



**EDUCATION AND SOCIAL CARE
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**SUPPORTING AND CELEBRATING
THE WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS OF
YOUNG PEOPLE IN MORAY
2017-18**

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Youth Awards in Scotland

The following table lists a number of the youth awards available in Scotland:-

Award Provider / Co-ordinator	Award	Age group	External Accreditation
Air Training Corps	BTEC (Business & Technology Council) Awards, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Air Cadet CV	13-18	Some aspects may be accredited externally
Army Cadet Force Association	Star Awards, ILM Certificate, BTEC Awards, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Lord Lieutenant's Cadet Award	12-18	Some aspects may be accredited externally
Sea Cadets	BTEC Awards, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, RYA qualifications	10-18	Some aspects may be accredited externally
ASDAN	Short Course Awards	13-19	Yes
	Certificate in Community Volunteering (CCV)	14+	Yes
	Activities Award	11-19	No
	Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (CoPE)	14+	Yes
Boys' Brigade	Queen's Badge Award, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, NVQ at levels 2 & 3	5-18	Some aspects may be accredited externally
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award	14-25	No
Girlguiding Scotland	Queen's Guide Award	16-25	No
John Muir Trust	John Muir Award	All ages	No
Music Awards	ARBSM awards	8-25	Yes
Scottish Council The Scout Association	Chief Scout's Awards & Queen's Scout Award	6-25	Some aspects may be accredited externally
Active Schools	Sports Leaders UK	9+	Yes
Volunteer Development Scotland & the Volunteer Centre Network Scotland	MV Awards	16-25	No
Youth Scotland	Youth Achievement Awards	14+	Yes
	Dynamic Youth Awards	10-14	Yes
Engagement Team – Youth Work	Various Awards	10+	Yes
Young Scot	Signposting	12-25	No
Saltire Awards	Saltire Awards	12-15	No

Source: Amazing Things, Youth Scotland (2011)
Individual organisation websites – February 2019

Air Training Corps

The Air Training Corps is the RAF's cadet force, divided into six regions, 34 wings and more than 900 squadrons within the communities around the UK. The aim of the cadets is to:

- Promote and encourage a practical interest in aviation and the Royal Air Force among you people
- Provide training which will be useful in the Services and civilian life
- Encourage the spirit of adventure and develop qualities of leadership and good citizenship

The cadets life is about learning through practical experience, especially in the outdoors. Cadets will participate in a range of activities that offer challenge, excitement and adventure and knowledge picked up through the way with structured lectures and first-hand experience.

Cadets can join at age 13 as Junior Cadets and sit exams in aviation studies to progress through the classifications to First Class cadet, Leading cadet, Senior cadet, and Master cadet. They can work towards the Business & Technology Education Council (BTEC) Award in Aviation Studies, the BTEC First Diploma in Public Services, and the BTEC First Diploma in Music. They can obtain badges for First Aid, Shooting, Gliding/Flying Scholarships, Duke of Edinburgh's Award and various sports.

In addition, cadets can achieve the Air Cadet CV, which provides cadets with a record of evidence of their achievements. To be awarded the Air Cadet CV, cadets must have completed 6 activities, which range from having a minimum of 18 months enrolled service to gaining a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

The Units in the Moray area are in Elgin, Forres, and Rothes (Speyside). The following table shows the unit numbers and number of Air Training Corps cadets as at December 2018:-

Classifications Gained 01 Jan – 31 Dec 18							
Sqn/DF	Strength at 31-Dec-18	Junior (new cadets)	First Class	Leading	Senior	Master	Total Classifications (exam passes)
423 (Elgin) Sqn	41	14	8	7	7	2	22
423 (Speyside) DF	14	9	4	1	0	0	3
446 (Forres) Sqn	20	8	8	0	0	4	6

During 2018 there has been an overall increase of 10 cadets within Moray units, with an increase recorded at each squadron number of cadets have progressed through the aviation classifications during 2018, with cadets also achieving the BTEC and QAIC awards.

Source: ATC Highland Wing, February 2019

Sea Cadet Corps

Moray Sea Cadets was formally adopted by the Sea Cadet Corps in 2004 and currently has cadets from across the Moray area from Keith, Speyside, Fochabers, along the coast but mostly from Elgin. Cadets are presented from Elgin High, Elgin Academy, Lossiemouth High and Speyside High, as well as several of their catchment primary schools.

Aided by 16 adult volunteers, Moray Sea Cadets partake in several adventurous and water based activities such as powerboating, kayaking, coastal rowing and dinghy sailing and other boating exercises. During the winter cadets learn the ropes of seamanship, navigation, meteorology, first aid, catering, drill & ceremonial and other classroom based activities necessary for the understanding of boating and the mixture of theory and practical activities which can lead to RYA (Royal Yachting Association) qualifications. Cadets are actively encouraged to go to National Sea Cadet training camps or onto Offshore Vessels for a week to increase their progression and add to their qualifications. Additionally, there are several international opportunities. A big emphasis for cadets is to instil the 5 values of loyalty, commitment, self-discipline, honesty and respect.

A number of qualifications are available to Sea Cadets, during 2015-16 the following qualifications were gained through the Unit:

- SCC Specialisations (120) - Swimming (19) - RYA Windsurfing (3) - Offshore (15)
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award (2) - NGB Kayaking & Canoeing (2) - SCC Award (35)
- SCC Proficiencies (18) - RYA Powerboating (35) - RYA Sailing (9)
- SJA First Aid (8) - SCC Junior Sea Cadet (12) - BTEC Level 1 in Public Service (4)
- Advancements & Promotions (12) - Ex-cadets progress to volunteer staff (3)
- Ex-cadets join Merchant or Royal Navy (4)

The Moray Unit had a membership of 45 as at Sept. 2016. Membership made up of:

	New Entry	Junior (aged 10 – 12)	Sea Cadets (aged 12 – 18)	Total
September 2016	6	7	32	45

The Moray unit is active in encouraging cadets to take part in some of the external opportunities available through national sea cadets. There have been 12 voyages either on the Tall Ship "TS Royalist" or training power vessel "TS Petchey" in the last year. One cadet went on a foreign exchange to Sweden during the summer of 2015 and another cadet went to support the Jubilee Sailing Trust disability Voyage over Christmas 2015. A cadet has just been accepted onto the very competitive Aviation programme for February 2017 and the unit has booked a TS Petchey trip for the whole unit to sail from Oban through the Caledonia Canal to Inverness where they hope to hold a reception. Cadets also take part in several community events and activities such as Commando Speed March in Spean Bridge, Aberlour House Highland Games (winning 2 gold medals for hill races), Highland Military Tattoo and assisting in various local fundraising events and beach cleans. They have recently gained new boating equipment (dinghy boat, yacht, rowing boats) to enhance their water based activities and are actively fundraising for a new safety boat.

For 2016, Moray Sea Cadets were awarded a Burgee following annual National Sea Cadet review, meaning they are amongst the top 25% units in the UK (400 units).

Source: Northern Area Sea Cadets, December 2016

Army Cadet Force Association

During a young person's time in the Army Cadet Force (ACF) they will follow a syllabus called the Army Proficiency Certificate (APC). As cadets learn more about the various topics and get better at them, they will progress through the star levels until they reach four star or Master Cadet. Subjects that cadets learn include:

- Cadet and The Community; Drill and Turnout; Expeditions; Fieldcraft; First Aid; Junior / Senior Cadet Instructor Cadre; Map and Compass; Military Knowledge; Music; Piping and Drumming; Shooting; Signals; Skill at Arms; Sport

As well as the APC topics, cadets also get the chance to have a go at a wide range of adventurous training activities, including kayaking, abseiling, climbing, caving, skiing, mountain biking and loads more.

Cadets will progress through the challenging 'star' award levels, moving up the ranks to Senior Cadet. The Senior Cadet can then participate at an advanced level to achieve Master Cadet. Cadets who complete the Master Cadet Course are eligible for the Certificate in Team Leading from the Institute of Leadership & Management.

The Army Cadet Force Association is the second largest operator of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE), with 2-star normally being the level Cadets would be working at when participating in the Bronze Award, and 4-star being the level for Silver and Gold Awards.

Through the Cadet Vocational Qualification Organisation (CVQO), Cadets from 3-star level (aged 16 and over) can earn BTEC First Diploma in Public Services or BTEC First Diploma in Music, which is equivalent to 4 national qualifications at levels 1-3. The Lord Lieutenant's Cadet is the ultimate Award for all ACF cadets.

The Detachments in the Moray area are in Elgin, Forres, Buckie and Keith. The number of Army cadets at April 2018 for each detachment:-

Detachment	Age of young person					Total
	12-13	14	15	16	17+	
Buckie	5	10	3	3	1	22
Keith	6	0	0	3	0	9
Elgin	13	5	8	4	3	33
Forres	10	6	2	5	3	26
Total	34	21	13	15	7	90

In 2018-19 the following number of Army cadets had completed or were working through the following awards:-

Detachment	Awards				
	CVQO	APC	DofE	BTEC	1 st Aid
Buckie	0	22	0	0	4
Keith	0	9	0	0	11
Elgin	0	14	5	0	5
Forres	0	18	4	1	6
Total	0	63	9	1	26

Source: Army Cadet Force Association (The 1st and 2nd Battalion The Highlanders), January 2018

Boys' Brigade

The Boys' Brigade in the Moray Council area is made up of two battalions: the Moray Battalion which has four companies –Elgin, Forres, Lossiemouth and Rothes, and the Banffshire Battalion which 1st Buckie is part of.

The companies meet weekly in local schools and churches and provide a wide range of activities including an award scheme which takes in the curriculum of excellence.

The Boys' Brigade provides a programme of activity across four different age groups. The Brigade offers a progression programme with different awards schemes for different ages, and the opportunity to undertake the President's Badge, Queen's Badge and Duke of Edinburgh's Award. 1st Buckie have nine boys and 4th Elgin three boys gaining the Queens Award this session. 1st Buckie also have seven boys working towards the President's award. These are the two highest awards in the Boys' Brigade.

The companies compete in various sporting events at battalion level and brigade nationally, which includes football, swimming, high jump, uni-hoc, general knowledge, badminton, table tennis, bowling and marching. Companies also attend various events, church parades, camps and activity weekends across the country and abroad. 1st Buckie were winners in the Brigade Scottish 5 A-Side Football and are now going to England to represent Scotland in the UK finals. 4th Lossiemouth have been very successful this session and have made history in Moray Battalion by winning every single competition and being crowned Best Company in Moray.

Boys' Brigade remains strong in parts of Moray with 1st Buckie being the biggest company in Scotland and 4th Lossiemouth having more boys than the rest of the Moray Battalion put together. 4th Lossiemouth has kept steady numbers over the last 5 years and goes from strength to strength. This is mainly due to meeting in Hythehill Primary School in a housing estate in Lossiemouth and being part of the school. This is a strong partnership between the school and the Boys' Brigade and could be replicated with other schools throughout Moray.

Overall Moray Battalion has a small decrease this session with numbers down to 140 from 149, this is largely due to Burghead being in abeyance again. 1st Buckie Company increased from 171 to 198, with a particular rise in anchor boys.

Moray Battalion - Company	Boys' Brigade Sections			Company Totals	Officers
	Anchor Boys (age 5-7)	Juniors (age 8-10)	Company (age 11-18)		
4 th Elgin	12	12	6	30	6
2 nd Forres	11	11	4	26	3
4 th Lossiemouth	20	36	18	74	5
1 st Rothes	5	5	0	10	3
Moray	48	64	28	140	17

Banffshire Battalion - Company	Anchor Boys (age 5-7)	Juniors (age 8-10)	Company (age 11-18)	Company Total	Officers
1st Buckie	56	61	81	198	43

Source: The Boys' Brigade, February 2019

Girl Guiding Scotland (The Queen's Guide Award)

Girlguiding Scotland aim is to enable girls and young women to fulfil their potential and to take an active and responsible role in society through a distinctive, stimulating and enjoyable programme of activities delivered by the Girlguiding movement. The scope and flexibility of the programme, designed to meet the needs of each girl, reflect this emphasis on personal achievement.

Girls have the opportunity to gain a number of badges and awards throughout their time in Girlguiding, reflecting on the wide variety of experiences and tasks the girls will take on in developing personal skills whilst contributing to Guiding and the local community.

In August 2018, Moray Girlguiding embraced the new UK Girlguiding programme which was created to inspire girls and young women – delivering a varied range of new activities with plenty of badges to be earned and new skills to be developed with the aim to broaden their horizons. Through fun, friendship, challenge and adventure Girlguiding Moray will continue to follow Girlguiding's mission for the future, to empower girls to find their voice, inspire them to discover the best in themselves and to make a positive difference in their community.

In Moray

In Moray there were 880 girls enrolled with the Girlguiding movement as at February 2019. In total there are 61 units based throughout Moray, with 19 Rainbow units, 23 Brownie Packs, 15 Guide Units and 4 Senior Section Units. In addition there are 210 leader volunteers in Moray.

Districts	Section				Total
	Rainbows (Age 5 to 7)	Brownies (Age 7-10)	Guides (Age 10-14)	Seniors (Age 14+)	
Buckie and Seafield	70	77	36	2	185
Elgin and Lhanbryde	30	81	58	-	139
Elgin Landward	21	63	32	2	118
Forres and Kinloss	28	66	57	11	162
Keith	34	44	31	1	110
Laich	30	32	10	-	72
Lossiemouth	15	33	16	-	64
Total	228	396	240	16	880

During 2018 - 3 new units, 2 rainbow and one Ranger were started. Unfortunately, 5 units did close in different areas and there is a large waiting list for Rainbows across the County with the potentially for 3 units if there were enough volunteers. The growth strategy continues to support the retention and recruitment of volunteers.

Source: Girlguiding Moray, February 2019

John Muir Trust (The John Muir Award)

The John Muir Award is an environmental award that is delivered through partnerships with youth organisations, schools, clubs, Local Authorities, and outdoor centres. It encourages awareness and responsibility for the natural environment in a spirit of fun and adventure.

The John Muir Award is used to help deliver Curriculum for Excellence outcomes, close the poverty-related attainment gap, and demonstrate Learning for Sustainability in action. It involves pupils taking responsibility for nature (in school grounds and communities), helps establish aspirations for healthy behaviour, and improves wellbeing in line with Scottish Government SHANARRI indicators. Such activity helps foster a culture of achievement in schools – building essential skills for life, learning and work.

The John Muir Award in the Cairngorms offers an exciting opportunity for participants to meet the challenges of a national environmental award scheme, this is done through a range of activities that encompass 4 main challenges – discover a wild place; explore its wildness; conserve a wild place; and share your experience. There are 3 levels of award, encouraging a progressive involvement:

- Discovery Award (introductory level) – a minimum 4 days (or equivalent)
- Explorer Award (intermediate level) – a minimum 8 days (or equivalent)
- Conserver Award (advanced level) – a minimum 20 days (or equivalent) over 6 months

John Muir Award participants in Moray are registered for the scheme through a variety of groups, these include 'Wild Things!' (Findhorn based provider delivering nature based programmes to schools and other groups), CNPA Junior Ranger Project and Moray DofE.

Between August 2017 to June 2018, Moray pupils from 7 primary schools and 2 secondary schools signed up and completed the John Muir Awards in the Cairngorms.

In 2017-18 a total of 212 John Muir Awards were gained by young people in Moray (aged 16 years and under) through the John Muir Award scheme in the Cairngorms. The breakdown of awards is detailed below:

	Awards Achieved (2016-17)			Total
	Discovery	Explorer	Conserver	
Primary	164	0	0	164
Secondary	39	9	0	48
Total	203	0	9	212

The number of young people going through John Muir awards is down on last year, this was largely due to organisational changes. It is anticipated that numbers will be back to the numbers recorded in previous years.

Source: John Muir Award scheme, Cairngorm National Park Authority, February 2019

Musical Achievements (ABRSM)

The National Youth Orchestras of Scotland (NYOS) provides orchestral experiences in classical and jazz music for its students from the age of 8 – 25, through eight ensembles, ranging in age, size and musical style. NYOS Junior Orchestra is for ambitious young musicians aged between 8 and 14 years old and the first step on the ladder for The National Youth Orchestra of Scotland. NYOS Senior Orchestra is for graduates of the NYOS Junior Orchestra and older students aged between 12 and 18 years old, aspiring to become members of The National Youth Orchestra of Scotland. The National Youth Orchestra of Scotland is the flagship orchestra of NYOS for musicians aged between 13 and 25. Auditions for entry to The National Youth Orchestra of Scotland are held annually, throughout Scotland, attracting hundreds of auditionees each year.

This year Moray pupils were involved in a number of NYOS training and courses. A total of 7 students from Moray auditioned and all were offered either a place in the Junior or Senior Orchestra, or a reserve place.

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) is an examinations board in London which provides examinations in music at centres around the world. The Royal Schools referred to in the ABRSM's title are: The Royal Academy of Music, The Royal College of Music, The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, The Royal Northern College of Music. More than 650,000 candidates take the ABRSM examinations each year in over 93 countries.

In March, June and December each year the Head of Instrumental Instruction compiles a list of grades passed after each Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music examination and these are published in the Northern Scot.

ABRSM results on average per year

A total of 134 students in the Moray Council's Instrumental Instruction Service achieved an award through ABRSM examinations in 2018. Based on results for 2018, 37% achieved a standard pass, 45% achieving merit award and 18% receiving a distinction - well above the national rate for distinction which is around 10%. Nearly half of the exams were for the violin, while students also sat exams for the flute, cello, clarinet, trumpet, cornet etc. The pupils were from all 8 secondary schools and a number of primary schools with pupils varying in age from 8 – 18.

2017	Total Number	Distinction	Merit	Standard Pass
Violin	63	6	25	32
Flute	15	3	7	5
Cello	23	6	9	8
Clarinet	7	1	5	1
Trumpet	1	0	0	1
Cornet	1	0	0	1
Baritone	2	1	1	0
Theory	4	2	2	0
Trombone	1	0	1	0
Traditional Fiddle Music (RCS)	17	5	10	2
Total	134	24	60	50

Source: Instrumental Services, Moray Council (January, 2019)

Scottish Council – The Scout Association

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- Integrity – We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect – We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care – We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief – We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Cooperation – We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends

There are 4 scouting sections which are age related, these are the Beavers (age 6-8), Cubs (age 8-10), Scouts (age 10-14), Explorers (age 14-18) and Network (age 18-25). All scouting members are guided through a programme of training, activities, badges and awards as they progress through the 5 scouting sections.

The ultimate award that a scout can achieve is the Queen's Scout Award. The Award is comparable to the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award, however, to gain the award, a Queen's Scout must also complete a values based programme in addition to the common requirements of both awards.

The number of Beavers/Cubs/Scouts in Moray at the January 2019 census:-

Group	Section				Total
	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	
1 st Aberlour	6	7	10	5	28
Dufftown	12	10	-	-	22
1 st Elgin	19	20	25	-	64
2 nd Elgin	34	34	31	26	125
1 st Fochabers	20	28	29	3	80
1 st Forres	13	15	23	14	65
1 st Hopeman	21	26	19	6	72
1 st Kinloss	9	13	20	7	49
1 st Lossiemouth	15	20	11	1	47
2 nd Keith	18	14	17	5	54
Mosstodloch	23	14	34	19	90
Total	190	187	191	86	696

Overall there has been a decrease in numbers across a number of areas in Moray for scouting compared to last years census data, with a particular drop in Cub and Scout sections. There is an increased pressure in recruiting volunteer leaders to meet demand.

Source: Amazing Things, Youth Scotland (2011)
Moray District Scout Council, February 2019

Active Schools and Sport Leaders

Active Schools is a Scottish Executive initiative, joint funded by SportsScotland and the local authority, with the aim of increasing the activity levels of children by enabling the provision of high-quality, safe and sustainable physical activity opportunities for all pupils. The Active Schools team provides these opportunities during the formal, informal and extended curriculum as well as in the wider community. The remit of the program is wide and includes all forms of activity: sport at the grass-roots level, active travel, outdoor adventure and the active arts.

The key objectives of the program are:

- To get children to be physically active for one hour a day, making 'more children, more active, more often'.
- To develop sustainable pathways and opportunities for children to develop their interests and potential.
- To develop fully inclusive programmes so that every child in every school has access to physical activity and sporting opportunity.

In 2017/18 Active Schools in Moray delivered a total of 92,994 participant sessions (participant sessions are the number of 'visits' children have made to activities and are the key metric for SportsScotland in measuring impact), a significant increase since 2013 (63,177 attendances), up by over 47%. The actual number of distinct participants (pupils who attended at least one session) was 4,207, which represented 35% of the 2017/18 school roll. This was up from 3,619 participants in 2013/14, or 30% of the school roll.

5,286 activity sessions were delivered in the academic year, again an increase on the previous year. Of those who delivered sessions there were 454 volunteer coaches/ deliverers who took at least one session, this included **60 secondary pupils** who delivered activity sessions in physical activity and sports across Moray schools. Overall 93% of those who delivered sessions were volunteers.

2017/18 has seen a slight reduction in the number of sports/community clubs engaged with schools, although the number remains relatively high with 428 school club links active during the year. This includes clubs providing regular sessions for school pupils or providing initial taster sessions.

Active Schools Co-ordinators continued to offer a diverse range of opportunities for all children to become active in 2017-18. Targeting of children who face barriers to participation is a major priority for the team, in line with the Sport for Change agenda and recognition of the ability for Active Schools to address inequality in the provision of opportunities. Of the 4,207 distinct participants that were involved in the Active Schools programme in 2017/18 – 1,133 could access free schools meals, 24 resided in an SIMD decile 2 area, 406 had an additional support need and 613 had a recorded disability. One of the projects that contributed to these statistics was the Forres ASG Swim and SurfABLE project that was run by accessibility charity Friendly Access. They delivered surf and swim sessions at Forres pool for Primary aged children with medical conditions ranging from dyspraxia to cerebral palsy. Anecdotal evidence from parents, participants and school staff have included greater concentration and focus in class, reduced fear of the water, excitement at going to

school on the days the sessions are on and families now able to go swimming at weekends. A priority for the Active Schools team for 2018/19 is to further develop opportunities to ensure equality and inclusion for all across all our programmes.

By working with Scottish Governing Bodies of Sport (SGBs) and local sports clubs, the dedicated School Sports Competition (SSC) Active Schools Coordinator continues to provide the highest quality competitive opportunities for secondary schools in the region. This programme involved 475 distinct participants (additional to the above 4,207 distinct participant total) equating to 10% of the secondary school roll. All 8 Secondary Schools participated in the programme, comprising 58 teams competing across 13 competition structures.

A strong emphasis on leadership development for school pupils has continued in 2017/18 with training delivered to upper Primary School pupils through the Playmakers scheme to enable them to run lunchtime activities for the lower primary pupils at their school. As well as encouraging the younger pupils to be more active, the older pupils undertaking the training have increased their confidence, self-esteem and leadership skills. This programme has happened extensively in the Milnes and Buckie areas. A number of Secondary School pupils are also being supported to undertake leadership and coach education courses, this has resulted in them setting up afterschool/lunchtime clubs and competitions and also supporting the Active Schools team deliver a range of sports festivals and events such as the Moray Schools Cross Country Competition and the Moray Kwik Cricket Festival.

The formation of a new trampolining club in Moray (Moray Trampolining Club) following the popularity of the sport through Active Schools has been a key success in 2017/18. Active Schools has successfully delivered 5 sessions of trampolining on a weekly basis in the Forres area for a number of years. With all sessions at capacity, a growing waiting list and a desire for children to be able to compete in the sport, the transition of these sessions into a formal sports club was required. Through partnership working between Active Schools, Scottish Gymnastics and volunteer coaches and parents this club became a reality in 2018. The Club have now a constitution, committee and bank account and are raising funds, increasing the number of sessions delivered on a weekly basis and looking to compete in local, regional and national events in the future.

Active Schools are keen to drive forward various key areas in 2018/19 and therefore have identified lead Co-ordinators to drive these areas forward covering youth leadership, volunteering, equality and inclusion and Sport for Change.

Source: Active Schools, Moray Council, November 2018

Youth Scotland – The Dynamic Youth Awards

The Dynamic Youth Awards are peer assessed awards recognising the contributions and achievements of young people in the 10 to 14 age group.

Dynamic Youth Awards are delivered throughout Scotland in youth work, social work, school and alternative curriculum settings. The Awards provide a quality process that can be used to accredit any activity, supporting young people to plan their involvement, record what they do, review their achievements, and access peer group support and assessment.

Dynamic Youth Awards are now recognised by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and have been placed on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). The awards can also be used as an access route to the Youth Achievement Awards.

During 2017-18, 72 young people gained their Dynamic Youth Award through the Moray Council's Operating Agency of the Engagement Team. A number of youth groups and schools were involved in helping young people achieve their awards, including Findochty Primary, Speyside Area Youth Groups and Lossiemouth High.

Youth Scotland – The Youth Achievement Awards

Youth Achievement Awards offer a peer assessed approach to recognising and accrediting achievements and contributions of young people aged 14 plus.

Youth Achievement Awards enable young people to develop as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors; and recognise young people's contributions in a variety of settings including youth work, volunteering, active citizenship, alternative curriculum and formal education.

The awards recognise four levels of responsibility taken by young people participating in activities that interest them:

- Bronze Award is about **taking part** – equates to four 15-hour challenges
- Silver Award young people **assist** / share responsibility (six 15-hour challenges)
- The Gold Award young people take individual responsibility to **organise** activities (seven 15-hour challenges)
- The Platinum Award young people undertake training and **lead** (includes a total of 135 hours participation)

Since 2011 there have been 44 young people successfully completing a Youth Achievement Award through Moray Council's Operating Agency:-

Award	2011-18
Bronze	38
Silver	2
Gold	0
Platinum	4
Total	44

Source: Youth Scotland website – www.youthscotland.org.uk - January, 2019

Moray Council – Youth Work

During the period April to December 2018 there has been a number of accreditations achieved through the Moray Council Engagement Team. A significant amount of work has been undertaken across each Associated School Group (ASG) with the emphasis on broadening the predominately school based delivery to include a wider range of groupwork and one to one supports and an increased focus on health and wellbeing. It is anticipated that as a result of continued staff training a broader range of activity will be accredited in the future.

Young people are encouraged to sign up online for the Saltire Award via tsiMoray, however some young people also chose to access the award through their specific project work.

A summary of the awards achieved so far in 2018-19 (April to December 2018) through the Engagement Team are outlined in the table below:

Award Type	Number Achieving
Dynamic Youth Award	66 (Bronze)
Saltire Award	38 Awards
SQA	12 (Level 1)
John Muir Award	18
Duke of Edinburgh	8
Hi 5 Awards	108
Total	250

In addition there have been 414 students signed up as new starts in 2018-19, they will be working towards achieving an award over the next 12 months or so.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

2017-18 saw an increase in both the number of Moray young people starting a Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) award and the number progressing through the Awards. Moray continues to provide the opportunities and support to young people to undertake DofE awards, with the Moray Local Awards Committee (MLAC) a key driver. The infrastructure supporting outdoor learning was previously bolstered in each school/unit through the provision of outdoor kits by MLAC via the Community Covenant Grant Scheme.

During 2017-18 a total of 286 individuals were registered as starting a DofE award in Moray, while a total of 131 achieved a DofE award during the year. The majority of young people undertaking a DofE award in Moray are aged between 14 and 17 (77.9%) compared to a national figure of 57.9% for the same age range. Moray also has a noticeably higher rate of leaders to participants at 1:6 compared to a national average of 1:16.

In 2017-18 the value of participants contributions to the Moray community through volunteering was estimated at £20,858¹ and the value of DofE leaders was £338,610².

¹ Based on national minimum wage for a 16 year (£4.05 per hr) old multiplied by number of volunteer hours

² Based on average hourly rate for a youth worker (£10 per hr) multiplied by number of volunteered hours.

The table below provides a breakdown of the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards achieved and new starts over the last three years.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards	Awards Started			Awards Achieved		
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Activity Agreements	0	0	16	0	0	0
Buckie High School	26	14	32	13	4	8
Buckie High School (ASN)	0	1	0	0	1	0
DofE Moray Independents	0	2	0	0	0	0
Drumduan Upper School	15	8	1	5	2	5
Elgin Academy	65	78	72	37	35	48
Elgin High School	10	14	10	11	9	7
Explorer Scouts (Keith)	0	5	1	0	0	1
Explorer Scouts (Kinloss)	1	10	13	2	3	3
Forres Academy	18	17	23	3	0	3
Forres Open Award Centre	4	3	3	3	8	3
Gold OAC	2	0	0	5	5	0
Keith "the loft"	3	0	0	0	0	0
Keith Grammar School	13	36	17	6	9	12
Kinloss Barracks	0	0	4	0	0	0
Lossiemouth High School	5	3	16	0	0	0
Lossie Youth Cafe	2	0	0	0	0	0
Milne's High School	42	2	38	28	14	11
Milne's High School (ASN)	2	4	0	0	1	0
Moray OAC	35	42	20	21	30	23
Skillforce	16	0	0	14	4	0
Speyside High School	9	18	11	0	3	7
The Outsiders	0	0	9	0	0	0
Total	268	257	286	148	128	131

NB: The statistics presented are for full awards.

The table below shows that on average over the last 3 years the rate of achievement in gaining a DofE award in Moray is above the sector average.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	3 Year Average	Sector Average
Achievement Rate	57%	49%	46%	51%	49%

A breakdown of the bronze, silver and gold awards started and completed are detailed below:

2017/18	Bronze	Silver	Gold	TOTAL
Awards Started	188	71	27	286
Awards Achieved	71	39	21	131

Young Scot

As at September 2018 there were 14,683 young people in Moray registered with a Young Scot card, while slightly down on last year it still represents 92% of 11-25 year olds in Moray. The card entitles young people to a number of discounts such as reduced rail fares, as well as the opportunity to gain reward points by taking part in various stimulating activities. Reward points can then be exchanged for books, IT equipment, adventure days out etc. Current 16% of Moray cardholders are signed up for reward activities; this is above the national uptake of 13%. Card holders also receive discounts at Co-op stores, over the last year youngsters in Moray have saved a total of £4,837 through the Young Scot card.

Saltire Awards

Saltire Awards are the new Scottish awards designed to formally recognise the commitment and contribution of youth volunteering to voluntary organisations.

Supported by the Scottish Government the Saltire Awards enable young volunteers to record the skills, experience and learning gained through successful volunteering placements provided by local and national voluntary agencies.

The Awards are split in to four sections – The Challenge, The Approach, The Ascent and The Summit and achievement is recognised in the form of Saltire Award certificates and Young Scot reward points.

Saltire Awards are designed to encourage, enable and reward youth volunteering and to make it easy for organisations to support young people to take part.

The following table provides a breakdown of the various Saltire Awards achieved through tsiMoray in 2018-19 compared to 2017-18. There has been a significant increase in young people achieving a Saltire Award, up from 328 in 2016-17 to 682 in 2017-18 – an increase of 108%.

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Saltire Awards	2016-17	2017-18
Challenge	142	472
Approach 10	107	74
Approach 25	30	52
Ascent 50	21	40
Ascent 100	19	28
Ascent 200	6	14
Ascent 500	3	2
Summit	0	0
Ambassador	0	0
TOTAL	328	682

