



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Support

The UK training side of **Wilderness Expertise** is a **non-profit making** organisation dedicated to the personal development of young people. We have purposely remained specialised as a company so that we can maintain strong relationships with our clients and guarantee high quality programmes.



Introduction:	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award aims to provide an enjoyable, challenging and rewarding programme of personal development for young people, which is of the highest quality and the widest reach. The progressive nature of the Award and its balance and flexibility all provide a perfect platform from which young people can develop valuable life skills such as communication, working with a team, self-confidence, self belief and a sense of responsibility. There are three levels of the Award scheme, and each of these requires a number of criteria to be met including a Service, Skills, Expedition and Physical Recreation phase. The Gold Award also requires a Residential programme.
What we offer:	Wilderness Expertise works closely with a number of schools and organisations to co-ordinate their Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. As the pressures on teachers and youth workers continue to mount, extra curricular activities can become an increasing burden. We provide a flexible support service to enable schools and organisations to offer the Award. We are an official Access Provider for the Award and the level of involvement we have in your organisation's scheme is solely dependent upon your needs. It may vary from structured help with the co-ordination and running of the Award to our simply training and assessing your candidates in the Expedition section of the Award. We have the expertise to provide an array of support options to run at your school or organisation.
Activity Description:	Expedition training workshops to focus navigation, campcraft, fitness, route planning, team building, food planning and preparation. Expeditions on foot or in canoe.
Number of days:	Dependant on level of support but as a guide at Bronze level a minimum of 2 training weekends, a 2-day practice expedition and a 2-day assessment Expedition.
Venue:	Either at the client's premises or offsite at a suitable venue such as an activity site, campsite or local park or sports ground. Expeditions can be held anywhere in the UK or overseas suitable to the level of the Award.
Role of Adult Liaison:	To provide support and pastoral care of the students during the programme and Expeditions and provide transport for the students if required. Dependant on level of support, you will also be required to coordinate the administration of the Award at the school or organisation.
What does Wilderness Expertise provide?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fully qualified and experienced Mountain Leader (summer) assessed trainers. ➤ Equipment hire (if required). ➤ Pre-course information and all risk assessments for activities and venues. ➤ Venues fees (if required). ➤ 24hr back up support. ➤ Liability insurance. ➤ AALA license.
Sample cost:	£600 per expedition group for a 2 day expedition (for a detailed quote please just call us).

**Service Levels**

In addition to the expedition support outlined above we also provide three higher service levels called 1*, 2* and 3*.

Content	Details	1*	2*	3*
Liaison with local Duke of Edinburgh's Award authority	The initial inquiry for starting new Award group, filling out required paper work and liaising for accreditation by regional office			Yes
Set up Award group	Group Identity and presentations about the Award schemes within the educational establishment. Set and installation of DEEMS CD, ordering of programme files, handbooks, Award books etc	Yes	Yes	Yes
Staff training session	Half-day session for school staff that will directly be involved in assisting on bi-weekly sessions and Expedition training.		Yes	Yes
Student information co-ordinated	Constant information update on registered students and monitoring of section completion.			Yes
Award book information coordinated	Managing the Award books and prompting student to complete the paperwork		Yes	Yes
Liaison with LEA outdoor co-ordinator	Liaison and paperwork associated with approval for off-site trips and weekends.			Yes
2 hr bi-weekly session for each Award group	Student meetings and Award group co-ordination including basic training and location of placements for each section.		Yes	Yes
1hr bi-weekly session for each Award group	Training meetings to cover core syllabus and answer questions on the Award.	Yes		
1 day First Aid course run during training	As part of the student's bi-weekly training sessions a HSE certificated 'appointed person' First Aid certificate, valid for 3 years is issued, including training manual.			Yes

Optional Extras

We can provide training and support to your support for the following:

- MLUK Mountain Leader training
- Basic Expedition Leader for staff and post Gold Award students
- OCR offsite safety certificate
- First Aid training for school staff

Trainer only support

This service is designed to support schools and organisations who wish to keep the organisation of the Award in-house but just require additional staff to help with the weekends and Expeditions. The cost for this service is £150 per trainer per day (plus their expenses).

**Wilderness Expertise believes in developing potential.
We look forward to working with you in the near future...**