



## What is Arts Award?

Arts Award is a range of unique qualifications that support anyone aged up to 25 to **grow as artists and arts leaders**, inspiring them to **connect** with and **take part** in the wider arts world through taking challenges in an art form– from fashion to film making, pottery to poetry.

Through Arts Award young people gain a national qualification enabling them to progress into further education an employment. Arts Award has five levels: four qualifications and an introductory level.

**Arts Award Discover** is designed for ages 5 and above. To achieve Discover, children and young people **discover the arts** around them, **take part** in arts activities, **experience artists** and their work and **share their discoveries** with others, gaining a certificate at the end. This award provides a great introduction to the arts.

For **Arts Award Explore** young people take part in **arts activities**, experience the work of **artists and arts organisations**, **create some art** to show their skills and **share their work** with others. Explore is recognised at Entry Level 3 on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) and is designed for ages 7 and above.

To achieve **Bronze Arts Award**, young people **take part** in arts activity, review an arts event, **research** the work and life of an artist or craftsperson who inspires them and **share their skills** with others. Bronze is recognised at Level 1 on the RQF and is designed for young people aged 11 and above.

For **Silver** and **Gold** young people set themselves **arts challenges**, organise their **own projects**, **research** arts careers and the arts sector, and develop their **arts leadership** skills

**Silver**, Level 2 on the RQF, has been designed for young people aged 14 and above. **Gold** Arts Award has been designed for young people aged 16 and above, and is a Level 3 Award that carries UCAS tariff points.

As they work towards Arts Award, children and young people keep a record of what they have done and reflect on their experiences. At **Discover**, **Explore** and **Bronze** they can chose to use the specially designed arts logs – or you can create your own to fit your project, or the young people you're working with. Evidence can also be collected in any format works that for them and you: a folder, sketchbook, video diary, a website or blog.

At all levels, children and young people work with an **Arts Award adviser**. This is a trained adult who supports young people in gaining arts experiences, provides guidance and assesses arts logs and portfolios. Teachers, teaching assistants, museum learning staff, art practitioners, youth workers and volunteers can all train as advisers.

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