

The Arts Award logo features a large, stylized blue letter 'a' followed by the words 'arts' and 'award' in a grey, lowercase sans-serif font.

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A young boy with freckles, wearing a white school shirt, is shown in profile from the side, focused on painting a dark canvas on an easel. He is using a spray can of paint. The background is a blurred outdoor art installation with other people and colorful canvases.

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The Arts Council England logo consists of the words 'ARTS COUNCIL' and 'ENGLAND' arranged in a circular pattern around a central point.

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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.

Half a million awards have been achieved across five levels – Discover, Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold – since Arts Award launched in 2005.

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 skills transferable 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.

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 over two years during and 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



“My Gold Arts Award challenged me to take a leading role, creatively and logistically. I have definitely used and developed these leadership skills.”

Grace, Gold Arts Award achiever

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's flexible framework means young people can work across a wide range of arts, cultural and heritage activities and projects, including creative and technical roles.

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
- ▶ research artists or craftspeople and their work
- ▶ share their arts discoveries

Find out more: 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 a piece of art work
- ▶ share with others what they enjoyed and achieved through completing their Arts Award

Find out more: 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 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
- ▶ experience and review an arts event
- ▶ research the career and work of an artist or craftsperson
- ▶ pass on an arts skill

Find out more: 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 and above but is open to anyone aged 11 to 25

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

Find out more: 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



Keys Meadow School *photo* Kirsten Holst



Thomas Ashton School *photo* Roger Moody

*RQF = Regulated Qualifications Framework

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 at your own venue, exclusively to staff members or your wider team (see page 11). Arts Award advisers support children and young people by providing guidance and assessing their work. Find out more at artsaward.org.uk/gettingstarted

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

After training, register your organisation to become an Arts Award centre. Centres can be theatres, art galleries, museums, libraries, schools, colleges, youth clubs, or arts and cultural organisations. They support the delivery of Arts Award and oversee the work of advisers. Registration is a quick and free process.

Support for advisers

Following training, support is on hand to help advisers deliver Arts Award successfully including:

- ▶ a range of resources such as delivery ideas, planning tools, moderation and assessment tips, along with all relevant criteria and paperwork: artsaward.org.uk/resources
- ▶ free support sessions and webinars that can be booked online: artsaward.org.uk/support
- ▶ regular blog posts on how Arts Award can work in practice: artsaward.org.uk/blog

Full details of the support options on offer are available at artsaward.org.uk/adviserhub

Support for young people

Young people can get inspiration from Arts Award Voice, an online platform dedicated to young people doing Arts Award. The Bronze, Silver and Gold Hubs offer step-by-step guidance, case studies of achievers, interviews with artists, portfolio examples and downloadable planners to help young people to complete their awards. They can post blogs and reviews for Arts Award and collect their posts for assessment into a simple portfolio attached to their profile. Young people also get benefits and opportunities by joining the Arts Award Voice community. Find out more at artsawardvoice.com

Arts Award Voice is part of Voice magazine, run by Upstart Projects: upstartprojects.uk

Delivering Arts Award

Arts Award can be delivered in many ways and in a wide range of settings. You can map it to your existing activity or use it to kick-start something new. Arts Award delivery happens in curriculum or extra-curricular and enrichment programmes, 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 at artsaward.org.uk/resources

Evidence and 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 (examples at voicemag.uk/artsaward/portfolios)

Once young people have completed their arts log or portfolio, it is assessed internally by the adviser. An external moderator then validates this assessment through a moderation (except at Discover level which is internal assessment only). There are a range of moderation options available. Find one to suit you and book online at 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 Historic Royal Palaces, Kids in Museums, Youth Music, and Into Film. Find out more at 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. Check out Arts Council England's Children, Young People and Learning Project Grants, which can fund some of the costs associated with delivering Arts Award. More information is available at artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants

The Arts Award Access Fund is also available for organisations working with young people who face barriers to taking part in the awards. Find out more at artsaward.org.uk/accessfundinfo

Cost

Adviser training (per person)

Course	Length	Cost (until August 2020)
Discover & Explore	Half day	£150
Bronze & Silver	Full day	£200
Gold	Half day	£150

You can complete the courses in any order, for instance you can attend Gold adviser training without first completing the Bronze & Silver course.

Get a discount on these costs when you book in-house training for a group of six or more.*

Moderation/certification (per young person)

Level	Cost	Groups of 25+	Groups of 50+	Groups of 100+
Discover	£4.00 (certificate only)	£3.85	£3.40	£3.05
Explore	£13.75	£12.85	£11.85	£11.25
Bronze	£24.50	£23.50	£22.50	£20.50
Silver	£30.00	£29.00	£28.00	£27.00
Gold	£45.00	£44.00	£43.00	£42.00

*Training takes place at your venue. Attendees are from the same organisation, or are connected via an existing consortium or partnership. Find out more at artsaward.org.uk/inhousetraining

The Arts Award journey

Take a look at pages 6-8 to find out more about the levels and values of Arts Award qualifications.

1.
Choose
your
level

2.
Train
and
register

Train as an Arts Award adviser at the level(s) you wish to deliver.

Get your organisation to register as an Arts Award centre to book moderations or order certificates.

3.
Plan

Plan your Arts Award delivery. Visit the adviser hub for resources to support your planning or access our range of one-to-one support options like visits and webinars.

You can order arts logs from artsaward.org.uk/shop

4.
Recruit

Recruit young people and generate a buzz around Arts Award! Encourage young people over 11 to register on Arts Award Voice for inspiration and online guidance.

Make use of online resources, including top tips for moderation and evidence checklists.

Complete an adviser assessment report form for each arts log or portfolio.

6. Prepare your assessment

5. Review

We recommend you regularly review the progress of young people's arts logs or portfolios. Book one of our support sessions to get some advice.

7. Book your moderation

Order certificates (Discover) or find out which moderation option is best for you and book (Explore/Bronze/Silver/Gold).
Allow at least eight weeks to arrange your moderation.

8. Moderation

Have your moderation. On the day, your moderator will sample the work to validate your marking and provide feedback. Results will be confirmed with the issue of a certificate for successful candidates.

Congratulations!

Now plan your next delivery!

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
Arts Award Voice	artsawardvoice.com
Arts Award blog	artsaward.org.uk/blog
Help centre	artsaward.org.uk/helpcentre
Telephone	020 7820 6178
Email	artsawardenquiries@trinitycollege.co.uk

Keep up to date on all things Arts Award and join in the conversation on Twitter and Facebook.

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Life after Arts Award

When young people finish their awards, they become Arts Award alumni. Then if they have signed up on Arts Award Voice (see page 9) we'll keep in touch with them to offer help and opportunities for their next step and to profile their pathway. Voice magazine also provides a lively careers section with insights and advice from professionals for young creatives. Find out more at: voicemag.uk/artsaward/alumni



“Arts Award has definitely helped me. It has built up my confidence and has also gotten me a qualification.”

Molly, Arts Award Bronze achiever



Could you be a Trinity Champion Centre?

Trinity Champion Centres are recognised by Trinity for their successful delivery of our qualifications. Drawn from centres offering Trinity music, drama or Arts Award qualifications, Trinity Champion Centres highlight the diversity of organisations offering our assessments and the flexibility of our qualifications.

Trinity Champion Centres inspire others by sharing their practice, and in return, we celebrate their achievements, profile their success and promote their work. You can apply to become a Trinity Champion Centre 2020/21 from March 2020.

Find out more: artsaward.org.uk/trinitychampions

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Carousel, an award-winning charity supporting learning disabled artists, is a Trinity Champion Centre 2019/20 for their Arts Award delivery.