

## ACCREDITATION – WHAT IS IT ?

When you get involved with Derbyshire Youth Service you will have the opportunity to gain and develop a wide range of skills and knowledge, eg organisational and communication skills when organising events, working with others on different projects, practical and arts based skills through music, drama, DJing, sport, work experience and volunteering skills.... and more.

Accreditation is a way of recognising those achievements and gives young people a chance to show what they can achieve in an informal setting like a youth project or youth club. You can show what you have learned in very practical ways.

Some of the young people who have gained locally or nationally recognised certificates have said the following:

**“I am proving myself. I don’t want people to write me off because I am a teenage mother.”**

**“Other people recognise what we’re capable of.”**

**“It’s made me more confident.”**

**“Getting a certificate feels good – it’s something to put in my record of achievement.”**

**“It’s something to do, with a reward at the end.”**

Derbyshire Youth Service can offer you the chance to gain a range of certificates, eg:

- ★ You can be awarded certificates locally for achievements recognised by your youth worker
- ★ Take part in **The Peak Award** scheme
- ★ Gain certificates awarded by the Adventurous Activities team for rock climbing
- ★ Take part in the county youth work for Young Volunteers programme

**OR**

You can choose to go for a nationally recognised certificate through

**The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme**  
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**Millennium Volunteers, Food Hygiene certificates, First Aid and other schemes are also available**

Each of the eight Youth Service districts also has an accreditation worker who will be able to give more information and help you decide what is appropriate for you.

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