



Become a  
Young Climate Warrior  
as part of your  
Duke of Edinburgh  
Award!

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## Duke of Edinburgh Award participants can now become 'Young Climate Warriors' – with our 'Skills Challenges' series. Earth Day 2022

UK teenagers take action, learning skills to help tackle climate change.

Nationwide children's charity, Young Climate Warriors, is now a Duke of Edinburgh's Award 'Approved Provider'. From 22<sup>nd</sup> April, to coincide with Earth Day 2023, teenagers participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme can become 'Young Climate Warriors', developing skills, understanding and engagement in tackling climate change.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh participants can choose the 'Young Climate Warriors' Skills option – learning skills to live sustainably via practical guided activities, alongside the development of a critical thinking and values framework. A three-month programme of weekly challenges provides a sense of the 'possible', helping to relieve potential 'eco-anxiety'. Challenges, whilst enabling tangible carbon emissions reductions, also encourage conversations to continue at home, supporting family and community behavioural change, and helping to shape new 'social norms'.

This new initiative provides an opportunity for teenagers to get their teeth into something tangible, taking action for climate change in a structured, supportive environment, whilst also achieving the recognition of completing an element of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

### BACKGROUND

Young Climate Warriors is a nationwide charity which supports teachers and families with high-quality and thought-provoking climate change resources that are free, ready-to-use and include weekly age-appropriate carbon-cutting and sustainability challenges. Over 800 families are signed up with 'young climate warriors', and teachers from over 400 schools around the UK receive weekly Young Climate Warriors materials. The charity was born of a 'stubborn optimistic' attitude. 'Optimism is not the result of a success, it is the necessary input for addressing any challenge if we want a chance of success' ([Christiana Figueres, GlobalOptimism](#)). 'All our challenges exude this ethos and mindset, striving to play our part in helping reduce 'the 59% of young people who are very, or extremely, worried about climate change' ([The Lancet, December 2021](#)).

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