



Youth Achievement Awards

Young Ambassadors can gain an accreditation for volunteering with BulliesOut and work towards a Youth Achievement Award from the awarding body, ASDAN and the UK Youth organisation. There is the option to work towards a Bronze, Silver or Gold award with us which is a good way to record and recognise all of the hard work done on behalf of BulliesOut.

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What are the YAAs?

UK Youth and ASDAN have joined to create, develop and support the Youth Achievement Awards (YAAs). The youth achievement awards were launched in 1997; they have been quickly recognised as one of the key frameworks to enable young people to:

- ◆ Develop their personal and social skills
- ◆ Build a portfolio of evidence based on their voluntary activities in youth work or informal education setting
- ◆ Gain nationally recognised accreditation through the awarding body ASDAN

Who are ASDAN?

"ASDAN (Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network) is an educational charity that creates opportunities for learners to achieve personal and social development through the achievement of awards and qualifications, thus to enhance their self esteem, their aspirations and their potential contribution to their community."

How do I benefit from the YAAs?

You can develop skills that you can use in future employment or generally for life. You will gain awards for work that you are already doing, it doesn't mean a huge amount of extra work. The awards are acknowledged in various workplaces and universities. Also soon the government will decide on a 'skills' framework which will incorporate all kinds of learning and show how the various levels of learning match with one another.

Why is BulliesOut offering the YAAs?

BulliesOut want our Ambassadors to receive recognition for the work that they do with us.

What do the awards involve?

There are 3 different levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold) which involve different amounts of 15 hour challenges. These challenges centre on different levels of responsibility.

- ◆ Bronze = Take part in activities
- ◆ Silver = Help to organise activities
- ◆ Gold = Plan, organise and lead activities

15 hours may seem a big challenge but if you take into account the time that goes into attending one of our meetings the hours do build up. For each challenge we have to put together a portfolio of evidence that you took part. This can be notes or a print out of the trains you planned to travel on, a photocopy of your tickets, a tube map, notes from the day, handouts etc. For each award you will also get an award booklet to fill out.

You can enter the awards scheme at the level that you want to. You will be guided and supported through the awards by Natalie who has attended a UK Youth training day.

When you have completed an award and it has been internally and externally moderated you will receive your official Youth Achievement Award certificate. You can then progress to an Asdan Short Course.

I'm interested. How do I start?

Join now as a BulliesOut Young Ambassador (link to application form/information pack). You will be told more about how to apply when you undertake your Young Ambassador training.