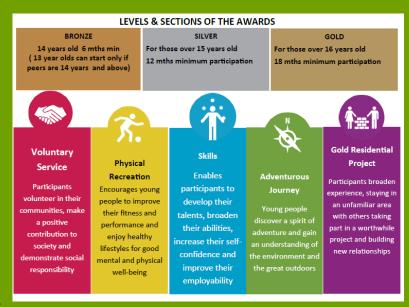


Annual Report to Donors 2019

About the Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a global framework for non-formal education and learning, which challenges young people to dream big, celebrate their achievements and make a difference in their world. Through developing transferable skills, increasing their fitness levels, cultivating a sense of adventure and volunteering in their community, the Award helps young people to find their purpose, passion and place in the world. It operates in more than 130 countries and territories, helping to inspire millions of young people to take control and make their own choices. And it's not limited by the boundaries of one programme or place. There are more than 1 million young people currently completing their own unique programme, via hundreds of



thousands of youth focused partners and operators, who are in tune with the interests and challenges facing young people today, including schools, youth organisations, examination boards and youth offender institutions.

The Award was introduced in Barbados in 1963 and since has afforded hundreds of young persons a variety of life-changing experiences. It is achievable by any 14-24-year-old who wants to take up the challenge. Today the Award is delivered through secondary schools, the University of the West Indies Cavehill Campus, other youth organisations and community groups. With a mission to inspire young people to challenge themselves to gain life skills through fun exciting, quality activities the local team is always seeking to extend access to the Award. Projects have been done with many partner organisations in an effort to assist the participants in the personal development as they complete their awards. The Award in Barbados is consistently represented at environmental awareness activities, events for the disabled, activities to raise awareness of the value of volunteerism the National Youth Week in September.

Our local presence

Edinburgh's Duke of The Barbados International Award (Registered Charity #3) is recognised by Education. Ministry of the Technological and Vocational Training (METVT) and the Ministry of Youth and Community Empowerment (MYCE). continues to work Award extensively in a number of secondary schools, youth organizations and community groups to nurture and help guide young people in developing their life skills and ultimately becoming effective decision makers and leaders who make valuable contributions to the country's development as they learn.

Our Award Units



- Barbados Cadet Corps
- Barbados Boy Scouts Association*
- Christ Church Foundation
- Codrington School
- Combermere School
- Darryl Jordan
 Secondary School*
- Deighton Griffith
 School
- The Girl Guides
 Association of
 Barbados
- Graydon Sealy
 Secondary School
- Harrison College

- Lockerbie College
- Lodge School
- New Horizons Academy*
- Ninasafiri Open Group
- Open Award Group
- Parkinson Memorial School*
- Princess Margaret School*
- Queen's College
- Springer Memorial School
- UWI Cave Hill Campus

*New units established in 2019

Sub-licences were issued to the Barbados Cadet Corps, The Girl Guides Association of Barbados and the Barbados Boy Scouts Association to offer the Award to their members. In addition, the Community Independence Celebrations Secretariat exposes Parish Ambassadors and Attendants to the Award's Adventurous Journey section every year since 2018. Those under the age of 25 can use their training and work to pursue the Bronze Award and those older can be trained as leaders and volunteers. The Award is always looking for new ways to reach the youth. In 2019 the Award engaged the Probation Department through a UNICEF funded project. This has opened the way for approximately 20 at risk youth to start working on gaining the Bronze Award.

Award Impacts

Award Outcomes



Improved employability and earning potential



Improved environmental impact



Improved physical health and fitness



Increased social cohesion



Improved mental health and emotional well-being



Reduced offending



Increased engagement with charitable and community causes





Confidence



Resilience and Determination



Relationships and leadership



Creativity & Adaptability



Planning and problem Solving



Managing Feelings



Communication



Personal and Social wellbeing



Civic Competence



Intercultural competence

Alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals

























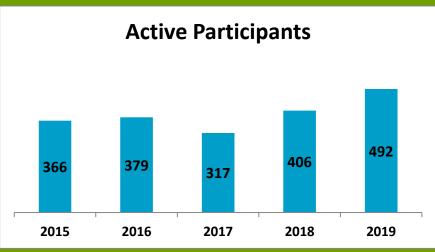




Local Impact

The Award continues to show consistent numbers of active participants. The start of a partnership with the Probation Department set work in motion to reach at-risk youth. In the near future the Award will be working with persons with disabilities. As more units are started, there is need for more volunteers and resources. In 2019 the Award was able to welcome new group leaders with units at the Daryll Jordan Secondary School and New Horizons Academy.

At the 2019 Scouts Founders Day service the Award in



Barbados created history. The first scouts to complete the Bronze Award since the Barbados Boy Scouts Association became sub-licensed to deliver the Award in 2017, were presented with their certificates during that service. Just days before that on International Women's Day, The Girl Guides Association of Barbados became the newest sublicensed organisation on the island.







Major Projects and Activities

- CASC 2020 St. Lucia Gold Adventurous Journey
- ASPIRE certification
- Repainting John Beckles Day Nursery
- Repainting National Trust HQ Wildey House
- Assembling poppies for Barbados Poppy League
- Participation in National Youth
 Week

Major Partnerships

- CICS Parish Ambassadors
 Weekend Retreat
- Probation Department Youth
 Development Projects
- Divefest 2019
- EQ Barbados
- Breast Screening Programme
 Pink Ribbons Drive
- Read For Life Barbados
- Research Monitoring at Walkers Reserve

Throughout the year, the participants and leaders could be seen regularly at Voluntary Service. One of the major activities in the latter half of the year was the repainting of the John Beckles Day Nursery. Participants worked on Saturdays from July onward to give the facility a much appreciated facelift.

The Adventurous Journey section requires careful training. In December 2019, the Expedition Panel hosted a 2-day training camp for Award participants. The Panel is made up of volunteers who are responsible for assessing the hikes. They are now working on creating a local training booklet to assist both participants and leaders. By the end of the year, 42 youth completed an Award and many have now started to work on the next level. For those who finished the gold, the journey continues as some are starting Award leader training.





With a team of around fifty active volunteers (and counting) we are making strides to enhance the lives of Barbadian youth. Young people can't sign up

to the Award unless there are trained adults who can mentor them by contributing to the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Barbados, you are investing in the people and expertise that enable this process to happen, and ensuring that participants in need receive adequate opportunities to succeed in the Award

THANK YOU!!

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Barbados cannot achieve its vital work without the phenomenal support of dedicated and generous individuals, trusts, and corporate entities. We would like to thank everyone who has given us funding, time, and services over the year, and especially those who continue to partner with us.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following for their support to our various activities in 2019.



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We'd also like to thank the valued members of our Award Council, Expedition Assessment Panel, Gold Award Holders Association, all Award Leaders and Volunteers for the time and support they have dedicated to us during the year.



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