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Youth Achievement Awards offer a peer assessed approach to recognising and accrediting young people's achievements aged **14 plus**.

They enable young people to develop their capacities as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors in a variety of settings including youth work, volunteering, active citizenship, alternative curriculum and formal education.

The Awards recognise four levels of responsibility taken by young people participating in activities that interest them. Bronze is about young people **TAKING PART**, at Silver young people **ASSIST**, sharing responsibility with others, at Gold they take individual responsibility to **ORGANISE**, and at Platinum they undertake training and **LEAD**.

What young people have said:

"I never realised that I had completed as much work and felt really proud getting an Award."

Bronze Youth Achievement Awards recipient, Falkirk

"We didn't have to do something 'special' or 'extra' to get the Award, the project was something we were doing anyway. The Award was a bonus and a real recognition for what we were doing."

Gold Youth Achievement Awards recipient, Edinburgh

What the HMIE have reported:

"Individual young people taking part in the YAA demonstrated a good understanding of their current achievements and future development needs. All of the young people involved were positive about the Award."

HMIE Review, Shetland Islands

More than 200 statutory and voluntary youth organisations and education institutes in Scotland offer the Awards to young people for the activities that they are already doing. The qualifications authority, ASDAN, accredits the Awards.

Examples of activities accredited include:

The **Peer Education Project**, Dundee, deliver a training programme for teenagers to inform other young people younger than themselves on drug, alcohol and health issues.

Shetland's **Sandwick Youth and Community Centre** accredits their mainstream youth work activities ranging from drama work to babysitting workshops and tuck shop management.

The **Crieff Kickstart** programme provide opportunities for young people to develop social and life skills to support career and education progression.

South Ayrshire Youth Forum members completing youth consultation events.

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Dynamic Youth Awards have been designed to enable young people to measure their own and each other's achievements against benchmarks of responsibility and distance travelled.

They provide;

- a quality framework for your work with the **10 to 14** age group
 - qualifications authority certification for young people's achievement
 - support for young people to self assess and peer assess each other's achievement through positive group work in your existing programme of activities.
- They demonstrate attainment of community learning and development quality indicators and provide a user-friendly structure for young people and for those who work with them.

What young people have said:

"What I like about the Award is having choice and responsibility."

"We were learning and having fun!"

Dynamic Youth Award recipients, Glasgow

"My Dynamic Youth Award helped me get my place at College."

Dynamic Youth Award recipient, Falkirk

What workers have said:

"The Award at the end of it sounds good and I think they were working towards that, but I think they were actually enjoying the experience – I think that was more important."

DYA Pilot Project Worker, Glasgow

Dynamic Youth Awards have been made to 2000+ young people in 250+ groups through Local Authorities and national youth agencies up to Summer 2006. External accreditation by the qualifications authority, ASDAN, was introduced in 2006.

Examples of activities accredited include:

Save the Children's **Here to Help** project used the Awards to recognise achievement in anti sectarianism, citizenship, gang fighting, anti litter, world poverty, anti bullying and youth council initiatives.

Youth Scotland's affiliated groups accredited dance projects at **Aberfoyle Activities Group**, ghost walks at **The Web Project**, Dundee, a cycle camp at **Gartmore Youth Group**, and physical challenges on the **Get up and Go** programme.

Barnardo's Scotland accredit their mentoring and befriending **Buddy** project in Dundee and **SPACE**, their School transitions project in Fife.

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