transferable 21st century skills and art form knowledge. It works with all types of creative activities, including technical, backstage and administrative roles.

## Support for young people

Young people have access to support through Arts Award Voice, which is hosted on Voice magazine and links them to a wider community of young people involved in the arts. Voice offers step-by-step guidance for Bronze, Silver and Gold awards including online resources and examples. Voice also keeps in touch with young people who have registered to offer advice and highlight career opportunities after their Arts Award. To find out more, visit [artsawardvoice.com](https://artsawardvoice.com)



## Advisers

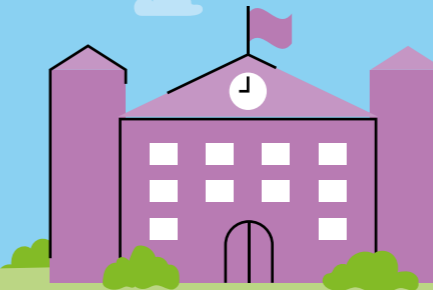
Arts Award advisers support children and young people by providing guidance and assessing their work. New advisers need to complete an online training course and have experience of working with young people. Learners collect evidence of their progress via an arts log or portfolio. It is then the task of the adviser to assess their work.

## Support for centres and advisers

Support is on offer to help run Arts Award successfully, including resources, webinars and regular blog posts. All support offered to centres and advisers is entirely free. For more information on support, visit [artsaward.org.uk/support](https://artsaward.org.uk/support)

## Centres

Young people work towards Arts Award through a centre. A wide range of organisations can register as centres, which then serve to support the delivery of Arts Award and oversee the work of advisers. Schools, cultural organisations, arts festivals and youth projects can all run Arts Award - through clubs, lessons or one-off activities.



## Funding

There are various sources of funding available - Arts Council England's Children, Young People and Learning Grants and National Lottery Project Grants to name a couple. Trinity College London also offers their own grant in the form of the Arts Award Access Fund. For more funding options visit [artsaward.org.uk/funding](https://artsaward.org.uk/funding)

## Partnerships

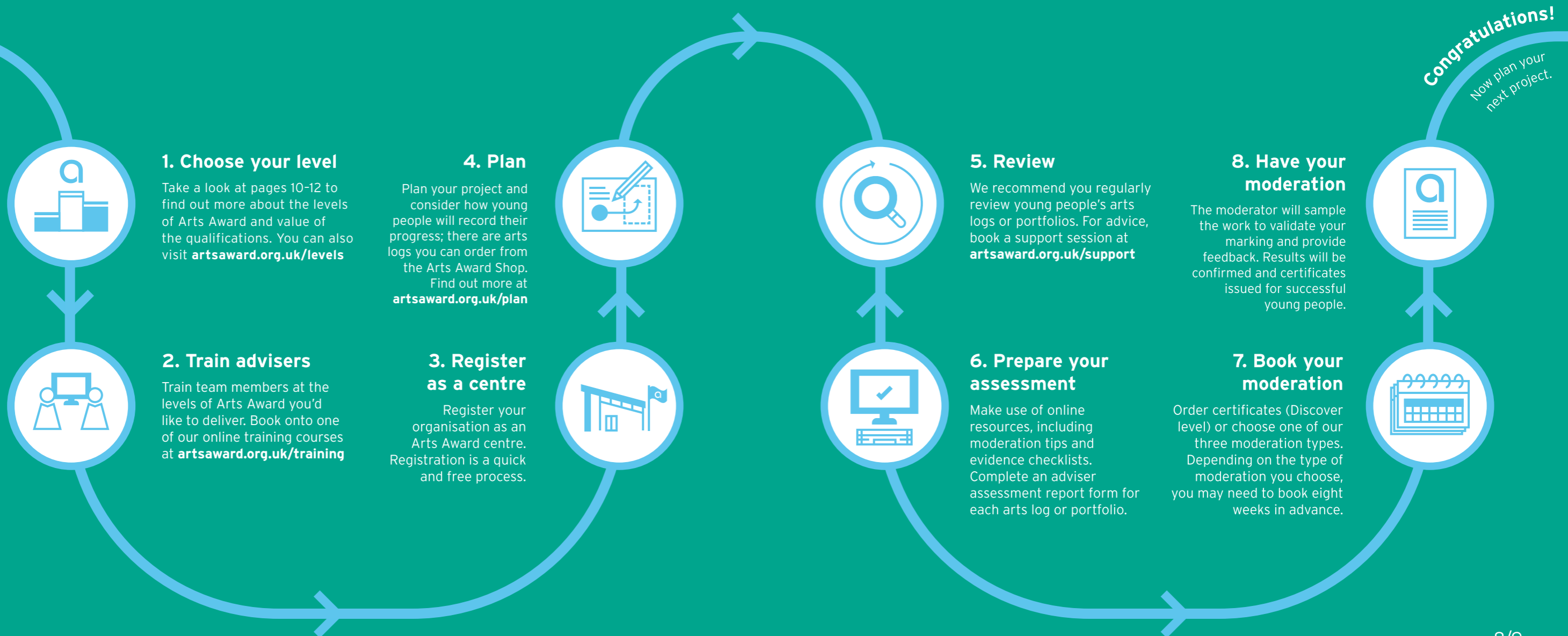
Arts Award works collaboratively with a variety of organisations and national bodies to increase young people's access to Arts Award. To find out more, visit [artsaward.org.uk/partnerships](https://artsaward.org.uk/partnerships)



## Moderators

A moderator checks the adviser's marking and confirms that the assessment is right. Following this, successful young people are awarded a qualification and certificate!

# The Arts Award journey



# 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 Discover

20 guided learning hours (recommended)

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

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

- ▶ take part in arts activities
- ▶ experience artists' or craftpeople's work
- ▶ share their arts discoveries

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 hours' total qualification time

Arts Award Explore is designed for ages 7 and above but is open to anyone aged 25 and under

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 an artwork
- ▶ share their exploration

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

Bronze Arts Award is designed for ages 11 to 14 but 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
- ▶ review an arts event or experience
- ▶ research an artist or craftsperson
- ▶ pass on 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

Silver Arts Award is designed for ages 14 to 16 but is open to anyone aged 11 to 25

Take on a challenge and lead others! Silver Arts Award has two units: arts practice and 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 careers in the arts
- ▶ develop leadership skills through planning, delivering and reviewing an arts project

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

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“ Apart from boosting my UCAS points, the skills I have developed have expanded my artistic range across several areas such as acting, directing and editing. Many of my new skills will definitely be put into practice in the future. ”

Harry Nicholson, Arts Award Gold achiever



# Cost

## Adviser training (per person)

Course	Cost (until August 2024)
Discover & Explore	£198
Bronze & Silver	£220
Gold	£165

### Training options for groups

A 20% discount on course fees is available for group bookings of training for 6-12 people. Group training can take place online or in-person at your choice of venue. More details and other training options for groups are available at [artsaward.org.uk/GroupTraining](https://artsaward.org.uk/GroupTraining)

## Moderation/certification (per young person)

Level	Cost	Groups of 25+	Groups of 50+	Groups of 100+
Discover	£4.70 (certificate only)	£4.40	£3.95	£3.50
Explore	£16.00	£14.50	£13.50	£12.50
Bronze	£27.00	£26.00	£25.00	£23.00
Silver	£36.00	£34.50	£33.00	£32.00
Gold	£53.50	£52.50	£51.50	£50.00

# Get in touch

Arts Award

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

Arts Award Voice

[artsawardvoice.com](https://artsawardvoice.com)

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