

The Garage – Arts Award

Thanks to everyone who made it along to our conference in October, it was a great day and so good to see so many of you and hear how you're offering Arts Award to the young people you're working with.

Arts Award Bronze & Silver Adviser Training

I've just put up an new Norwich public training date: **16 December 2011** as our 9 December training in Norwich has filled so quickly. This new date is the last East region opportunity to train at the 2011 price of £140 per person. To book a place please visit www.artsaward.org.uk/training and follow the links. Expect 2012 regional public training dates to be up by early February. Got six people or more interested in training? It may be more cost effective for you to book an in-house training – [click here](#) for further details on in-house options

Public Moderations

It is fantastic that so many of you are working hard supporting young people to achieve their Arts Award – this does mean that Public & Postal moderations are filling very quickly, please do remember to book your moderation *at least eight weeks* in advance. I'll be hosting a public moderation at The Garage, Norwich on Monday **20 February 2012** - visit www.artsaward.org.uk/moderation to book or check out other dates and moderation options. Can't see a date that works for you? Complete a booking form in good time with the numbers you are hoping to moderate and we will do our best to pair you with another centre.

Advice & Information

Next free Arts Award advice & information session is taking place in Ipswich on **2 December 2011**, 16:00 – 18:30 at Jerwood DanceHouse. This is a great opportunity to find out more about the Arts Award or to get some specific support, feel free to bring along portfolios particularly if you need some pre-moderation guidance. Interested in attending? Please email catherine.taylor@thegarage.org.uk in my absence to reserve a place.

Staff Changes & Annual Leave

Dulcie officially finished work as Arts Award regional assistant in October, to take on a larger MusicLeader remit within The Garage. Please be aware that her Arts Award email address no longer works and enquires sent to that inbox will not be received. All emails now need to go to me (either on this email or olivia.dean@artsaward.org.uk) or alternatively our national team on enquiries@artsaward.org.uk. It is taking me a little longer than usual to get through emails so thanks in advance for your patience and please feel free to send me a nudge email if I've not got back to you within two weeks. In addition, I am on annual leave 23 November 2011 – 18 December 2011. During this time neither my Garage email or Arts Award email will be checked, please send all arts award queries to enquiries@artsaward.org.uk, my colleagues at the Garage can be contacted on 01603 283382.

I think that is it for now, please do drop me a line if you have any Arts Award questions that need answering before I go away.

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The Garage is the Regional Development Agency for the Arts Award in the East of England. Arts Award is managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England

What is Arts Award?

Arts Award is a national qualification which supports young people to develop as artists and arts leaders. Arts Award helps young people develop their creativity and leadership skills, and explore the world of the arts. Young people work towards a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award — Levels 1, 2 and 3 on the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF). Any young person aged 11–25 can take part, through any arts or media activity, including production work like directing, performing, backstage and marketing.

Arts Award offers young people a framework which links their own creative work with their response to other people's artistic achievement and their research into the professional arts world. Their development is further stretched by sharing their skills with others and running their own projects. Each young person decides their own starting point and agrees personal challenges with their Arts Award adviser. They create a portfolio of evidence in any media — written, video, audio or web-based. Arts Award assesses creative development rather than specific skill level in the chosen arts activity. Find out more at www.artsaward.org.uk

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