

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

Expedition and Residential opportunities from the Oxfordshire Outdoor Learning Service

The service has 3 out-county centres at Woodlands (Brecon Beacons), Kilvrough Manor (The Gower) and Yenworthy Lodge (Exmoor), with in-county provision at Hill End, Nr Eynsham, Oxfordshire. All the centres are able to offer tailor-made support to meet your DofE needs and have a wide variety of accommodation available, including camping.

Residential Section (Gold Award):

The Centres offer the opportunity for participants to complete their residential section, working alongside the groups in residence. For further details contact the relevant Centre and complete the application form below.

Expedition Section (All levels)

Staff at the out-county centres are qualified to train and assess expeditions at all levels and in a variety of disciplines. Whatever your needs: we can provide the support and assistance required for a successful expedition and can cater for a range of group sizes.

The training and assessment courses we offer meet the criteria of the award and can be tailor made to individual or group needs. Woodlands and Kilvrough are both DofE accredited outdoor activity providers. To ensure we meet your needs we request you contact the relevant Centre, so that we can design a programme to suit your requirements.

Expedition examples and costs:

The examples below include use of equipment and transport during the expedition, but exclude insurance. We offer fully inclusive catered to self-catered options and can include accommodation for supervising staff. Prices are per participant. In general the training courses include catering; practice and qualifying expeditions should be fully self-supported. If you are unsure please contact the relevant Centre.

Gold Award - Canoeing:

Training

- 4 day expedition training and practice expedition (Easter or June) : £250 (includes food and camping)
- 1 day white water training (July): £35

Assessment

- 5 day assessed expedition (July or August) includes day 1 as an acclimatisation and skills re-cap: £160 (catered accommodation on first night is provided, food for the expedition and camping is not included)

Gold Award - Mountain Walking:

Training

- 5 day course, : £240 (includes all food, camping on expedition)
- 3 day course training expedition: £125 (includes camping and food)

Assessment

- 5 day course, assessed expedition (includes day one acclimatisation and accommodation on first night): £225

Silver Award - Canoeing:

Training

- 4 day course, skills and safety then a Training Expedition: £230 (includes all food, camping on expedition and catered accommodation on first 2 nights)

Assessment

- 4 day course (includes day one acclimatisation and catered accommodation on first night) and 3 day assessed expedition: £ 150

Silver Award - Mountain Walking:

Training

- 4 day course: £210 (includes all food, camping on expedition)

Assessment

- 4 day course (includes day one acclimatisation and accommodation on first night) and 3 day assessed expedition: £ 140

Bronze Award - Mountain Walking:

This can be tailored to needs and can take place out of county or in county based at Hill End.

- Training weekend (out of county) £100 per person
- Assessment expedition: £60 per person

Activity Locations:

The areas we use for Mountain Expeditions are the Brecon Beacons National Park (including the Black Mountains), Mid, West and South Wales (Begwyns, Plynlimon, Gower), Exmoor. For canoe based expeditions we use the Wye, Usk and Severn. We can also use other areas by arrangement.

Training for Coordinators, Leaders, Supervisors/Volunteers:

Group Leadership and Supervision

Accredited Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel (OEAP) Group Leader Training (one day) and Expedition Supervising can be undertaken as 1 or 2 day courses and can be done at the centre you use for your expeditions.

Navigation Training/skill development

Navigation Training Weekends can prepare you for mountain walking and supervising or to progress on to Walking Group Leader Award Training.

Walking Group Leader Training (WGL)

WGL training and assessment can be completed with Oxfordshire Outdoors at Woodlands OEC to develop staff, volunteers and leaders.

Mountain Leader Training (ML)

ML Summer training and assessment can be completed with Oxfordshire Outdoors at Woodlands OEC to develop staff, volunteers and leaders.

For more information about Leader training contact Chris Pierce at Woodlands OEC

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DofE Gold Residential – In County Application Form

(Woodlands, Kilvrough, Yenworthy Lodge, Hill End Outdoor Education Centres)

This form is for participants who would like to complete the Residential Section of their DofE Award through an Oxfordshire County Council Outdoor Education Centre.

Applicants details:

Name		eDofE No.	
Address		Date of Birth	
		Tel: (Home)	
		Tel: (Mobile)	
e-mail			
Health Information: Please outline any medical conditions that may impact upon your ability to carry out a range of physical activities, including any allergies, phobias or medication taken.			
Outdoor qualifications, experience, skills: Please outline anything that you would like the instructors to be aware of.			
Can you swim?			
Which Centre(s) would you like to go to?			
Requested dates			

Next of kin details:

Name		Tel:	
Relationship			

DofE Coordinator/Centre details:

As part of the application process, your DofE coordinator will be required to write a supporting statement outlining your suitability as a volunteer, which will involve you being a positive role model/mentor to children/young people staying at the centre.	
Name of coordinator/Leader	
Name of Centre /School/Group	
Contact e-mail	
Contact No.	

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Supporting statement**Signature****General conditions:**

The residential opportunity will usually involve you participating in a physical outdoor activity under the guidance of an instructor/designated adult. However, in line with the broad aim of the residential section, you may be required to undertake a range of duties associated with the team work required to run of an outdoor centre.

A full induction will be given at the start of the week and any equipment associated with your duties will be provided. (See generic kit list).

As part of the application process, you will be required to complete a Criminal Record Bureau check (CRB) at a cost of £11.

The Operating Authority and/or the Outdoor Centre reserve the right to refuse/terminate a residential experience on the grounds of suitability, health or other extenuating circumstance.

Signature of applicant**Date****Thank you for completing your application, please submit your form to:**

Oxfordshire County Council DofE Awards, County Hall (Floor 3), New Road, Oxford. OX1 1ND

e-mail: DofE@Oxfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01865 897985

For office use only:

Date received

CRB issue date

CRB No.

Status

Copy sent to Head of Centre (Date)

Notes: