



## DofE Adviser News

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- DofE general information [scouts.org.uk/dofe](http://scouts.org.uk/dofe)
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### Introduction

This eNews provides an update on recent developments within the DofE world. We are nearing the end of the expedition season. Things are getting busy with registering new young people but please keep up the good work as your efforts are paying off as we continue to grow and improve our completion rates.

### Getting started

You should have all seen the recent email with the updated copies of the [DofE enrolment forms](#), these are available online. Please feel free to update locally and make use of them within your county.

### eDofE

Use of the eDofE system continues to grow. This is really positive and we are trying to think creatively about how to offer support to leaders and young people who are struggling to use the system. Don't forget that we can arrange webinars if you feel this would be useful for leaders in your County. And let us know if you would like another webinar for managers covering different topics. Also, please try and find time to audit usage in your County and let me know the reasons for participants and leaders not using the system. The 'achieve offline' option will cease to exist on 31 March 2013, so please encourage participants to enter the minimum of one piece of assessor evidence.

### Resources

The new Expedition Guide was launched this month and is now available through the [DofE shop](#) priced £15. It is in a printed book format and is A5, the same size as the Handbook for Leaders. The [outdoor eating app](#) is a great new tool. A DofE partner has produced menu planning flash cards which are available to download free from the DofE [website](#).

### County Adviser Induction Day

The next County DofE Adviser Induction day will take place on Sunday 14 October from 10am to 3pm at Gilwell Park. If you would like to attend please [email us](#).



## Events

- All DofE courses can be found by using the dropdown box to filter for the course type at [scouts.org.uk/events](http://scouts.org.uk/events)
- DofE Leadership Programme Residential – 1 to 5 April, Youlbury Scout Activity Centre [scouts.org.uk/events](http://scouts.org.uk/events)



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## DofE Leadership Programme Residential

Unfortunately we had to cancel the planned [DofE Leadership Programme Residential](#) due to lack of bookings. We investigated and found that the group who were interested in attending was different to our anticipated market. We have rescheduled and have an event booked for April 2013 during the Easter holidays. Please pass the information on to those in your area who may be interested. It will still be held at Youlbury and will cost £150 for camping or £200 for indoor.

## County-organised courses

Don't forget that there is now the option for a County to request DofE training courses; this includes Introduction to DofE, Expedition Supervisors and Expedition Assessors.

This seems to be a popular option but please make sure we receive all the information about the event and payment early so we can assist with marketing the course wider than your County through our events pages.

Read [more information](#) and view the terms and conditions

## Gold Award Presentations (GAPs)



As you are all aware, the GAPs have changed in format for National Operating Authorities (NOA). We now have NOA rooms and were fortunate to have our own room at an event in July.

We have also been offered a bigger room to ourselves for an event in December. Information will go out directly to the Counties who have people attending.

## Branding

Over the summer we noticed some old DofE logos floating around on materials and County websites. Please make sure that the branding is up-to-date, and please pass this on to others within your area who have the logo on their sites, such as campsites, for their reference. Details of the current DofE branding can be found [here](#).

## POR updates

A number of amendments have been made to the POR rules regarding DofE, this reflects the recent changes made with implementing eDofE so should not cause any issues locally. Full info at [www.scouts.org.uk/por](http://www.scouts.org.uk/por), the amendments are to rule 4.56 and rule 5.44.