

Support required from parents and other members of the community to extend the provision of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the North Berwick High School catchment area – no experience necessary, all training provided

***Online Information Evening – ms teams link at foot of this information sheet.
WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2023 6.30 – 7.30pm
(though DofE advisors could stay on afterwards if there are still questions)***

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is the world's leading youth achievement award which develops young people for life and work. It helps them to fulfil their potential and for many the impact can be life-changing.

Due to the demand for DofE in the North Berwick area, there is a need to extend the provision so that all young people who want to take part in the award can do. Almost everyone who runs DofE in East Lothian does so on a voluntary basis e.g. school teachers within their own time or interested parents & members of the community.

We are holding an information evening to let you know about the different roles available to support a DofE group.

As a general rule, DofE participants are split up into teams of up to 7, with a minimum of 1 adult mentor to regularly support each group, though it could be shared between 2 people. We would ideally like many new adults to be involved in some way so that the load isn't too onerous for any one person.

The sorts of tasks available are:

1. Supporting/Mentoring the young people in the Volunteering/Physical/Skills sections of the award.

You would usually NOT be involved in running these activities, but would regularly chat to individuals to check how they are doing and ensure they are recording some evidence of what they are learning.

2. Leading or assisting an Expedition group

Training is available from East Lothian Council.

3. Fundraising for Expedition costs

If there are no volunteers to run the Expedition Section then we can hire in a fully qualified expedition leader.

4. Driving a minibus

Driving a group to the expedition area.

Further information

For further information about the award go to www.dofe.org

If you have any questions before the Info Evening please get in touch by email dofe@eastlothian.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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