

Amazing Things (Supplement)

A guide to awards for
adults in Scotland



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Introduction

This publication is a supplement of Youth Scotland's 'Amazing Things, a guide to the Youth Awards in Scotland for young people aged 12 to 25. The purpose of this guide is to highlight the awards available for adults and older people participating in intergenerational projects across Scotland. While many are content to volunteer without receiving any official recognition, a growing number see its value. For some, using their experience and knowledge to help younger people and building new friendships can be extremely rewarding however there is so much more on offer.

Through volunteering and community working with different generations adults and older people can gain skills for learning, life and work and can take part in new activities, meet new people and give something back to their local community.

This supplement is a live document that will be updated as new awards are announced.

The Awards Network welcomes the opportunity to work with Generations Working Together in the production of this supplement to extend this collaborative approach to the broader community in Scotland.

The Awards Network is a forum of 21 non-formal learning awards providers who work collaboratively to raise awareness of the range of awards available to recognise young people's achievement in youth work settings in Scotland. Criteria for membership also includes operating Scotland wide and offering individual learning awards for young people in the 12 to 25 age range.

More details from www.awardsnetwork.org/

The Discovery Award

Award Provider	The Discovery Award Association
Distinctive Features	It is non-competitive, flexible and achievable. Progress is at your own pace, and within your own capabilities
Who is it for	Anyone aged 50 or over, regardless of state of health or even disability. At present the oldest Discoverer is over 80.
External Accreditation	No
Time Commitment	All levels have an agreed timescale
Cost to Learner	There is an annual affiliation fee of £7

Aim

To challenge the over 50s to discover new strengths, and hidden talents.

How does it work?

There are three levels – bronze, silver and gold – all divided into four sections and each with an agreed timescale.

Each level has four sections, Service in the Community; Hobby or Interest; Recreational Pursuit; and Journey of Discovery. Each of the sections has different timescales.

The range of activities is as vast as your imagination and will challenge you to levels you may not think yourself capable of - whether it be Service in the Community, a Hobby or Interest, a Recreational Pursuit or a Journey of Discovery.

So with a little money, a little bit of your time and as much effort as you are prepared to put in, you too could join the many people who have enjoyed the sheer exhilaration and feeling of self-satisfaction from becoming a Discoverer.

The Challenge – to discover:

- New strengths and hidden talents
- New interests, or new life in the old ones

- New and interesting people
- The satisfaction of helping others
- The joy of unexpected achievement

History

The long held idea came into being in September 1987. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Advisor for Dundee, and an Outdoor Community Education worker along with six enthusiastic women and four equally enthusiastic men began to put together a programme of activity and self-development, and the Discovery Award was born!

Discovery is a nationwide scheme, with an ever increasing number of groups throughout the United Kingdom, organised by The Discovery Award Association.

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The Dark Horse Venture



Award Provider	The Dark Horse Venture
Distinctive Features	Focuses on what people can achieve in later life, and to put the passion back into compassion,
Who is it for?	Open to anyone aged 50 and over
External Accreditation	No
Time Commitment	About 2 hours per week for 12 months
Cost to Learner	£8

Aim

To set free the 'dark horse' in themselves by discovering their hidden talents, abilities and gifts.

How does it work?

Once a participant has obtained their Dark Horse Venture (DHV) Personal Journal (PJ), they then decide which activity, topic, project, or subject they want to undertake, and then choose the category to which their activity is most suitably aligned, i.e.: Active & Creative; Tomorrow's World; History & Heritage; Peoples & Nations; Giving & Sharing.

Participants may want to concentrate on one activity or challenge per year, but some people may have the time, energy and resources to attempt two, three or four categories simultaneously. Four successful and completed challenges would result in the DHV Gold Award that is only applicable if the four activities are from any four different categories out of the five available. The whole scheme is subsidised to allow older people on very low fixed incomes or in care settings to participate.

The Challenge

- discover their hidden talents, abilities and gifts
- take a journey of self-discovery in terms of personal fulfilment, ambitions or simple wishes
- find a way to contribute something to their local community

History

A pilot scheme first started on Merseyside in the mid-eighties. Its founder is retired teacher Mary Thomas MBE, who turned her own heart-felt concerns about the loneliness, boredom, and social isolation of many older people into an effective remedy, one that focuses on what people can achieve and aspire to in later life, and celebrates the individual challenges they successfully undertake. DHV has been a registered charity for over twenty years, but in 2010 joined forces and resources to become part of the new Small Wonders Community Programme charity, to further develop the scheme and strengthen and underpin its future prospects in what are likely to be difficult economic times ahead for voluntary and charitable sectors.

The Dark Horse Venture Award Scheme has encouraged and practically enabled thousands of older people to take up new interests, hobbies, activities, studies and pastimes and put their life and work skills to practical and creative good use.

Over the last two decades the scheme has won much positive media attention and a number of national awards for the innovative work the organisation and its participants have achieved around the UK, and even more recently overseas.

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Annual Awards

Generations Working Together will notify members of the opening dates for nominations for these annual awards via the website and facebook.

YouthLink Scotland's National Youth Worker of the Year Awards

YouthLink Scotland's National Youth Worker of the Year Awards celebrate and recognise outstanding service and performance by managers, youth workers and peer educators in the youth work field.

There are 12 separate award categories including one specifically for intergenerational work.

Each category will have three finalists, with the winner and two runners-up being presented with their awards on the evening of the Awards Ceremony. Nominations normally open in October each year and the award ceremony is held the following March.

The intergenerational award will go to an individual or group whose work has consistently demonstrated that they have used creative and innovative approaches to bring young people and other generations together to share their skills/experience and to work to improve community cohesion in the area in which they live.

Contact

Nomination form and Guidance and Information for Nominators can be found on the YouthLink Scotland website at:

<http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/>

Map of Intergenerational Learning (EMIL) Annual Awards



In 2013 the European Map of Intergenerational Learning (EMIL) launched an Annual Awards programme to:

- Enhance public interest and awareness on the essential role and value of intergenerational communication and learning for sustainable societal innovation and development;
- Showcase intergenerational work currently taking place throughout Europe;
- Highlight and promote important and innovative concepts, initiatives and practices that may inspire and empower generations in Europe;
- Demonstrate how facilitation of communication between different generations can lead to the exploration of common interests and bringing people to take action together in order to tackle significant societal and economic issues;
- Foster exchange and cooperation between practitioners, researchers, policymakers, business and others.

How does it work?

EMIL wishes to highlight and showcase existing examples where intergenerational work adds value. Award winners will show how they have developed innovative and sustainable projects working with people of all ages that have made a real impact within the following themes:

- Housing/Environment
- Culture and the Arts
- Workplace/Working environment
- Communities
- Other

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To learn more about nominations, prizes and past winners go to the EMIL website at <http://www.emil-network.eu/> or email Julie Melville, EMIL Coordinator;

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all ages or a new intergenerational award
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