

DofE Annual Statistics Report

April 2016 – March 2017

60th Anniversary Celebrations



It's been a fantastic year for DofE Award in the Bailiwick. This year we were privileged to receive a visit from HRH The Earl of Wessex as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Diamond Anniversary celebrations.

HRH first visited Alderney to meet young people taking part in the DofE at St Anne's School before arriving in Guernsey. HRH then toured two of the Island's schools before joining in with our Diamond Anniversary Round Island Challenge which involved 60 young people circumnavigated the Island using different DofE modes of transport. HRH completed the final leg with students from Le Murier School taking the baton to its end point at Government House. HRH then met young people from all the DofE Centres across the Island showcasing DofE in the Bailiwick. Over 200 young people had the opportunity to meet HRH during his visit and take part in the celebrations.

A group of supporters of DofE then met HRH at an evening reception at Government House. This included, Gold Award holder Elizabeth Laine, the first known lady to receive a DofE Award in the Bailiwick of Guernsey back in 1960!

Many leaders and supporters undertook a DofE Diamond Challenge helping to raise money for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and, for many, adding to their collection of Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards to get the coveted Diamond pin!

Awards

This year has also seen the highest ever number awards achieved in the Bailiwick. 226 Awards were achieved last year over the three levels which sees a 73% increase on last year's statistics!



185 Bronze

24 Silver

13 Gold

We've also had a successful year in terms of the number of young people starting a DofE Award. With the new DofE rules allowing young people in Year 9 to begin their Award without having to wait until they are 14 years of age - we've seen more than 100 extra young people registering compared to last year. 564 young people registered for a Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the Bailiwick of Guernsey this year – (424 at Bronze, 64 at Silver and 76 at Gold).

Expeditions

Expedition season last year saw a total of 103 teams of young people completing expeditions! The locations included Guernsey, Jersey, Snowdonia, Lake District, Brecon Beacons, Dartmoor, New Forest, Purbecks and France.

Volunteers and Training

19 new leaders undertook our 'Introduction to DofE' training course with 14 leaders further developing their skills by attending a two day Bronze On-Island Training course. We have

also sent 11 DofE Leaders to the Brecon Beacons to undertake their Lowland Leader Training.



This year we held our Annual DofE Conference at the Guernsey Grammar & Sixth Form Centre which saw 40 DofE Leaders get together for training, networking and a thank you meal. Delegates attended a series of workshops covering topics such as expeditions, camping food and nutrition, using eDofE and how improve award completion rates. Operations Officers from South East DofE, Paul Redshaw and Hayley Meredith came to the Guernsey to help with the delivery of the conference.

Youth Commission Field Officer

Funded by Cazenove Capital Management, Jon Bell has now been in post as DofE field officer for almost a year. His role is to target those young people who would not ordinarily have the opportunity to take part in DofE. He is currently working with a number of groups including a home school group, the Guernsey Prison, a group of young people who have attended the Youth Commission's Team Programme and a group who are engaged with the Youth Justice Team at St Sampson's High.