

Arts Awards

The Arts Award scheme is run by Arts Council England and Trinity Guildhall. It is a national qualification which supports young people to develop as artists and arts leaders. It is useful for getting further education opportunities and jobs.

You can achieve the award if you are aged 11-25 (11 by the date of moderation) and take part in the arts at school or with an organisation such as Tees Valley Voices. You can be a beginner or very skilled.

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Bronze Award – Enjoying the Arts

This will take you about 30 hours. You need to create your own arts folder about your interests and your progress, putting in evidence of what you do towards your award.

There are 4 parts:

Taking part in an arts activity

Decide on the arts activity. Discuss with your adviser on how you can develop further and perhaps set yourself a challenge. Your adviser will monitor your progress as you participate.

Include in your portfolio a description of your arts activity, information about how you developed your participation and enjoyment and a summary of what you learned and how your skills improved.

Going to arts events

Your adviser will help you with information of events happening in this area. Attend at least one. Collect programmes and other information, record your views and share these with others.

Put in your portfolio evidence of attending the event, your personal views about it (written or spoken) and evidence of discussing your views with your friends (photos, comments from adviser, CD, DVD).

Arts heroes and heroines

Choose someone you admire and research the story of his or her life and work.

Put in your portfolio notes, photos, etc. and include a summary of why you chose the person, and what you learned about their life and work.

Arts apprenticeship

Share your skills - help to run a workshop, or perform/present to others.

Prepare for the activity by discussing it with your adviser or other arts professional, then do it.

In your portfolio, explain the activity and why you chose it, give evidence that the activity happened and review how well you did.

Assessment

Your adviser assesses your work first, then your portfolio will be sent away by post to Trinity Guildhall for moderation. If you are assessed as a pass, you receive a certificate.

Going further

You can go on to Silver and Gold awards, in which arts leadership skills are developed.