

Young volunteers supporting Arts Award Discover

Libraries wanting to run Arts Award Discover can enlist young volunteers to help them, and these guidelines show how easy this can be.

To complete Arts Award Discover children:

- look for art in every day life
- take part in art and craft activities
- find out about people who make art and their work
- share what they discovered with other people

The special [Discover `Record Breakers` activity booklets](#) have been designed to collect all this information together for the Summer Reading Challenge. **If your authority doesn't have these booklets, you can download (free) the set of special Arts Award Discover activity sheets, both the booklets and activity sheets have the same information for Arts Award Discover with space for their pictures, photos and notes.** If you run Discover outside the summer holidays you could use the Trinity arts logs or create your own.

Here are ways in which young volunteers can help support Arts Award Discover:

- **Help children complete their Record Breakers Arts Award Discover activity booklets/ Record Breakers Arts Award Discover activity sheets arts logs:** The booklets can be filled with writing, drawings, photos, information collected from around the library, from the internet. Volunteers can help children gather these items and also make a video or audio recordings to go alongside the booklets.
- **Help children find different types of art:** This can be around the library, such as books, drawings, displays, leaflets, CDs, DVDs, perhaps even the building itself?
- **Help deliver arts activities:** volunteers can help run the activities or assist the children taking part.
- **Help observe:** As well as supporting children taking part, volunteers can observe how this affects children's **creativity, communication** and **understanding of the art form** they are working in. This is vital information for the Discover assessment report forms, and volunteers can feed this information back to the trained Arts Award advisers.

- **Help children find out about writers, illustrators and other artists and their work.** Some young people will be involved in arts activities themselves: writing, drawing, or maybe making music. Artists don't have to be famous people!
- **Help children share their discoveries:** Volunteers can talk to children about the books they have read and what else they have done. A photo and a comment from the volunteer in the booklet can complete this part of Discover.

These are just some ideas showing how volunteers can help libraries to deliver Arts Award Discover. The assessment of the booklets and the assessment forms must be completed by a trained adviser, using their Arts Award adviser Toolkit, but volunteers can support delivery and provide input for the 'notable examples' on assessment report forms.

Volunteers over 18 who have experience of working with children and are interested in pursuing this further may consider [training](#) as Arts Award Discover and Explore advisers.

What Support is available?

The Trinity team is here to help at every stage. Get in touch whether you are looking to get started, deliver the award, arrange moderation or promote your programme.

Call the helpdesk on 020 7820 6178 or artsawardenquiries@trinitycollege.co.uk.

Advisers can find case studies and delivery support in the [adviser hub](#).