



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD GWOBR DUG CAEREDIN

Housing Association support package

Costs

Annual License fee – The DofE license is signed by all of our delivery partners, this is to ensure the parity of delivery of the DofE across all our partners. We provide administration support and access to IT support for our online system eDofE. You will also get the support of a dedicated officer throughout the year. The annual license also allows you to use the DofE logo on materials in accordance with our branding guidelines. You will also be named as a partner in our Annual Review and our website, be invited to exclusive networking events and meet your fellow DofE Partners. The cost of the license fee for 2015-16 is **£1,000 excl V.A.T** It also includes support to set up the DofE within your association and provide guidance on role descriptions etc.

First year start up – This will cover all required training for members of staff to provide them with all the necessary skills and understanding to support the delivery of the DofE within your centres (No less than two full days depending on numbers and experience of staff). It also includes support from the regional office to set up the DofE within your association and provide guidance on job descriptions etc. We want to provide personalised support to you which means that your Housing Association is able to hit the ground running with the DofE programme and ensures the best possible outcome for your young people. The cost of this will be no more than **£1,000** and we will invoice you separately for training sessions. If you can provide venues and catering the costs will be reduced and our charges will be for tutor time, materials and accreditation only.

Expedition specific training for staff - In order to facilitate the expedition section of the DofE you will require staff with a good knowledge of the outdoors. You may already have these but may want to up skill them to a recognised standard. We recommend that you take guidance from the all Wales guidance on educational visits <http://gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/allsectorpolicies/healthandsafety/educationvisits/?lang=en> . Our expectation is, that as you retain responsibility for the health and safety of participants at all times , you will put your own expedition safety guidelines in place taking into account available relevant guidance, and if necessary complying with legal requirements set down by the HSE for outdoor and adventurous activities. We will ask to see evidence of your processes before licencing. The DofE does not endorse any one walking qualification and the level of qualification required will vary with the type of terrain you are venturing into.

The Basic Expedition Leader Award (BEL) is a Sports Leaders Award and is run by a number of companies; this level of qualification is generally acceptable for bronze level terrain – that is normal rural countryside and the Lowland Leaders Award (LLA) is a National Governing Body course delivered by providers under the Mountain Leader Training Scheme.

Other qualifications include the All Wales Lowland/Moorland Leaders Award (LAWW) and the Countryside Leaders Award (CLA)

All require commitment from the delegates to complete both training and assessment but it would provide you with sustainability going forward. Courses cost between **£200 - £300** per person often with a discount for groups.

Alternatively you could outsource expedition delivery to an Approved Activity Provider (AAP) – these can be found on our website www.dofe.org. Costs per participant vary however many are prepared to develop bespoke courses that would meet your needs.

During expedition there will also be camp fees and food costs and perhaps you would consider whether at circa £10 this would be something the participants themselves contributes towards.

Expedition Kit – Most Licensed Organisation allocate around £3,000 for kit. The DofE has a number of commercial partners which would be able to supply you with your kit requirements at a competitive rate.