

Arthur Halliwell

Education in the Outdoors Award

Award Information & Application Guidance



Arthur Halliwell and the Award

Arthur Halliwell was a Kirklees employee who was involved in Eco Management, educational visits and health and safety. He was a “passionate supporter of children’s safety, rights and education”. He was the permanent clerk to governing bodies at three Kirklees schools and he also spent a year in Africa, where he set up a junior football team for children from a local orphanage.

After his death in 2006 his family commissioned a trophy (made by Mick Kirkby-Geddes) and gifted it to Kirklees in Arthur’s memory “as a way of keeping his inspiring belief in young people and the quality of the world they live in thriving”. The annual award was called The Arthur Halliwell (Memorial) Sustainable Schools Award and the first winner was in 2008.

The award has now been passed by Kirklees into the care of the West Yorkshire Teaching Alliance and has been renamed and rejuvenated to focus on outdoor education. The applications will be judged by members of the WYTA Forest School and Outdoor Learning network.

Application Criteria

Any Primary or Secondary school in West Yorkshire is eligible to apply, regardless of their affiliation to a teaching alliance.

The objectives/criteria for the award for schools are as follows:

- Demonstrate current activity, achievements and future plans that are inspiring young people to engage with the outdoors.
- Demonstrate innovative thinking in planning and delivering outdoor activity, including attention to a child-centred approach.
- Demonstrate a commitment to improving the quality of our young people’s world by impacting on the whole school and wider community.

Award Process

To be considered for the award schools must complete a simple application form and submit one piece of supporting evidence in their chosen format; this may be a drawing, poster, photo collage, video or anything else they feel represents their outdoor education experiences.

Closing date for applications is Friday 25th May 2018. The winner will be announced by Friday 29th June. Shortlisted applicants will receive a certificate. The winning applicant will be presented with the trophy, a certificate, a £250 prize (sponsored by the WYTA) and a digital copy of the award logo to use on their letterhead and website.