

Explore Arts Award

Top Tips for Parents/Carers

What is Arts Award?

Arts Award is a range of unique qualifications that supports anyone aged up to 25 to grow as artists and arts leaders, inspiring them to connect with and take part in the wider arts world through taking challenges in an art form - from fashion to digital art, pottery to poetry.

Through taking part, children and young people get to:

- discover the enjoyment of creating and participating in arts activities
- experience arts events
- develop creative and communication skills
- explore the work of artists and craftspeople

Journeys Festival International has developed online resources for parents/carers to support young people through the first two awards, Discover and Explore. Discover is aimed at ages 5 – 9 and Explore at ages 7 – 11, but all Arts Awards can be completed by young people up to the age of 25.

Explore Arts Award

Explore Arts Award is broken down into four distinct parts:

Part A – *Inspire* – Children take part in more than one arts activity and identify what inspires them

Part B – *Explore* – Children find out about an artist and an arts organisation and record their learning

Part C – *Create* – Children create something that demonstrates art skills

Part D – *Present* – Children identify what they have achieved and enjoyed throughout the award and present their work

Top Tips!

- It's important that children and young people record all of their work so that this can be moderated – work can be recorded in a variety of ways, perhaps they'd like to make a video or take photographs of what they've created, or they could draw a picture of themselves taking part in arts activities.
- If you're taking photographs or videos of your child's/young person's work but don't want to include their faces it's fine for only the backs of heads or hands to be included!
- You can download a logbook from the *Journeys Festival International* website that children and young people can use to help record their work
- If your child/young person wants to use photographs as evidence it's helpful if these have some annotation to help identify what's happening in each photograph
- Arts Award is all about your child/young person's work and their artistic journey, so if there are spelling mistakes etc don't worry too much!

Part A

- Use the videos online to help your child/young person take part in more than one arts activity
- Or come up with your own arts activity, such as storytelling or song writing!
- You can also find a list of online resources you can use to explore art here
- Ask your child/young person to think about what inspires them and record this too
- Make sure your child/young person makes a record of their work!

Part B

- Use the videos online to help your child/young person learn about an artist
- Or support them to find out about an artist they like, the artist can be from any art form but it's important they're an artist and not from another discipline, eg. a sports star
- You can find out more about Journeys Festival International on our website or research another arts organisation
- Make sure what they've learnt gets recorded in some format!

Part C

- This section can be linked to what your child/young person has explored in parts A & B but must be a whole, stand-alone piece
- You can use any of the videos uploaded on our website to help create a piece for this section or can create your own piece at home, such as a new dance routine or a picture of your garden or favourite place where you live
- The work must be recorded, so you can either send us the piece itself, or a recording or your child/young person could draw a picture of their piece being performed
- It might be useful for your child/young person to reflect on a record their process for making the piece too

Part D

- For this section your child/young person must share what they've done with someone else
- This can be with you or with other family members via video call. They could even put together a video they can share with their friends
- As well as sharing their work they must reflect on what they've learnt and achieved through the Award
- Make sure your child/young person records what they shared and who with. This can be through video, photographs or a drawing

How to arrange their certificate

In order for us to send your child/young person their certificate we'll need to check they've achieved all of the aims for the Award, so you'll need to send us their work.

- If their work has all been recorded digitally you can email it to us at admin@artreach.biz. Please title the email as 'Explore Arts Award' and include the following details:
 - o Your child/young person's name (this is for their certificate)
 - o Your address so that we can post the certificate to you
- If their work has been recorded physically you can post it to us at *Journeys Festival International*, Arts Award, LCB Depot, 31 Rutland Street, Leicester, LE1 1RE
- Please include the following details:
 - o Your child/young person's name (this is for their certificate)
 - o Your address so that we can post the certificate to you

Our offices are closed at the moment and given the current situation with Covid-19, certificate production has been halted for a while, but as soon as we're able to we'll pop your certificate in the post.