



AWARDS WA
**CHAMPIONING AND
CHALLENGING YOUNG PEOPLE
IN WA**

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Awards WA engages with young people of WA



Nearly 4,000 young people in WA are engaged in our programs - 48% female and 52% male



WA Participants volunteering as part of their Award, contributed over 62,500 hours to their local communities.



WA Participants are supported by 4000+ adult volunteers through their Award journey

Not limited by boundaries, there are nearly 4,000 young people currently completing their own unique program via 110 youth-focused partners and operators; including schools and youth organisations.

Our ambition is to make our Awards accessible to every 10-24 year old in Western Australia regardless of ability, experience or culture.



The Award is a global non-formal education framework for 14 - 24 year old young people, which operates in more than 132 countries and territories, helping to inspire young people to dream big, celebrate their achievements and make a difference in their world.

There are 3 Levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold) with four Sections (Physical Recreation, Voluntary Service, Skills, Adventurous Journey and a Gold Residential Project for those doing the Gold Award.



Ignite Award introduces the concepts of helping others, being physically active, developing a hobby and going on an adventure to 10 - 14 year olds. It is a great tool for schools to use to help a young person discover their interests, and focus their efforts.

There are 4 levels (1-4) with four activity areas (Physical Activity, Hobby, Volunteering and Adventure).

CHANGING LIVES IN A POSITIVE WAY

*Through our Award programs,
young people will...*

- be challenged to develop the character, skills and confidence they need to improve themselves and their communities
- be encouraged to step outside their comfort zones and build positive habits
- be empowered with not just the confidence but the desire to create meaningful change
- find their purpose, passion and place in the world



Recognised for my ability



WA Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's International Award holder Noah Ryan explains how the Award enabled him to find his passion for photography

I have Duchenne muscular dystrophy and have been a member of Muscular Dystrophy WA for many years. MDWA encouraged me to participate and supported me to achieve my Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

For my Service, I visited a local retirement village, spending time with the residents. For Recreation, I started bush walking, giving me the opportunity to explore areas I hadn't previously. I chose photography as my skill, travelling around Perth to capture landscapes. While working on improving my skills, including editing the photos to a high standard, I discovered a passion for photography and found a great joy for the art.

My Adventurous Journey took me to Margaret River and its surrounds for a weekend. I explored South West beaches, the Boranup Forest, Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse and Mammoth Cave. The main point of the weekend away was to get me out of my comfort zone, not having to rely on the support of my family, but instead enjoy time with friends and support workers.

While on my journey, I captured many beautiful images. This inspired me to create my 'Prints of Peace' Exhibition, a collection of landscape photography work, showcasing the skills I developed, knowledge gained and experiences had.

I am truly grateful for my experiences thus far. Doing the Award really helped me get out of my comfort zone and gave me a sense of direction at a time in my life when I needed it.

Why now?

There are over 500,000 children and young people in WA today. There have never been more young people of this age group alive in history.

Though fast-paced developments in technology mean the world has never been smaller or more accessible, it has also become increasingly unstable, uncertain and often insecure.

Our Awards are more relevant today than they have ever been. Today's young people need to be able to tackle the ever-changing world they live in - and to do that, they need transferable skills such as adaptability, communication, resilience and problem solving.

Governments and leaders around the world are also recognising the importance of non-formal education.

We are ambitious for young people and believe that non-formal education is a critical part of a young person's development and not just an occasional 'add-on'.

We believe what young people do and learn outside the classroom, often in their own time, should receive adequate recognition and appreciation.



HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT US

Awards WA has ambitious targets for growing the number of young people participating in and achieving one of our award programs - The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and Ignite Award. To achieve this, our activity between 2019 - 2020 will focus on the following:



ACCESS increasing the number of new award entrants, particular those from at risk or marginalised communities.



REACH increasing the number of organisations and people involved in delivering our Awards.



IMPACT increasing Award completion rates by assisting, supporting and training providers - volunteers and leaders - to enable more young people to achieve their Award.

There are a variety of ways that you can support our activities:

- Bronze, Silver or Gold Sponsorship ranging from \$2,000 - \$10,000
- Creating a unique funding/support program for young people to either start or continue an Award
- Providing in-kind support
- Becoming a Duke of Ed Employer
- Making a personal gift

Let's get creative how we can partner...



THANK YOU

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT OUR WORK, OR HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, WE
WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

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