

A photograph of two students, a young man on the left wearing a grey cap and a young woman on the right wearing a white hijab and glasses, looking at a large piece of fabric with various colorful patterns. The word 'arts' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font, with the 'C' from 'Cultural' acting as a large letter 'C' that frames the word 'arts'.

# Cultural arts award

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# Introduction to Arts Award



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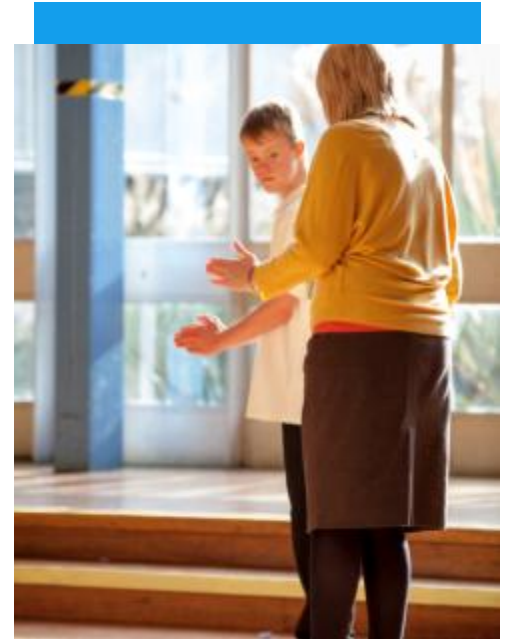
St Georges Great  
Yarmouth photo JMA  
Photography

# Arts Award in schools and colleges



'Arts Award has been a real asset to our school over the last 7 years. The knock on effect from the Arts Award programme to other school subjects for the pupils involved has been vast, and has greatly contributed to the much improved attainment and achievement for the school.'

*Katherine Ward, Governor,  
Chingford Foundation School*



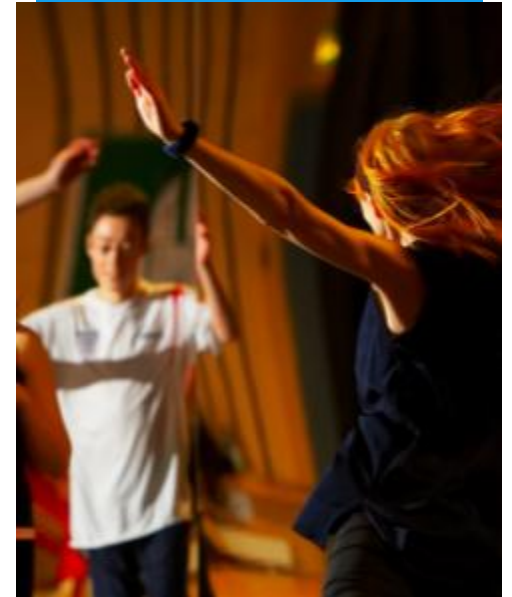
The Valley School,  
photo Paul Maven

## Arts Award in arts and cultural organisations



'Many of our young people gained enormous amounts of confidence from taking part, to some it was a real life changer and the confidence derived from creating the music enabled them to gain employment, find housing and just be creative.'

*Charles Taylor, Arts Award adviser (Alabare E Zone)*



Lantern Dance  
Theatre Company,  
photo Paul Colwell



# Arts Award in youth and community organisations



'I became an Arts Award adviser because I could see the potential for the pure enjoyment of working in the arts with young people who did not have access to the enrichment this can bring. I have never been disappointed... It is one of the best frameworks I can think of to deliver so many positive aspects of cross-curricular work and the other experiences of giving young people a sense of autonomy and greater self esteem.' *Hazel Stewart, Learning Manager, Education Other Than At School*



Ash Youth Centre

# What is Arts Award?



- ▶ A set of unique qualifications that support young people to grow as artists and arts leaders in any art form
- ▶ Five levels are available: Discover, an introductory level; Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold are nationally recognised qualifications
- ▶ Open to all young people up to the age of 25



St Agnes photo Sean Hurlock Photography

# What young people do



- ▶ Take part in arts activities
- ▶ Find out about artists and arts organisations
- ▶ Attend and review arts events
- ▶ Research careers and opportunities
- ▶ Develop their communication skills
- ▶ Plan and lead their own arts projects
- ▶ Reflect on their progress as they go along, recording and evidencing their learning



Eastside Educational  
Trust, photo Kevin  
Ricks

# Why is Arts Award valuable?



- ▶ **It's a national qualification** that can [accredit young people's work](#) and will look good on their CVs
- ▶ **It helps develop employability skills** such as communication, organisation, planning and team working; as well as building art form knowledge and creativity
- ▶ **It's accessible:** Arts Award measures individual personal progress, and can be adapted to a range of art forms, activities and timeframes. Evidence can be collected in any format and doesn't have to be written
- ▶ **It supports progression** by acting as a bridge to support young people into further engagement with the arts, study or training
- ▶ **It builds confidence:** Young people explore their own interests and reflect on their own personal progress, building confidence along the way



Rawlins College  
photo Paul Maven



# What other people say about Arts Award

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*Young people have developed skills in leadership, organisation, confidence and self esteem. These positive changes are not short lived, but have been transferred to pupils' work across the curriculum. Pupils' self belief is reinforced every time they look back at their Arts Award portfolios and certificates.*

**Claire Everett, Head of Art and Arts Award adviser, Cranborne Middle School**

*'I love delivering Arts Award to young people in a variety of settings. Watching young artists take control of their own projects and slowly develop the confidence to take creative risks and step out of their comfort zone is wonderful to experience.'*

**Claire Platt, Education and Participation Manager, Peshkar Productions**

*'Libraries are changing; we need to appeal to a more diverse audience and to show our worth to external funding bodies. We feel that the best way to do this is to embed Arts Award in as much of our delivery for children and young people as we can as it provides excellent evidence to demonstrate the value of the projects we run and something concrete that children and young people can achieve and take forward.'*

**Liz Gardner, Library Development Officer, Staffordshire Libraries**

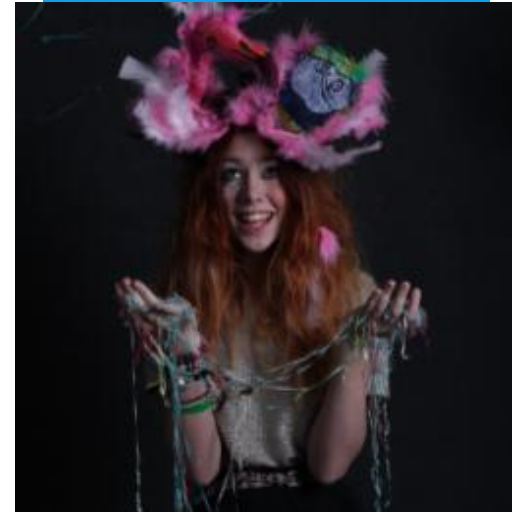
*'Arts Award has been an inspiration to me. Completing my Bronze and being part way through my Gold has taught me that I am capable of more than I can imagine, I feel as if I have the freedom and inspiration to do anything I never thought I would be able to do, the opportunities I didn't think I would have are just around the corner.'*

**Lauren, 14, Bronze Arts Award achiever, The Lowry Arts Centre**

# Arts Award partners



Arts Award works in partnership with a number of other national organisations to help even more young people explore their creativity through the awards, including:



Bodmin College

# Get started!



If you're interested in getting going, remember that you need to be a trained Arts Award adviser for the levels you want to deliver. View upcoming training courses at [www.artsaward.org.uk/training](http://www.artsaward.org.uk/training)



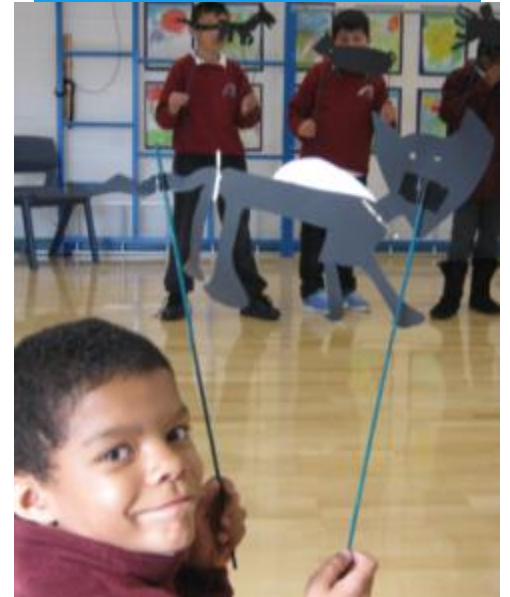
Thomas Estley  
Community College  
at Pitt Rivers  
Museum, photo Rob  
Walker

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## Useful resources:

- ▶ [Arts Award mapping documents](#): map the Arts Award framework to your current delivery
- ▶ Browse the full list of [planning resources](#) on the adviser hub
- ▶ [Arts Award costs](#)
- ▶ [Arts Award journey posters](#): a brand new set of posters which illustrate the journey for each level – put them up in your centre to inspire advisers and young people!



Zion Arts Centre

A photograph of several young women in a dance or movement class. They are wearing dark green school sweaters and black tights. One student in the foreground is wearing a blue polo shirt and grey sweatpants. They are in various dynamic poses, with arms extended and bodies arched. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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