

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: stART

The stART Project is a partnership between Tees Valley Arts, Middlesbrough Connexions and Visit Tees Valley aimed at hard to engage NEET young people aged 17–19 years. Working for 3 days per week over 8 weeks, stART offers a package of creative activities and learning, working towards the Bronze Arts Award. Comments from participants' and moderators demonstrate how effective it is:

"I wasn't sure in the beginning what to expect but I thought the course was very educational but fun at the same time, you never felt like you were learning." (Participant)

"I have more confidence to explore new skills. I have also improved my existing arts skills." (Participant)

"The Arts Award will help in the future. This course has helped me get onto another course which will help in my future career." (Participant)

"An excellent well presented set of folders. Folders clearly show that students have enjoyed all sections of the Arts Award course. Folders show a true sense of ownership and individuality. Students have been stimulated by a wide range of activities led by a talented team of practitioners. Marking and assessment procedures were clear and accurate. I would recommend this set of folders as an example of good practice when working with a potentially difficult client group." (Moderator)

Arts Award adviser training dates

- ▶ Tees Valley Arts are running training on **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?

If you work in Schools or Youth Services, then come to our **FREE** event on **Tuesday 6th October** at Arc, Stockton. Please see the separate invitation with booking form, or to request one, email jane.gray@teesvalleyarts.org.uk

And if you're already an Arts Award Adviser, and want to meet other Advisers, then come to our Advisers session on Tuesday 13th October at the TVA offices. To request more information or a booking form, please email jane.gray@teesvalleyarts.org.uk

Go to www.artsaward.org.uk for case studies and all the information you need about running Arts Award.



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