



# arts award

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“Arts Award has helped my confidence in learning new techniques and having new experiences. It's helped me think about careers and I've realised how much I enjoy teaching and I'd like the chance to do that in the future.”

Bronze achiever, Carre's Grammar School

# welcome to Arts Award!

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Arts Award supports 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 setting personal challenges in an art form of their choice – from fashion to film making, pottery to poetry.

Arts Award offers national qualifications that enable young people to progress into further education and employment. Young people not only gain **art form knowledge and understanding** but also develop **leadership, creativity and communication skills**.

The flexible framework can work with any arts, cultural or media activity. It embraces all interests and abilities.

This Guide will show you what's involved in Arts Award – whether you're a practitioner wanting to start offering Arts Award, an interested parent or ready to start your own Arts Award journey.

You can find out more at [artsaward.org.uk](https://artsaward.org.uk)

Young people can get inspiration from our online magazine [artsawardvoice.com](https://artsawardvoice.com)

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# stars speak up

Our celebrity champions explain why they support Arts Award

Lucy Spraggan



“Artistic development for me is all about believing in your ability and having the patience to develop and learn from those around you. Find a style that suits the person you are and stick to your guns no matter what. Arts Award is a great programme for developing artists and encouraging them in the right way.”

**Lucy Spraggan**, musician

Riz Ahmed



“I got into performing because I couldn't sit still or stay out of trouble in class. At every stage I doubted myself, but having people's belief and support is what makes the difference. Arts Award is a crucial scheme to support and develop talent, and widen young people's horizons and raise their ambitions.”

**Riz Ahmed**, MC, musician and actor

Akram Khan  
photo: Jean-Louis Fernandez



“Looking back, I feel that there were two components that have been an integral part of my artistic development. The first one was hard work and dedication and the second was having the courage to continue and grow. I believe Arts Award supports both components, and offers both support and recognition for young artists.”

**Akram Khan**, choreographer and founder of Akram Khan Company

Nick Sharratt



“I know I wouldn't have had the necessary self-belief and determination to pursue a career as an illustrator if I hadn't received the encouragement, guidance and recognition that I did. Arts Award is there to provide precisely these things for today's creative youngsters, which is why I'm delighted to champion it.”

**Nick Sharratt**, illustrator and author of children's books



# what's involved

## Want to help grow future artists and arts leaders?

To achieve their Arts Award, young people take on challenges in an art form, participate in arts activities, experience arts events, get inspired by artists and share their arts skills with others.

Arts Award can be used with any arts or media activity, and can be offered in any organisation – including schools, colleges, theatres, galleries, museums, libraries, arts centres, heritage organisations, alternative education provision, performing groups, youth clubs or community groups and healthcare services.

## Who can become an adviser?

Arts Award advisers are key to the success of Arts Award. They support children and young people working towards their awards, providing guidance and assessing their work.

Advisers can be teachers, arts practitioners, youth workers, members of learning teams and volunteers. They need to have experience of working with young people and access to arts opportunities but don't have to be an arts specialist.

## How do I get started?

To get started, book onto an Arts Award adviser training course – offered at various locations throughout the year. You can also book any of our courses to be delivered in-house within your organisation. Turn to page 18 to find out more or visit [artsaward.org.uk/training](https://artsaward.org.uk/training)

Read on to find out about the five Arts Award levels available, and to be inspired by young people's Arts Award stories.

**‘I have seen Arts Award change the lives of many young people. The next generation of arts leaders is going to be outstanding!’**

Kate Plumb, Director, York Theatre Royal

# Arts Award Discover

## Start the arts adventure!

Arts Award Discover is an introductory level, certified by Trinity College London. Work can be recorded in any format – from drawing to photography, collage to video. Use our Discover arts logs, specially designed for use with different ages, available from [artsaward.org.uk/shop](https://artsaward.org.uk/shop) or create a digital portfolio using [artsbox.co.uk](https://artsbox.co.uk)

Arts Award Discover is designed for ages 5 and above but is open to anyone aged up to 25. It has three parts.

### discover the arts

take part in different arts activities

### find out

experience artists and their work

### share

show discoveries to others



Shropshire Creative Arts photo Judy McFall



For his Arts Award Discover, Samuel was inspired by the Summer Reading Challenge and through discovering the arts with his family during the summer holidays. He was supported by Shropshire Creative Arts.

Samuel visited a sculpture park and took part in arts and craft activities at his local library and museum. Here he heard a local author talk about her work. Samuel was also inspired by Van Gogh after studying him in his first year at school and he researched his work. Samuel shared his Discover journey with his mum.

Samuel's Arts Award experiences have fuelled an interest in many creative activities and he is looking forward to doing Arts Award Explore.

**“I really enjoyed looking at all the different sculptures and making things.”**

Samuel



Shropshire Creative Arts photo Judy McFall

# Arts Award Explore

Entry Level 3 Award in the Arts – for qualification information see page 17

## Explore the arts and be inspired!

Arts Award Explore arts logs help to record progress in a fun and creative way and are available to order from [artsaward.org.uk/shop](https://artsaward.org.uk/shop). Or create a digital portfolio at [artsbox.co.uk](https://artsbox.co.uk)

Arts Award Explore is designed for ages 7 and above, but is open to anyone aged up to 25. It has four parts.

### inspire

take part in a range of arts activities

### explore

experience the work of artists and arts organisations

### create

make art to show skills and creativity

### present

share achievements with others



photo Craft Revolution



Mia worked towards her Arts Award Explore at the after-school craft club Craft Revolution at St Paul's Church of England Primary School, Brighton. Mia took part in painting, sewing and appliqué activities, and recorded them in her Arts Award Explore arts log using photographs and illustrations. She met local artists, researched them online and included photographs and her own art, inspired by their works, in her arts log. Mia also used her new skills to make a rabbit from felt, ribbons, buttons and cotton. She presented her Arts Award achievements to the rest of the group.

“Arts Award is really exciting and interesting to take part in. I enjoyed showing what I was capable of doing and talking about what inspires me. Arts Award is great for people that have been doing craft or art for a long time and great for beginners too as they have the opportunity to learn new arts and crafts. It's AMAZING!”

Mia



photo Craft Revolution

# Bronze Arts Award

Level 1 Award in the Arts – for qualification information see page 17

## Take part in the arts and share new skills!

Through Bronze Arts Award, young people gain a Level 1 qualification. They create an arts portfolio to record their progress, collecting evidence of what they do along the way – use our specially designed Bronze arts logs available from [artsaward.org.uk/shop](https://artsaward.org.uk/shop) or create a digital portfolio at [artsbox.co.uk](https://artsbox.co.uk)

Bronze Arts Award is for ages 11 and above. It has four parts.

## enjoying the arts

### take part in an arts activity

choose anything from sculpture to storytelling

### arts review

experience the arts as an audience member and record a response

### arts inspiration

research the work and life of an inspiring artist or craftsperson

### arts skills share

pass on arts skills to others by leading a workshop or by giving a presentation with an explanation of the skills involved



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Alex completed his Bronze Arts Award with the London Transport Museum where he now works as a Curatorial Technical Assistant. He was interested to learn more about museums, art and design while gaining new creative skills.

Alex worked with artist Lola Lely who taught him and a group of other young people cyanotype printing. Alex enjoyed experimenting with the technique to achieve the best results and worked with the group on a piece of artwork celebrating the centenary of Edward Johnston's typeface, which was displayed in the Museum.

He explored and reviewed Johnston's calligraphy practice and researched his work using books, online sources and through talks.

Alex presented the final piece and shared the skills he had learned about how to compose an artwork collaboratively with Museum staff. The experience has boosted Alex's confidence to work with a team and independently.

**“The best advice I could give to young people interested in Arts Award is ‘sign up’! You will meet fantastic people, have a great experience AND get an arts qualification.”**

Alex



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# Silver Arts Award

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Level 2 Award in the Arts – for qualification information see page 17

## Take on a challenge and lead others!

For Silver Arts Award, young people develop their arts skills and knowledge and lead an arts project to achieve a Level 2 qualification. Young people build an arts portfolio to track their experiences and show their development, creating and collecting evidence along the way.

Silver Arts Award is designed for ages 14 and above, but is open to anyone aged over 11. It has two units.

### arts practice & pathways

#### arts challenge

set a challenge in a chosen arts activity,  
make a plan and review progress

#### arts review

record views on shows, exhibitions or events  
and share these with others

#### arts research

find out about arts activities in the local area  
and beyond, meet artists and learn about  
training and career opportunities in the arts

### arts leadership

Young people develop their leadership skills  
with others by leading workshops or delivering  
an arts project. They need to plan, deliver and  
review a project and can work individually or  
as part of a team. Leadership roles can involve  
passing on arts or media skills or taking charge  
of a particular creative aspect.



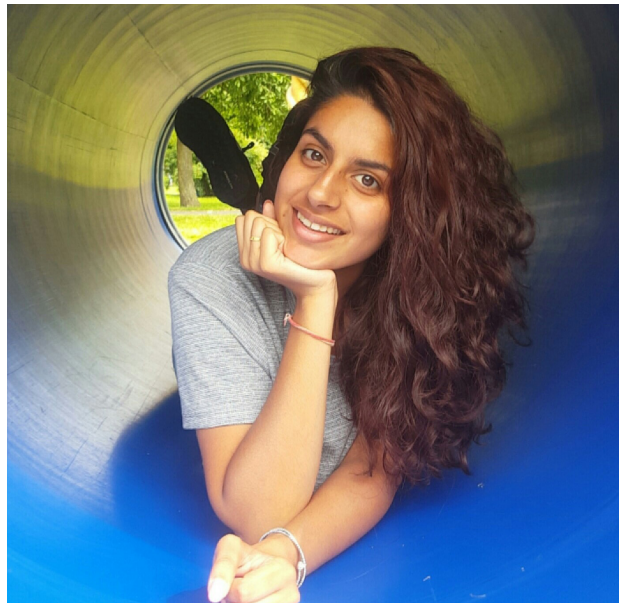
To achieve her Silver Arts Award, Neha set herself the challenge of learning the Martha Graham style of contemporary dance. She created her own piece of choreography and performed it at a dance competition. She developed her leadership skills by hosting her annual school dance competition with another Silver Award participant. They shared the responsibility of auditioning acts, selecting music and conducting a risk assessment of the venue.

Liaising with the performers and the venue developed Neha's people skills, troubleshooting ability and awareness of behind-the-scenes activities.

Neha also developed her knowledge and understanding of the dance scene by participating in workshops on choreography and attending the opening of a new dance studio along with an industry exhibition.

**“Arts Award showed me that a future career can be active and creative, involving doing something I enjoy in the arts.”**

Neha



# Gold Arts Award

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Level 3 Certificate in the Arts – for qualification information see page 17

UCAS\* tariff point: 16

## Develop arts skills and lead the way!

Gold Arts Award is our highest level, through which young people gain a Level 3 qualification and build a portfolio that demonstrates their achievements as an artist and arts leader.

Gold Arts Award is designed for ages 16 and above, but is open to anyone aged over 11. It has two units.

### personal arts development

#### arts practice

extend arts practice by gaining experience of a new area of the arts and developing something new

#### the wider arts sector

get involved in the arts world through placements, volunteering, training and research

#### research and review

go to high-quality arts events for inspiration and find out about the artists and their career paths

#### form a view

make the case for an arts issue

### leadership of an arts project

Young people take individual responsibility for researching, planning, running and reviewing their own arts project and managing a public sharing of their work. Projects can be managed as a group but young people need to take responsibility for a distinct creative part of the project and lead the planning, delivery and evaluation of it.

\*UCAS = Universities and Colleges Admissions Service

Idriss was supported by Radiu5 in Birmingham to complete his Gold Award in film and media. He worked with professional film-makers and artists to develop his skills and help him make his own short film. He also led a debate on whether film is an art form or should be classified as entertainment.

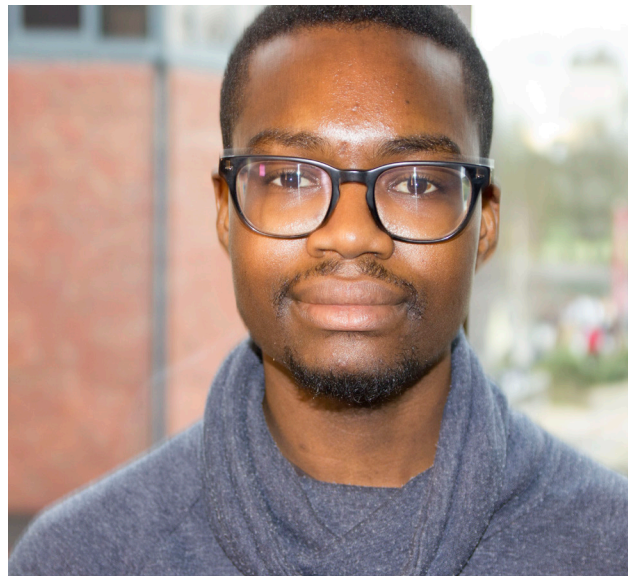
Idriss undertook in-depth research to find out about jobs in the film industry and opportunities to get into film-making. He also volunteered with local arts projects to gain experience.

Attending and reviewing a variety show inspired Idriss, together with a friend, to produce a showcase of performances of Arts Award work for his leadership project. This involved planning the event, finding a suitable venue, conducting risk assessments and inviting an audience.

Idriss is now a professional film-maker and has worked on a variety of projects from music videos to documentaries.

“Through Arts Award I met other young creatives, gained confidence in video-making and got involved in more projects. Working directly with professionals in my field while doing my Arts Award helped me realise that there is a career path in the arts and convinced me to study film at university.”

Idriss



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# Arts Award facts

## what?

- ▶ Arts Award offers a set of unique qualifications for children and young people
- ▶ The flexible framework can work across a wide range of arts and cultural activities and projects, including creative, technical and support roles
- ▶ Arts Award has five levels, four of which (Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold) are on the RQF\*. Arts Award Discover is an introductory level
- ▶ Arts Award assesses art form knowledge and understanding, creativity and communication skills rather than a specific art form skill level

## where?

- ▶ Young people work towards their Arts Award at an Arts Award centre
- ▶ A centre could be an art gallery, theatre, museum, library, school, college, youth club or an arts and cultural organisation – as long as it links with or employs an Arts Award adviser

## who?

- ▶ Anyone aged up to 25 can take part in Arts Award, with Bronze, Silver and Gold open to ages 11 and above
- ▶ You don't have to be an arts specialist to run Arts Award – adults with experience of working with young people train as Arts Award advisers, who support and assess young people's achievements

## how?

- ▶ Young people create an arts log or portfolio by creating and collecting evidence of their arts journey and skills development. These can take any format – from drawing and blogging to photography and video. Portfolios can be created using our Artsbox, our digital portfolio space (see page 23)
- ▶ Young people can work towards Arts Award within, outside and beyond school or college
- ▶ Arts Award advisers support young people in gaining arts experiences, provide guidance and assess arts logs and portfolios
- ▶ Young people can get ideas and inspiration from Arts Award Voice, an online magazine for young People (see page 23) or access opportunities from Arts Award Supporter organisations (see page 20)

\*RQF = Regulated Qualifications Framework

## training

**Half-day Discover & Explore adviser training** – covers how to deliver and assess Arts Award Discover and Explore, and includes delivery ideas and planning

**Full-day Bronze & Silver adviser training** – covers how to deliver and assess Bronze and Silver Arts Award, and includes presentations, case studies and discussion

**Half-day Gold adviser training** – for advisers wishing to support young people through Gold Arts Award (trainees must have successfully completed Bronze & Silver adviser training)

# The Arts Award Journey

## Gold Award

(Qualification no. 500/9666/7)

Level 3 Certificate

UCAS points\*

90 guided learning hours

60 independent learning hours

= 150 hours' total qualification time

- develop arts practice and create new art work
- research the wider arts sector
- undertake placement and/or volunteering
- debate an arts issue
- plan, deliver and review an arts project

## Bronze Award

(Qualification no. 501/0081/6)

Level 1 Award

40 guided learning hours

20 independent learning hours

= 60 hours' total qualification time

- take part in the arts
- review an arts event
- research an artist or craftsperson
- pass on your arts skills to others

## Arts Award Discover

20 hours (recommended)

- take part in the arts
- experience artists' work
- share your discovery

## Silver Award

(Qualification no. 500/9914/0)

Level 2 Award

60 guided learning hours

35 independent learning hours

= 95 hours' total qualification

- complete an arts challenge
- review arts events
- research arts careers
- plan, deliver and review a leadership project

## Arts Award Explore

(Qualification no. 600/3894/9)

Entry Level 3 Award

25 guided learning hours

10 independent learning hours

= 35 hours' total qualification time

- take part in the arts
- explore the work of artists and arts organisations
- create an art work
- present your exploration

\*The UCAS tariff system changes in 2016. This means that tariff points for all qualifications with UCAS points have been recalculated. This will apply to applications to higher education courses starting in September 2017. The UCAS tariff for Gold Arts Award is 16 points. For more detailed information, go to [artsaward.org.uk/qualification](http://artsaward.org.uk/qualification)

# running Arts Award

## how to get started

- ▶ Arts Award advisers support children and young people working towards an Arts Award and assess their work
- ▶ To become an Arts Award adviser, book onto an Arts Award adviser training course, available in different locations throughout the year [artsaward.org.uk/training](https://artsaward.org.uk/training)
- ▶ Not sure how Arts Award could work for you? We can help you map your offer to the Arts Award framework – get in touch (see page 22) or visit [artsaward.org.uk/mapping](https://artsaward.org.uk/mapping)
- ▶ Ready to get going? For our easy-to-follow steps visit [artsaward.org.uk/gettingstarted](https://artsaward.org.uk/gettingstarted)

## support

- ▶ Use our range of resources to help plan and deliver your Arts Award project [artsaward.org.uk/resources](https://artsaward.org.uk/resources)
- ▶ Once you've trained as an adviser, you can access free support sessions with Arts Award consultants. We also offer support through the website, helpdesk and newsletters [artsaward.org.uk/support](https://artsaward.org.uk/support)
- ▶ A national network of 10 Bridge organisations, funded by Arts Council England, provide regional opportunities in England, and Arts Award training agencies offer training and support in Scotland and Wales [artsaward.org.uk/regions](https://artsaward.org.uk/regions)
- ▶ Take advantage of Arts Award Supporter organisations, which offer activities that young people can use for their Arts Award [artsawardsupporter.com](https://artsawardsupporter.com)

## making it work

Arts Award can be delivered in many ways, in a wide range of places. You can fit it to your current offer or programme or use it to kick-start something new. Some examples are:

- weekly clubs or groups
- short courses and holiday projects
- partnership projects
- whole year-group and class projects
- targeted interventions
- extra-curricular programmes and enrichment options
- apprenticeships, work experience and volunteering opportunities
- young people's advisory groups
- museum or heritage projects
- arts festivals and artists in residence

The ratio of adviser to young people will vary according to the circumstances and level(s) being delivered. As a rough guide we suggest 1:25.

## moderation and certification

- ▶ Once young people have completed their arts log or portfolio, it is assessed by the adviser. A moderator then validates this assessment against RQF\* levels
- ▶ You can book a moderation online – there is a range of moderation options available to suit you at [artsaward.org.uk/moderation](https://artsaward.org.uk/moderation)
- ▶ Discover, Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates are sent to your centre within approximately four to six weeks of moderation

\*RQF = Regulated Qualifications Framework

# costs (until August 2017)

adviser training	scheduled courses	in-house training*
Half-day Discover & Explore adviser training	£140 per person	£80 per person plus a trainer's fee (minimum £210 plus expenses)
Full-day Bronze & Silver adviser training	£190 per person	£85 per person plus a trainer's fee (minimum £320 plus expenses)
Half-day Gold adviser training	£125 per person	£60 per person plus a trainer's fee (minimum £210 plus expenses)

To see all upcoming training courses, visit [artsaward.org.uk/booktraining](http://artsaward.org.uk/booktraining)

\*Book in-house training for a cost-effective and tailor-made training course for groups of six or more (can be run over one or two twilight sessions). More at [artsaward.org.uk/inhousetraining](http://artsaward.org.uk/inhousetraining)

Materials (optional)	Per person	Save with our multipacks			
		5	25	50	100
Discover log	£3.75	£16	£80	£155	£275
Explore log	£4.75	£20	£100	£185	£330
Bronze guidance booklet/arts log	£5.25	£23	£102	£195	£362
Silver guidance booklet	£6.50	£28	£120	£227	£441
Gold guidance booklet	£7	£30	£121	£235	£451

## Moderation and certificate fees

	1 portfolio or arts log	Groups of 25+	Groups of 50+	Groups of 100+
Discover certificate	£3.50	£3.25	£3	£2.50
Explore	£11.75	£11	£10.25	£9.75
Bronze	£22	£21	£20	£19
Silver	£27	£26	£25	£24
Gold	£39	£38	£37	£36

Various moderation options are available. Visit [artsaward.org.uk/moderation](http://artsaward.org.uk/moderation) for more details.



# partners

## partnerships

We work closely with many organisations and national bodies to increase young people's access to Arts Award. Our current partners include the Royal Shakespeare Company, Kids in Museums, The Reading Agency, Youth Music, Into Film, National Art & Design Saturday Club, Mozilla Foundation and Gamar. Find out how you can get involved in our partner projects at [artsaward.org.uk/partnerships](https://artsaward.org.uk/partnerships)

## Arts Award Supporter

Arts Award Supporters are arts and cultural organisations offering activities, events, resources and experiences which can help young people working towards an Arts Award. There are Supporter offers across all levels and art forms. Find out about Supporters near you at [artsawardsupporter.com](https://artsawardsupporter.com)



Northleigh CofE Primary School



Peterborough Museum photo Caroline Bray

# additional support

## funding

There are many ways of funding Arts Award. Schools, colleges, local authorities and training bodies can use accreditation funds. Arts Award costs can be included in applications for grants. Many funders welcome Arts Award as a way of monitoring your project's impact as well as providing national qualifications for young people. Find out about the basic costs involved, as well as tips for funding and budget planning, at [artsaward.org.uk/costs](https://artsaward.org.uk/costs) or see the charts on page 19.

## promoting your offer

Arts Award merchandise can be ordered from our shop to help you promote and recruit young people to your Arts Award offer. There are also free promotional materials such as posters and postcards (postage fees apply) [artsaward.org.uk/shop](https://artsaward.org.uk/shop)

Arts Award centres can also use a special version of the lo go to help recruit young people, promote their work and celebrate their achievements.



York Theatre Royal photo Coram Boy

# contact us

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The Trinity team is here to help at every stage. Visit the Help Centre at [artsaward.org.uk/helpcentre](https://artsaward.org.uk/helpcentre) or get in touch whether you are looking to get started, deliver the award, arrange moderation or promote your programme.

For all enquiries, contact the helpdesk on **020 7820 6178** or [artsawardenquiries@trinitycollege.co.uk](mailto:artsawardenquiries@trinitycollege.co.uk)

If you are a practitioner you can find out more about Arts Award at [artsaward.org.uk](https://artsaward.org.uk)

Young people can find out what Arts Award involves and get ideas at [artsawardvoice.com](https://artsawardvoice.com)

You can keep up-to-date with Arts Award on Facebook and Twitter and check out young people's work on Arts Award Voice or Artsbox.



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VOICE

Doing your Gold Award? Visit the Gold Hub at [artsawardvoice.com/gold-hub](https://artsawardvoice.com/gold-hub)  
You'll find resources, articles and friends, with a chance to share your work, get feedback and take part in events. Join us now!



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Arts Award Voice is an online magazine run by young people for young people interested in the arts and doing Arts Award

Artsbox – your arts portfolio space


Artsbox is a digital portfolio space and app where children and young people can record and share their arts experiences, work towards an Arts Award and collect rewards for cultural visits. It's fun, free, interactive and safe.

register now at

artsbox.co.uk

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**Need some inspiration?**  
Check out [artsaward.org.uk/blog](https://artsaward.org.uk/blog) for up-to-the-minute ideas on how Arts Award can work in practice and opportunities of interest.

## Kick-start your Arts Award delivery

Did you know that free support is on hand to help you successfully deliver Arts Award after you've trained as an adviser?

- ▶ Access a range of resources including delivery ideas, planning tools, moderation and assessment tips, along with all relevant criteria and paperwork.
- ▶ Book support visits or attend support surgeries for free. A great option if you are struggling to get going after training.

Visit [artsaward.org.uk/adviserhub](https://artsaward.org.uk/adviserhub) for full details of support options on offer