# **Assessor reports**

# Assessor Report As an Assessor you can add your report directly into the participant's online eDofE account from here. All you need is the participant's eDofE ID number, their Award level (Bronze, Silver or Gold) and the section you are assessing them for (Volunteering, Physical, Skill, Espedition or Residential), Please ask the young person you have been supporting for these details. Your comments automatically go to the participant's DofE Leader for approval before being added to the participant's or your mail address and phone number to enable their DofE Leader to contact you should they wish to discuss your assessment with you. Please remember to keep your comments positive and encouraging. Thank you for supporting young people with their activities. All fields marked " are mandatory. Participant's name: Level: Please select.

As an AAP Assessor you are responsible for writing a participant's Assessor Report. The report makes up part of the evidence which is used to sign off a participant's section. The Assessor report (which is written following the successful completion of a qualifying expedition, residential or volunteering activity) is a written review of the activities a young person has been carrying out and captures the participant's memorable and major achievements.

There are two ways to submit Assessor reports: firstly you can complete the sectional Assessor's Report Card, found in a participant's *Welcome Pack*. Alternatively you can add your report directly into the participant's eDofE account from **www.DofE.org/assessor**.

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We ask for your email address and phone number to enable their DofE Leader to contact you should they wish to discuss your assessment with you. If you are an Expedition Assessor, you should also include your accreditation number.

The feedback within the Assessor Report must be personal to the individual and usually made up of several short paragraphs. It is not acceptable to simply say 'he/she satisfactorily completed the Expedition Section'. At the end of the Assessor Report it can be a good time (especially for the Expedition section) to suggest that the participant progresses to the next level of the DofE or if they have completed their Gold Award to volunteer with a local DofE group.

Below are some example Assessor Reports that have been submitted by DofE Assessors...

### **Expedition Section**

"Amar and his friends were fully equipped and well prepared. Their choice of route was good, and had variety, was demanding and gave scope to fulfil their aim. It was completed safely and with confidence. Amar demonstrated qualities of leadership, was an inspiration, positive and helpful, excelled in navigation and a good team member in camp craft. Amar has met the conditions of the Expedition section and should certainly progress to the next DofE level. Good luck with the rest of your Award and congratulations Amar, well done."

"Team 4, Bethany, Natalie, Pryia, Hiro, Maya, Sam and Ella were great fun throughout the expedition. They worked together really well as a team, singing, proudly wearing their bright pink tribal war paint and laughing at everything, including people falling over (stopping to get a photo before helping them up). They seemed to enjoy the expedition and I am sure realised that they are considerably stronger and more capable than they realised. All said how surprised they were at how well they walked and felt that they could have done even more. They showed progression from their practice expedition and even said that they enjoyed their expedition food. There was a great moment on day two when they realised they were 30 minutes ahead of schedule and they set out again with renewed determination. I think at that point they were all 100% certain of finishing. Apart from the cold camping and claiming to have 'out of date' maps, they showed a consistently positive approach to the weekend and did an excellent job. Best of luck with the rest of your Bronze Award and I would strongly recommend you all progress to Silver Level."

"Sophie was a member of a well-trained, well organised and enthusiastic mixed group of 6 who successfully completed a demanding expedition across remote Sutherland. The route from Kylestrome to Blairmore included remote Sandwood Bay and required careful navigation on day 3 to locate the campsite near Strathan Bothy. Fortunately the Group were blessed with remarkably clear and sunny weather! The Aim of the expedition was to make a photographic/video record of the venture, both the good bits and the bad, and present the result as a way of training and inspiring future Award participants from the school. They certainly spent a fair amount of time each day on the project and I look forward to attending the presentation. Level headed Sophie was the camera operator for the Group and came well prepared with spare batteries and cards. Congratulations, Sophie you have successfully completed the Gold Expedition, subject to the presentation of the project."

### **Residential Section**

"Phoebe joined the ship for a six night sail training voyage from Dover to Southampton via Ostend. She was part of a watch of 16 young people working 4 hours on, 8 hours off, steering, acting as lookout, sail handling, cleaning and performing general seamanship tasks. Phoebe achieved her goal of learning new skills and managed to overcome her fear of heights and climbed the ships rigging. Well done Phoebe and good luck with the rest of your Gold Award!"



"The residential took place from 19th September-23rd September 2012 in Imelghas village in the Bougamez region of Morocco. Participants camped together in the village and took part in all aspects of rural village life. Activities included harvesting, tending to animals, cooking and washing clothes. It was a successful week and everyone gained a better understanding of Berber life. James threw himself into the experience making the most of this unique opportunity. James was particularly popular with the local Berber students, teaching them a number of fun activities. The highlight of the week for James has to be the feast that he helped to prepare with his Berber family for the rest of the group which was delicious!"

## **Volunteering Section**

"Claire has proved to be an enthusiastic and well-motivated volunteer over the last 12 months. She successfully completed all the tasks she has taken on, which have developed in responsibility over time. Claire was popular with the team and customers alike. She has most certainly grown in confidence during her placement and has been a huge asset to the charity. Thank you Claire for your support and commitment and we would love to have you back in the future!"

"Chandni excelled whilst volunteering as a peer educator. She has a personable nature and was able to talk to the younger kids on their level and really engaged them. Over the months her confidence seemed to grow and she developed her own style of explaining our key messages. She has been a fantastic ambassador for the charity and we have been delighted to have her on board. A stand out moment for us was when her talk encouraged a young person to confide in her, Chandni handled it with great maturity and took the appropriate steps to refer the young person. This experience will be great to enhance Chandni's CV or lead on to many different career paths and we hope she continues to stay involved with the charity. Well done Chandni."