



Benefits of Award holders



The challenges of today's youth have never been bigger

Learning does not occur only in the classroom. Young people need experiences which take place outside the class, so that they could become involved, responsible and accomplished citizens of a global community.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Programme is available to all young people aged between 14-24 years old and it is the world's leading youth achievement programme. The Award prepares young people for life, regardless of their cultural environment, their background, their physical, personal abilities or interests.

Doing the Award is a personal challenge, not a competition against others; it pushes young people's personal limits and constantly recognizes their achievements.

43% of the Award Units are NGOs which deliver the programme to the youth they work with

36% of the Award Units are schools which deliver the programme to students whose age ranges from 14 to 19

7% of our Award Units are universities which deliver the programme to students

7% of the Award Units offer new opportunities to disadvantaged young people

5% of the Award Units are touristic and sports clubs which deliver the programme to their members

Ever since its launch 60 years ago, the Award has inspired millions of young people to transform their lives.

Through non-formal education, the programme has a critical role in a young person's development, remaining achievable for each young person aged between 14 and 24 who is willing to accept the challenge.

A good and relevant education, formal and non-formal, allows a young person to be part of the social, economic and political context and to be involved in young people's development.

Active participation in volunteering, sports and other activities through the Award allows young people to develop their skills, knowledge and maturity, the feeling of self-improvement, empathy and responsibility towards others, but also to raise their awareness towards social and global issues, and the impact on the environment.

Every day, young Romanian people choose to begin their personal journey through the Award, entering the international community of millions of young participants from over 140 countries and territories.



The impact of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award programme on young Award holders.

School achievements

An increase on young people's participation in educational system classrooms, study dedication and school success level.



Voluntary service and community

Increasing involvement in voluntary and community activities, as well as young people's participation in social and political activities of the community they belong to.



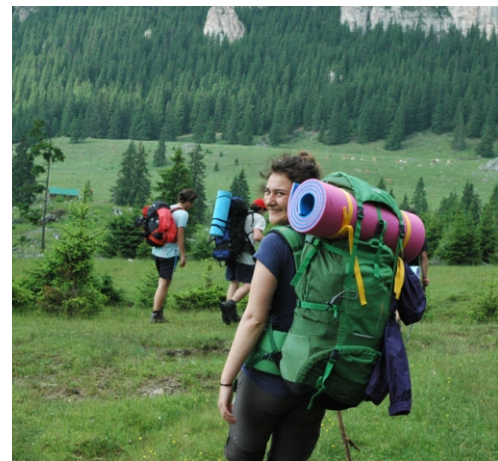
Increase employability

The programme cultivates skills such as: leadership, teamwork, flexibility, problem solving, negotiation and influencing, communication, that not only appeal to employers but can also lead to the creation of jobs and socio-economic development. Over 60 percent of the young Award holders agree that taking part in the Award has helped them choosing the right university or finding the job they wanted.



Environment

Increasing awareness of environmental issues by the young people and their involvement in sustainable environmental initiatives.



Social inclusion and differences

By including all young people, regardless of their origin, economic status, ethnicity or religion, the Award programme provides a framework in which all become involved: meeting new people and experiencing their living, developing new skills, building self-esteem and breaking social barriers and misconceptions.

Young Award holders are not only more aware of the differences



Developing a healthy lifestyle

The Award programme provides a solid framework of a healthy education and promotes a healthy lifestyle. The participants improve their physical and mental health by maintaining good health, discipline and an organized programme, but also by developing their personal



Reducing reoffending (recidivism) rates

Working directly with young people it's a way to reduce mistakes committed in order to bring a real contribution reducing the reoffending rate in a non-discriminatory and inclusive way.

Achieving performance in chosen activities

Young people set goals for personal development in new activities or in activities they already are doing, aiming for performance and exceptional results.



Developing independent life skills

The Award helps to develop creative thinking and criticism, problem solving skills and time management which improves the educational outcome. At the same time it increases the desire of young people to set long-term goals and embrace new challenges.



Accreditation and recognition

Award holders have the opportunity to show some of the skills they have developed during their participation in the programme at the Award Ceremony organized at local or national level. They gain an international accreditation for the progress they have made attending a non-formal education programme



It is extraordinary to celebrate getting an Award and receive recognition for the progress made, successfully covering all sections.

Companies from CISCO, GSK, BP until Universities from Romania and abroad believe in the Award holders and in the professionals and life skills that they have to offer.

“ “Lucian Blaga” University believes that The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award programme completes successfully range of activities that young people need in their personal development to complete as strong personalities, able to assume their present and the future of their generation.”

**Prof.univ.dr. ing. Ioan Bondrea,
Rector of Lucian Blaga University from Sibiu**

"Finding the right people is essential to the long-term success of the company. The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a global mark of achievement. Wherever in the world young people may have participated, I know that they will have learned first-hand about team-working, respect, excellence and courage – values that BP holds dear as a company."

Dev Sanyal

"Being an Award holder shows that the young person developed the range of skills, behaviours and attitudes that we are looking to our beginners."

**Michael Smith
Partner, Baker & McKenzie**

"The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is the only truly global mark of recognition that I know about in the field of extracurricular activity. As an employer, I want to see that people coming to work for us have more to offer than their academic qualifications. The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a great example of a differentiator I would look for when judging the suitability of a young person to join our company."

**Phil Smith
CEO, Cisco**

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