



Benefits to Housing Association's

- Support to engage with members of the community whom are often least engaged.
- Opportunity to promote inter-generational learning.
- Opportunity to provide volunteering activities to involve the whole community.
- Opportunity to tackle causes of anti-social behaviour (disengagement, boredom, feeling of being 'outside' of the community).
- Can sit alongside existing projects.
- Partnership with a high profile national organisation working with young people.
- Opportunity to develop young leaders and young ambassadors.

Priority	How doing a DofE can support the personal development of young people in Wales.
Reducing youth unemployment and disengagement (ages 16-24)	Doing a DofE helps to develop the essential skills and attributes which are valued by employers and can help build an individual's self confidence and motivation. The programme requires a regular commitment to volunteering, skills development and physical activity. Widely recognised and valued by employers, achieving a DofE adds an additional dimension to any young persons experiences and qualifications.
Reducing the risk of youth offending	Through engagement in positive activities individuals are able to achieve an accreditation which sits outside of the formal curriculum but adds real value to their CV. The DofE programme has a proven track record of helping young people to develop both personally and socially.
Promoting physical well being	Every DofE programme contains a physical section. Participants must commit to regular physical activity (at least an hour a week) for the duration of their Award, helping to develop positive attitudes towards exercise and improving health and well being.
Supporting young people to do well at school	Doing a DofE Award can often inspire young people to progress within education and raise aspirations. The DofE is delivered as part of alternative curriculum studies and in Pupil Referral Units across Wales because it is recognised as a valuable tool to encourage positive attitudes to learning.
Supporting the most vulnerable and those with additional learning needs	DofE programmes are youth led and based on the needs and starting point of each individual, this makes them uniquely flexible as a tool for engagement for all young people whatever their circumstances.