



Scouting & The International Award



SCOUTS
Creating a Better World



*challenging
young people
everywhere*

The International Award: A Journey Through Leadership

Help young people to achieve their personal best

Develop the full potential of your Scouts

Help young people to get twice the recognition for the same effort

Use the Award to help make a real contribution to a better world



The Award adds value to the Scouting experience!








The International Award: A Journey Through Partnership

The International Award has appealed to Scouts throughout the world since the Award first began in 1956. The concept of individual challenge is designed to encourage young people to develop into responsible, active citizens who will positively contribute towards society.

Scout leaders have found that the Award Programme complements and enhances their own Scout programmes, providing additional elements that motivate and challenge their members. In most Scout Associations parts of the awards for the older sections relate directly to parts of the International Award.

The philosophies of Scouting and the Award Programme overlap in the areas of:



-  Personal development
-  Doing your best
-  Progressively building on success
-  Team work through working with one's peers
-  Lack of competitiveness
-  Links to the wider world through community activity and service
-  Wide ranging extra-curricular activities

The Award has been proven to help retain Scouts in the older age range!

The Reward



Age 14 +



Age 15 +



Age 16 +



SERVICE

Make a real contribution to a better world

This Section encourages a sense of responsibility to the community through service projects such as AIDS awareness programmes, voluntary service in hospitals, conservation work, or specialised training such as life saving

tree planting, helping the elderly, first aid, sports leadership...



ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY

Discover your sense of adventure

This Section encourages and cultivates a spirit of adventure, resourcefulness, problem solving, an understanding of the environment and the importance of teamwork

hiking, trekking, mountaineering, camping, map reading, orienteering...



SKILLS

Develop yourself

This Section encourages the development of personal interests and practical life skills; choose from an almost unlimited list of activities from arts and crafts to vocational skills, and computing to music

learning to sing, web design, drama, fishing, journalism, painting...



PHYSICAL RECREATION

Test your own limits

This Section encourages improved physical performance, perseverance and a healthy lifestyle; it could be a team or individual sport, but whatever you choose, the emphasis is on individual progress

aerobics, badminton, diving, judo, skating, rock climbing, tennis, football...

Gold Residential Project

At Gold Level, young people must also undertake a residential project over a period of 5 days



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The International Award: Becoming a Global Citizen

The Award began in 1956 and has spread to over 120 countries, because both the philosophy and the four-section format have proved resilient, attractive and adaptable to many cultures, languages and climates. The Award remains as relevant as ever with record levels of interest from participants and partner organisations. The International Award is not a membership organisation and works in partnership with others to offer the Award to young people.

The International Award: & the Scouts of the World Award

The aim of the Scouts of the World Award is to help young people acquire the necessary motivation and skills to contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. The Scouts of the World Award has three core themes – environment, development and peace. Young people are asked to develop understanding, skills and knowledge in one of these areas. This helps them to become global citizens and improves life for all of us on this small planet.



Both Awards complement each other and provide opportunities for young people to develop their full potential through voluntary service in their communities worldwide.

The International Award: Making Scouting Work for You

...enquire about how to get started through your NSO now!

"The Award gave me a great sense of achievement and extra confidence which helped me get a job that I love!" Conor McCarthy, Ireland

"The Award is the key, which gave me the courage to go ahead and to experience life. I can proudly say that the Award has changed my life in a better way." Jassin Rezai, Finland

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