

Millennium Volunteers



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Note: At present the Millennium Volunteers Scheme is only operating in England.

Introduction

Millennium Volunteers (MV) is a Government initiative, which acknowledges the hard work and commitment of young people in the voluntary sector. Providing nationally recognised accreditation, the MV programme gives 16-24 year olds a chance to 'build on what they're into'. A certificate will be awarded to everyone who completes 100 hours of volunteering over a 12-month period, and the MV Award of Excellence is presented to anyone who completes 200 hours in a year.

The Scout Association has joined forces with The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (the Award) to provide MV for those young people (aged 16-24) in The Scout Association who are taking part in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

It is possible to participate in MV even if you are not taking part in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. For information and details see www.millenniumvolunteers.gov.uk or call 0800 085 1624

What are the benefits of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award MV?

- MV provides nationally recognised accreditation of volunteering activities
- MV will help participants gain training and experience in their chosen field

- MV gives participants the opportunity to get involved and have a say in the development of the MV programme
- MV provides an excellent framework for personal development
- participants join a nation-wide team of well motivated and trained volunteers
- participants can develop the training they already do
- MV gives the Award and The Scout Association an opportunity to develop well trained young leaders

Working towards an MV Award

All members of The Scout Association who are Award participants, aged between 16 and 24 can register as Millennium Volunteers and then begin to record the hours undertaken for the Service Section towards their MV Award. Hours completed on different levels of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award can be counted towards the MV Award, e.g. the hours of service from Bronze and Silver or Silver and Gold could be added to gain the MV Certificate, provided they are undertaken in a 12 month period. To gain the full MV Award, extra volunteering could take place in a variety of settings, including voluntary work from outside the Award.

How to get started

Getting started with MV is very simple. Simply request an application form from The Scout Information Centre, or online on the Scout Network pages at www.scoutnetwork.org.uk. Fill

The Scout Information Centre

Gilwell Park Chingford London E4 7QW Tel + 44 (0)20 8433 7100 Fax + 44 (0)20 8433 7103 email info.centre@scout.org.uk www.scoutbase.org.uk

in the form and return to MV, 14-25 Office, The
Scout Association, Gilwell Park, London, E4 7QW.

For more details on The Duke of Edinburgh's
Award MV please write to the above address, call
020 8433 7156 or e-mail mv@scout.org.uk