

# **NOTTS** Outdoors Education Service

## **Most frequently asked questions about Nottinghamshire County Councils DofE access centres**

### **Where are the DofE access centres located?**

There are three locations where our DofE access teams offer sessions and training to support young people through their DofE journey.

The South Access centre meets in Cotgrave for Bronze and at County Hall for Silver. The East Access centre meets in Newark and the West Access centre meets at The Mill in Sutton in Ashfield.

### **How much does it cost?**

Each participant pays a DofE participation fee which currently is £24 at Bronze and Silver and £31 at Gold. This registers the young person with the DofE; they will also receive a DofE logbook, discount card and eDofE online account where they can record their DofE journey.

To complete the expedition section within one of our centres costs £75 at Bronze, Silver is £115 and Gold is £185. For full details of what this does or does not include, please contact us.

There are many ways to complete the physical, volunteering and skills sections of the award and whilst our volunteers and support workers guide participants in what to do, any cost associated with this section are not included.

At Gold Level, there is an additional residential section. Mill Adventure Base does offer adventurous activity Gold residentials during February half term, the summer holidays and October half term. The February half term residential has a special price offer for Nottinghamshire residents of £125 for a five day/ four-night package all-inclusive package.

### **What expedition equipment is needed?**

What is required will be covered during expedition training; items like tents, stoves and maps can usually be borrowed. Other expedition items may also be available upon request.

### **Who can access the centres?**

Any young person within Nottinghamshire can potentially access this provision, subject to suitability and availability providing they cannot access the award through their school.

### **What is the age range?**

Generally, most young people start Bronze in year nine or ten, Silver in year 10 or 11 and Gold from year 11, however a DofE award can be completed up to a 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.

For further information and to discuss our DofE provision, please phone our DofE office on 01623 556110 or email [awardsoffice@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:awardsoffice@nottsc.gov.uk)