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Welcome to the Arts Award Annual Review 2018-19

Arts Award's mission is to support any young person to deepen their engagement with the arts, develop creativity and leadership skills and achieve a national qualification.

“ At Trinity we are hugely proud of Arts Award's achievements over the past 14 years. Arts Award has flourished through the dedication of artists, educators and organisations who believe in the impact the arts can have on the lives and development of young people. We would like to extend our thanks to you and our congratulations to the young people who have now achieved half a million awards.

Looking to the future, we are excited about the creative opportunities, career pathways and 21st century skills which we know Arts Award fosters and look forward to working with the cultural sector, schools and young people to achieve even more success.

*Sarah Kemp, Chief Executive,
Trinity College London*

In this annual review we offer you a taste of Arts Award work happening up and down the country, showing how these projects uphold Arts Award's **core principles** and support young people to achieve in diverse ways.



Photo: FACT

Opening the doors to culture

Arts Award is now widely offered across the arts and cultural sector and we're proud of new partnerships this year with major institutions such as **Historic Royal Palaces** who are offering Arts Award at Kensington Palace and Hampton Court.

Heading north, in Liverpool six arts organisations ran the **Merseyside Arts Award Festival**, with free holiday activities in which young people achieved Bronze Award. Those working with FACT (Foundation for Art & Creative Technology) had the opportunity to meet and question Nicholas Serota, Chair of Arts Council England.

Pathways to creative employment

The **University of South Wales** is running Gold Award with 11 FE colleges to support high-achieving young people explore the opportunities offered by studying a degree in the creative industries. Through practical sessions in college and a residential at the USW's Cardiff site, students are learning from experts as well as developing their own arts and arts leadership skills. [Read more](#)



Photo: Grace Smith

Arts Award alumni

After 14 years, we're happy to see the success of many early achievers who are now making their way in the arts world. Meet **Grace Smith**, who achieved her Gold Award with Newcastle's Juice Festival and is now touring internationally as a folk musician and teaching both music and clog-dancing across the UK. She says:

“ My Arts Award projects challenged me to take a leading role, creatively and logistically, and I have definitely used and developed these skills in my career since then. I now lead music workshops where participants complete their Arts Awards, so it's great to still be involved.

Read Grace's story and meet more Arts Award alumni at voicemag.uk/voicebox/where-are-they-now

Flying the flag for cultural education

Arts Award has also consolidated its role in schools, despite a tougher environment for the arts. As Mandi Collins, Vice Principal of **Thomas Estley Community College**, comments:

“Arts Award has had a huge, measurable impact across our college. As well as raising the profile and levels of achievement in arts subjects, it has provided a creative haven where learners can build confidence and relationships and take risks within a supportive environment.”



We're pleased that many schools working towards the Arts Council's Artsmark award are choosing to offer Arts Award to recognise pupils' achievements.

Richard Hallam Alderman Richard Hallam Primary School in Leicester has been working with The Mighty Creatives Bridge organisation on their Artsmark journey since 2015 and last year 93 students from the school achieved their Arts Award Discover.

Music Hubs working with primary schools often use Arts Award Discover to recognise children's achievements, as David Smalley, Teaching & Learning Manager at **Entrust Music Service Staffordshire**, explains:

“Arts Award has been an integral part of our whole class ensemble teaching and we've been really pleased with the responses from schools and pupils. We delivered it with a music focus whilst children learned to play an instrument, but many schools also took it further and extended the study of art forms outside the music lesson.”

A universal award

One of Arts Award's key principles is to inspire and support a wide range of young people regardless of background, and to offer valuable qualifications to young people at different stages of their creative life. Arts Award can often motivate disengaged young people because it encourages and recognises their own cultural interests, as happened in these two successful projects.



Photo: The Rural Media Company

Rural Media in Hereford worked with Traveller Times to offer Bronze Arts Award to 10 teenage travellers who had disengaged from formal education. They worked with the Romany Gypsy author and poet, Damian Le Bas, reviewed films, graffiti art and created their own graffiti piece and a spoken word performance. Julie Colman from Rural Media says:

“These bright young people thought about art and the world in ways they hadn't ever considered before and produced some amazing work as well as achieving their first qualification for their CV.”

Kibble Education & Care

Centre in Paisley is Scotland's specialist provider of services for young people at risk. In 2018 they offered Discover, Explore and Bronze Awards for the first time, with excellent results, including a memorable Bronze 'Arts Inspiration' where a young person researched the life and work of Banksy, then printed what she found out onto fabric and turned it into a cushion.



Photo: Kibble Education & Care Centre

“We chose Arts Award because of the lack of qualifications that suited our young people. Arts Award is so cross-curricular and young people can work at their own pace. Arts Award is now an integral part of our wider achievement programme.”

The Arts Award Access Fund supports small centres working with young people facing challenges. In 2018-19, it awarded 32 grants totalling £36,000, benefiting 826 young people.

Thank you

Trinity is very grateful to Arts Council England and their National Portfolio Organisations and Bridge organisations, CCSkills (Wales), SeeThinkMake (Scotland) and Trinity's trainers, centres and moderators for helping to take Arts Award to so many young people in 2018/19.

In England Arts Award is managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England, working with 10 regional Bridge organisations.

Participation in numbers: 2018-19

74,101
Awards achieved by young people in 2018-19

Arts Awards achieved by level



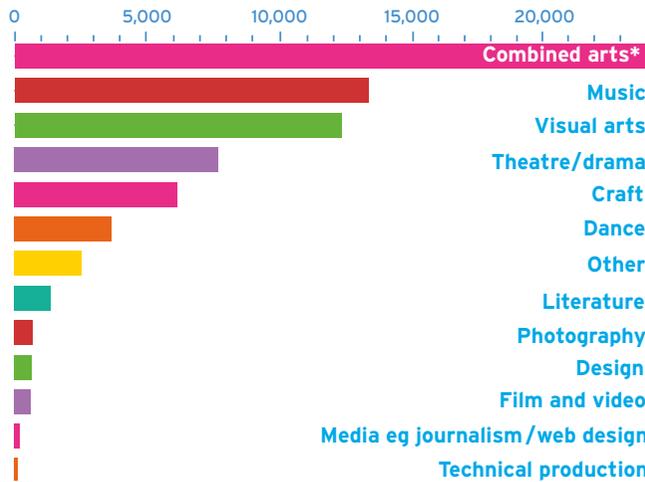
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Discover Explore Bronze Silver Gold

Ethnic background of participants

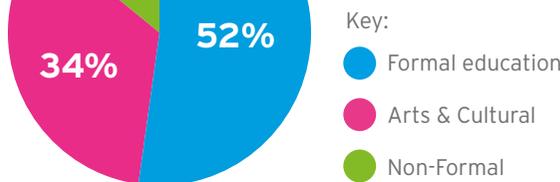


Art forms chosen by young people achieving an Arts Award

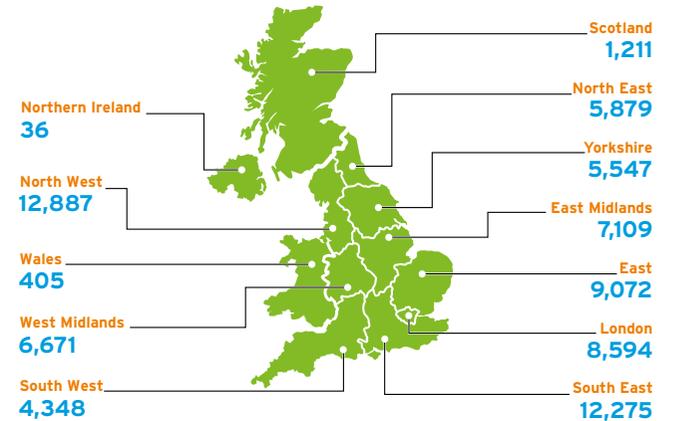


*Many young people work across several art forms

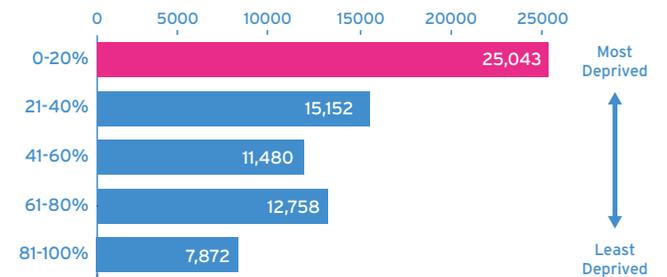
Organisations that run Arts Award by sector



Arts Awards achieved by region



Moderations taking place in areas of relative deprivation



Participant gender



Excludes instances where no gender was reported