

Quick Guide to.....Saltire

What is Saltire?

The Saltire Award is a national programme for young people between the ages of 12-25 designed to recognise your achievements when you take part in volunteering. .

The programme is designed as a curriculum of excellence, children can take part, depending on their age range, in the four sections to the awards:

- ◆ **The Challenge**
- ◆ **The Approach**
- ◆ **The Ascent**
- ◆ **The Summit**

The Challenge

A one off Volunteering Event, it is designed to give young people an experience of volunteering as part of a team.

Young people can choose to participate in a pre-arranged session or be supported to develop their own challenge.

The Approach

The Saltire Approach is the ideal introduction to volunteering for young volunteers. It is about discovering more about yourself, others and your community.

Designed to encourage a regular commitment to volunteering but in realistic, bite sized chunks with certificates presented to recognise successful completion of 10 and 25 hours of volunteering.

The Ascent

Saltire Ascent is a Volunteering Journey, recording skills and experience gained along the way.

The emphasis is on making a commitment to volunteering and achieving through personal development and learning. Young people are recognised on the successful completion of 50, 100 or 200 hours.

The Summit

The Summit Award is for an outstanding contribution to volunteering and is the pinnacle award..

It is awarded to those who have exceeded expectations. Volunteers must be nominated for the award by the organisation they volunteer for and the nominations are peer assessed by a panel of Saltire Ambassadors

Saltire Ambassadors

The Saltire Awards are committed to involving young volunteers in the delivery and development of the awards at all stages. Young people who have achieved the 'Ascent' will be encouraged to become 'Saltire Ambassadors'.

Full training and support for these roles will be provided by the Saltire Development Workers and Ambassadors can choose to get involved in a variety of roles such as:

- The 'Summit' Panel
- Promotional events, Workshops and Presentations
- Helping to organise Saltire 'Challenge' events
- Publicity and Communication e.g. The Website, Facebook and Twitter
- Helping to organise Award Ceremonies
- Compiling case studies and image banks

Ambassadors will have the opportunity to further develop and build upon skills such as planning, organisation, committee roles, communication and group work skills.

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