

SECTION NOTES

RESIDENTIAL PROJECT



This leaflet provides you with a basic outline of the International Award for Young People, with particular emphasis on the Residential Project requirement. It explains what is involved in acting as an Assessor for the Residential Project requirement of the Award.

More detailed information can be obtained from the *International Handbook*, from trained Award Leaders, and from the local or National Award Authority.

What is the Award?

The Award is a programme of personal development for young people aged between 14 and 25. It has three levels: **Bronze**, **Silver** and **Gold**; each of which takes an increasing time commitment to achieve.

Participants set themselves challenging personal goals in four different Sections:

- Service
- Skills
- Physical Recreation
- Adventurous Journey

With an additional requirement of a Residential Project at Gold.

Throughout the Programme participants can either develop existing interests or try something new. The Award is not a competition; it is based on personal improvement and achievement. Once participants have set their goals, striven to achieve them and shown improvement, they will achieve their Award.

These notes are for guidance only; please refer to the national or International Award Handbook for full conditions and requirements.

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The aim of this requirement is to broaden experience through involvement with others in a residential setting. The Residential Project gives participants a shared purposeful experience with people who are not their usual companions, working towards a common goal. It should be an experience that broadens the participant's outlook and horizons.

Benefits

The specific benefits to the participant will obviously depend on the type of residential experience chosen. Some general benefits include:

- Meeting new people
- Experiencing an unfamiliar environment
- Building new relationships
- Working as part of a team
- Accepting responsibility
- Developing communication skills
- Showing initiative
- Learning new skills or enhancing existing ones
- Enjoying living and working with others.

Requirements

This is only required at Gold level.

The participant is required to undertake a shared purposeful activity, with people who are not their usual colleagues or friends, in an unfamiliar residential setting. The activity should take place over a period of *at least four nights and five consecutive days*.

In exceptional circumstances, the commitment may be spread over two weekends. In these circumstances, the same activity must be pursued over both weekends and must take place within the same 12 month period.

Initial Briefing ↓	Initial planning with Award Leader to agree choice of Residential Project and Assessor
Completion and Monitoring ↓	Complete Residential Project with interim review
Final Review	Reviews entire process and Record Book is completed

The Process

Initial briefing: Before starting the residential experience, the participant should inform you that they wish the experience to count toward the Gold Award. As you will be required to monitor and review the participant's progress throughout the experience, you should commit yourself to being involved for the entire duration of this.

Monitoring Progress: The participant should be assessed on:

- Personal standards (application, punctuality and so on)
- Relationship with others
- Willingness to show initiative and take responsibility
- Development of skills throughout the activity.

The participant should have the opportunity to review their experience with you at an interim point of the residential activity.

The participant must follow all local laws for minimum age restrictions, insurance requirements and other legal requirements.

Final Review: This should offer a chance for the participant to critically reflect on their experience and review the high points and low points and what they have learned for the future. It should be facilitated by you, the Assessor. Once this review is completed, you should complete and sign off the Record Book, adding positive comments.

Completing the Record Book

There is no such thing as failure in the Award – if a participant has not shown commitment and improvement, the Record Book should be left blank and the participant encouraged to complete another Residential Project.

When the agreed goal is achieved, you should sign the Record Book and fill in the relevant sections for positive comments.

Gold Award: Residential Project

Residential Project Purpose: *Service to others*

Place: *Eye camp*

Dates: *1 March 05 - 5 March 05*

Assessor's report: (give details of personal standards, relationships with others, acceptance of responsibility, initiative and general progress)

Viral was a valuable member of the team showing a high level of initiative and responsibility. He was always willing to help and worked hard throughout the five days. He was quick to learn his duties.

Signed: *S. Vyas*

Date: *10/5/05*

Position: *Rotary Club Linison Officer*

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Over 500,000 young people in over 100 countries are currently taking part in the Award. They are only able to do so because of the support and encouragement of adult volunteers, who act as Instructors and Assessors for an impressive range of activities.

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