

## The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

A challenging programme of activities for 14—25 year olds providing an opportunity to learn new skills and gain valuable life experiences.....

## The 'Friends of the Award'

Providing support to Operating Authorities, Leaders and Participants ensuring that the Award is accessible to ALL young people in Edinburgh and the Lothians.



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## 'FRIENDS'

The 'Friends of the Award in Edinburgh and the Lothians' is a charitable company which was set up in 1998 to support local Operating Authorities in the promotion and delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

In 2002 we produced an ambitious business plan 'Award Inclusive' with a vision to make the Award available to ALL young people in Edinburgh and the Lothians.

This plan has been successful in attracting funding which has allowed us, in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council, to employ two Development Officers to promote and support the delivery of the Award in Wester Hailes, Sighthill, Greater Pilton, Craigmillar and Craigtinny.

In recognising the practical difficulties in delivering the Expedition Section, we have employed a full time Expedition Co-ordinator. He has supported expeditions for around 1600 young people in Edinburgh and the Lothians in 2004 through the provision of equipment, technical support, leader training and co-ordination and the delivery of a comprehensive Open Expedition Programme.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

**LEADER SUPPORT:** is always available from our Development Officers and Expedition Coordinator supported by a team of experienced volunteers.

**OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT STORE:** providing high quality, affordable equipment for expeditions sufficient for up to 60 young people per weekend.

**OPEN EXPEDITION PROGRAMME:** delivering expedition training and qualification to young people using experienced, qualified leaders.

**MINIBUS:** with roof rack available at low cost.

**TRAINING:** we support and sponsor all areas of leader training.

**AWARD INCLUSIVE:** Raising funds and providing training to support the delivery of the Award to 'at risk' and hard to reach young people.

**WORKING WITH ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS:** to adapt the Award to suit particular needs.

**FUNDRAISING:** to support all aspects of Award delivery in Edinburgh and the Lothians.



## MEMBERSHIP:

*Group or Individual membership is available at a nominal charge and provides the following benefits:*



- Leader Support and Training Opportunities.
- Additional Insurance for leaders and participants through membership of the Lothian Association of Youth Clubs.
- Discounted prices for Open Expedition Programme and Equipment Hire.
- Discounted hire price for Minibus.
- Fundraising guidance and support.
- Discounted prices for Record books, packs and other group materials regularly offered to members.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED:** to assist with all aspects of the work of the 'FRIENDS' including fundraising, equipment store, administration and leader support.

**SPONSORS WANTED:** If you or your company are in a position to assist with our work either financially or in kind please contact us at address shown.