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Events in Focus

National Award Leader Training Workshop - Bangalore

Date: 25 & 26 June, 2024 (2 days)

Venue: The Woodrose, Brigade Millennium Campus, J P Nagar 7th Phase,

Bangalore - 560078

Timing: 08:30 am to 4:30 pm

Limited seats available; Register Here: https://forms.gle/4CwKrzPqySiDbGd49

National Award Leader Training Workshop - Chennai

Date: 28 & 29 June, 2024 (2 days)

Venue: Hotel Bluiris, No. 37, Govindan Street, Ayyavoo Naidu Colony, Aminjikarai,

Chennai - 600029

Timing: 08:30 am to 4:30 pm

Limited seats available; Register Here: https://forms.gle/LySJFVssmNZLuyXa7

Adventure Journey Refresher Course for Trained Activity Providers

The National Award Office will organise 2 Adventure Journey Refresher Courses for all licensed Trained Activity Providers of The Award.

Following are the tentative dates:

19 - 21 September in Mumbai

26 - 28 September in Dehradun

For registration and more details, please get in touch with Programme Manager, IAYP at bivujit@dofe.in

Award Leaders Meet - Bangalore - 24th June, 2024

Join us for an exciting **Award Leaders Meet in Bangalore** organized by The International Award for Young People (IAYP). The meeting scheduled for 24th June from 3-5 PM at The Woodrose, Brigade Millennium Campus, J P Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore – 560078, aims to foster collaboration among Award Leaders from various schools. Hosted by the National Award Office, this event will provide a platform for insightful discussions on key topics such as the Online Record Book (ORB) and Adventure Journey among other things.

This meeting offers an invaluable opportunity for award leaders to connect with peers, share best practices, and address any uncertainties they may have regarding running of The Award Programme. Moreover, it will serve as a forum for Award Leaders to engage directly with the Programme Officer for the South Zone, facilitating seamless coordination and support.

Whether you're a seasoned Award Leader or new to the programme, join us as we come together to enhance our understanding, exchange best practices, and strengthen our commitment to empowering young people through The International Award for Young People.

The invitation to this meeting is complimentary from the NAO and only requires prior registration. No registration costs involved.

Don't miss out on this enriching experience!

Register here: https://forms.gle/1xyP4rjkdLx1rBiu7

The Award in Action - MET Rishikul Vidyalaya, Bandra, Mumbai



IAYP at MET Rishikul Vidyalaya

MET Rishikul Vidyalaya has been a licensed Award Centre to run The International Award for Young People (IAYP) programme for its students since 2019. With each passing year, participation numbers have grown. Even amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, our young people persevered in completing their Award levels. To date,

103 students have earned the Bronze, 41 the Silver, and 1 the Gold Award. For this academic year, 73 participants have enrolled, with 13 pursuing the prestigious Gold level.

Whenever an Award participant finishes an IAYP Award level, the school's Award Leaders joyfully celebrate their achievement. The dedicated IAYP Award leaders at MET Rishikul Vidyalaya constantly motivate and mentor participants to complete program activities.

The school honors earned certificates and badges through formal ceremonies. This year's awardees received their hard-won Certificates and Badges during the Farewell function.

IAYP has recognized MRV's consistent participation and successful execution of various award levels through the presentation of the Appreciation Certificate. The program's sustainability owes much to the continuous support and training provided by IAYP. MRV is especially grateful for the swift response and support extended by Mr. Bivujit Mukhoty.

-Report by Ruth Dsouza, IAYP Award leader - MET Rishikul Vidyalaya Bandra, Mumbai













The Award in Action - Bawa-Lalvani Public School, Kapurthala

I can confidently say that an aspect of a well-lived life has an element, or many, of service. It is a practice that serves me sincerely, and I hope to share it with you.

For The International Award for Young People, Bawa-Lalvani Public School, Kapurthala planned a visit to 'Shri Shri Vidya Mandir' accompanied by our Award Leader, Ms. Pooja Gautam. It was an amazing experience. The school was well maintained and located in a peaceful surrounding. It was spacious and hygienic. Children from underprivileged areas are taught here. I was amazed to see the radiance on the children's faces. We taught them basic etiquette, greeting skills and body exercises, and they all learned quickly. We also distributed food and felt very happy to help. We all shared enjoyable moments. It was a nostalgic experience as we learned that making others happy automatically makes us happy too. The smiles on their faces filled us with joy. The children were so happy to meet us, and so were we. We named this event 'HAPPY LEARNING AND HAPPY TEACHING.' According to me this is referred to as real 'SEVA'.

-Report by **Navjot Kaur**, IX Commendables, **Bawa-Lalvani Public School, Kapurthala**









The Award in Action - VIBGYOR High, NIBM, Pune, Maharashtra

I still remember the day when our teachers shepherded us into a class and put on a slideshow about something called 'IAYP'. I was cynical. In my eyes, the school was more than enough work, so why add more? Just study for your classes, do your homework and Bob's your uncle! It never occurred to me that there was more to school than just academics. However, something about the unique structure of IAYP interested me, so I signed up.

The biggest draw for me was that you could choose what you wanted to pursue. At first, being the energy-efficient soul I am, I simply chose what seemed to be the easiest to do. Little did I know that my major (learning Russian) would explode into a journey to fluency. I had never tried to learn a language before (it just sounded cool and knowledgeable on paper) but after being consistent with it for six months it finally dawned on me: hey, I like doing this. This was the best moment of the programme for me. My Russian is still pathetic, but I've been learning it even after the programme ended, purely out of my interest. And I never would have begun without a nudge from IAYP.

Of course, I can't forget the Adventure Journey. I'm not an outdoors person you see: I much prefer to sit in a comfortable chair and read a book. But being asked to go outside and try new things such as cooking a meal from scratch and pitching your tent was a surprisingly fun (and humbling!) experience.

The whole 'out of your comfort zone' aspect of The International Award for Young People was what scared me at first, but in hindsight was the best part of the programme for me. My award coordinator helped us to do several things in preparation for the practice journey. I am very excited about the Adventure journey that will be planned.

Yes, cataloguing and planning your activities can be frustrating and difficult, especially if you're a case study of bad time management like me. At the end of the day though, I can say that it was well worth the effort!

-Report by Aditya Aina, Bronze Award participant at VIBGYOR High, NIBM



Share Your Award Journey and Inspire Others!

The International Award for Young People, India is excited to invite all Award Participants and Leaders to share their extraordinary Award journeys. We want to hear your stories of determination, growth, and personal triumphs!

Whether you're starting or have completed it The Award, your story matters! It will be featured in **The Award Weekly** and our social media handles, inspiring others. Share your story at askme@dofe.in with your name, institution, Award level, and completion date. Let's celebrate personal growth and perseverance together!

Let your story be the guiding light that inspires others to overcome challenges and strive for greatness. Your voice matters, and we can't wait to celebrate your achievements!

Notice: Revision of Registration Fee of The Award

Dear All,

Effective from June 1, 2024, The International Award for Young People, India, will implement a revision in the Award Registration Fee structure.

Revised Fee Structure:

Bronze Level: Rs. 1500/- (one-time fee) Silver Level: Rs. 1500/- (one-time fee) Gold Level: Rs. 2500/- (one-time fee)

Open Award Centre: Rs. 2500/- for All Levels (one-time fee)

All YES Centres are requested to take note of this update and make necessary adjustments accordingly.

The International Award for Young People is devoted to assisting and supporting all its partners & stakeholders and is confident in upholding the International Award's standards at the highest level!

Best Wishes,
Bivujit Mukhoty
Programme Manager
The International Award for Young People

Notice: Mandatory Submission of Adventure Journey Reports

Dear Participants and Award Leaders,

Effective January 1, 2024, there is a crucial requirement regarding the documentation of Adventure Journeys.

All participants (online or offline) must upload individual accounts/reports for their Adventure Journey. These reports will be uploaded for online participants under the designated "Additional Files" section on ORB; for semi-offline participants, this should be written in their log sheet before uploading.

- For Bronze and Silver Level Participants: A comprehensive view and account of the Adventure Qualifying Journey is mandatory.
- For Gold Level Participants: Submission of both Practice and Qualifying Journey accounts is compulsory.

Your adherence to this requirement is highly appreciated and will contribute significantly to the continued success of The Award in India.

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to:
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Add your Award to your LinkedIn profile!

Exciting news!

We encourage our Award holders to follow the official page of the Global Award Alumni Network of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and add your Award to your LinkedIn profile to engage with millions of Alumni from around the world already on the platform.

After doing so, you'll be the first to receive updates for the Alumni. This includes:

- * Job opportunities
- * Alumni events
- * Engage in conversations related to personal and career development
- * Finding other Alumni/networking function

Join the Global Alumni network by following these simple steps:

- 1. Click the "Me" icon at the top of your LinkedIn homepage, then View Profile.
- 2. Click the Add Profile section in the introduction section.

- 3. From the Core dropdown, click Add Education.
- 4. Type your Award information into each applicable field, where: -The School is "The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award" -The Degree is the name of the Award in your country -The Field of study is the name of the Award Centre -Dates – start and end of a level -The Grade is your level of the Award
- 5. Click Save

To learn more, head over to: https://intaward.org/alumni/



The International Award for Young People is presently working with Cambridge Assessment International Education in providing new ways to broaden the curriculum in the education world in India. Both our organisations believe that learning should not be confined to the classroom, but should also take place in the school environment and wider community.