

Arts Award Info 2009 www.artsaward.org.uk



What is the Arts Award?

- ▶ Arts Award is a national qualification which recognises how young people develop as artists and arts leaders
- ▶ Arts Award develops and assesses arts-related and transferable skills such as creativity, creative thinking, reflective practice, communication, planning and teamwork
- ▶ Arts Award is on the National Qualifications Framework (recognised by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority) at Levels 1- Bronze, 2 - Silver and 3 - Gold
- ▶ Arts Award is a personalised learning programme, each young person sets his or her starting point in a chosen arts activity and sets personal challenges



Who can do it?

- ▶ Any young person aged 11- 25 can take part in the Arts Award
- ▶ Arts Award is suitable for young people with all abilities and interests in any art-form
- ▶ Young people need to be attached to a registered Arts Award centre, with an Arts Award adviser to support them



What is an Arts Award adviser?

- ▶ Arts Award advisers support young people to achieve their awards and are the primary assessor
- ▶ You need to attend a one-day training course to become an adviser for Bronze and Silver, and an additional 'top-up' to become a Gold adviser
- ▶ See overleaf for training dates to become an Arts Award adviser or visit www.artsaward.org.uk



Arts Award in schools

- ▶ You can run Arts Award with an entire year group or a small selected group of students
- ▶ It can work in the mainstream curriculum or with students who are disengaged – it could become part of alternative provision
- ▶ You gain School Performance Target Points and contribute towards League Tables:



Arts Award	NQF Level	Performance Target Points	QCA Qualification reference
Bronze	1	6.3	100/5074/7
Silver	2	23	100/5076/0
Gold	3	42	100/5075/9

What teachers and pupils say about running Arts Award in their school

"I'd definitely have dropped out of school if it hadn't been for the Arts Award – it was good, as everyone else wanted to be part of what we were doing." **16-year old student talking to moderator at Fred Longworth High School, Manchester**

"Getting involved with the Arts Award has been really positive for both students and the college itself. The award raises the self esteem of the young people involved, as well as allowing them to enjoy the success of achieving an additional qualification." **Pat Armstrong, Head Teacher, Blyth Community College, Northumberland**

Arts Award in Youth and Informal Settings

- ▶ Arts Award develops skills and prepares young people for further education, training or employment
- ▶ It can work in statutory and voluntary youth projects, care settings and youth justice programmes
- ▶ Arts Award is a powerful tool for social inclusion, combining the appeal of the arts with the motivation of accreditation
- ▶ You can apply for up to £500 through the Arts Award Access Fund to help cover workshop fees and materials, tickets or transport costs
- ▶ Arts Award helps meet accreditation targets within government strategies such as Youth Matters and Aim Higher

Case Study: Gallery TS1

For the past 4 years, Tees Valley Arts, on behalf of Middlesbrough Council, have managed Gallery TS1 – a visual arts-based intervention aimed at re-engaging NEET young people with education, employment or training.

12 young people work with 3 artists over an intensive 2 week block, designing, making and selling work at the Middlesbrough town centre shop, as well as visiting cultural venues and public art.

Each group work towards their Bronze Arts Award and the results have been outstanding:

- ▶ 71% achieved a qualification (Bronze Arts Award – NQF Level 1)
- ▶ Over 80% re-engaged with education or training
- ▶ 90% achieve a 100% attendance rate

Arts Award moderator said: *“This is the second time I’ve visited candidates working from Gallery TS1, and I was again impressed by the quality of care and attention that candidates gave to compiling their folders. I was equally impressed by advice and support the young people were given – it was evident that they were being stretched and enjoying it immensely.”*

Arts Award adviser training dates

- ▶ Tees Valley Arts are running training on **Monday 6th July** and **Tuesday 3rd November 2009**
- ▶ Training costs £130 – to book go to www.artsaward.org.uk Click through to General Info and then click on the orange book training button on the right hand side
- ▶ If you have 8 or more people in your organisation who you would like to train, it may be more cost effective to book in-house training – please contact us to discuss this option

Want to find out more?

Go to www.artsaward.org.uk for case studies and all the information you need about running Arts Award and look out for events happening in the Autumn Term across the Tees Valley.

“The Arts Award will help in the future. This course has helped me to get onto another art course which will help in my future career.”

(Participant, stART project with NEET young people in Middlesbrough, Tees Valley Arts)



Arts Award participants