



ScoutsNI

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NIEX 2019

Who is it for

Explorer Scouts, Young Leaders, and Network who want to undertake Chief Scout's Diamond Award, and Queen's Scout Award, These awards can include DoE Expeditions in 2019. Individuals, members of small Units, or members of Units that are not normally able to offer expeditions are particularly welcome.

Explorer Diamond/ DoE Silver Age Limits:

Minimum 15 on 12 April 2019. Maximum 18 on 28th August 2019.

Queens Scout/ DoE Gold Age Limits:

Minimum 16 on 1 January 2019. Maximum: born on or after 6th September 1994 (under 25 at end of qualifying expedition+ 9 days to complete project).

Please note that these are strenuous activities. If you have any health issues or disability that need to be taken into account in the programme you are very welcome- do not be put off, but **please do inform us at time of booking.**

Aims of NIEX

The programme will operate at 2 levels:

- a. all training and qualifying expedition for Explorer Diamond Award/ DoE Silver or:
- b. all training for Queen's Scout Award/ DoE Gold.

A qualifying Queen's Scout Award/ DoE Gold expedition opportunity will be offered in August 2019 in the Lake District, England or Cairngorms, Scotland (Provisional dates will be 22nd – 27th August)

Those wishing to attend any level will be required to commit to and attend **all** training sessions, practice hikes and practice expeditions. A full itinerary will be available before booking, but will include the following.

Training on:-

- Expedition kit, what to take, what not to.
- Menu planning and implementation. Including menu for practice expedition to be implemented for qualifying expeditions.
- Navigation training
- Practice Hikes, including at least 2 day hikes for all levels and 2 additional for QSA
- 1st Aid training –
- Training weekend will be at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre 9th-11th November 2018

To maintain or improve fitness, it may be necessary to undertake other walks before the NIEX camp/Qualifying expedition.

Communication

Communication will be through dedicated closed facebook pages.

The cost of NIEX Diamond Expedition

The cost of training and expeditions will be in the region £150.00 (plus DofE registration if required *)

This includes food, accommodation for the training weekend, 1st Aid training and transport for expeditions.

A £45.00 deposit is payable with the attached booking form to confirm a place at the camp and the balance of £105.00 can be paid in 3 instalments of £35.00 at the end of November 2018, January & March 2019.

The cost of NIEX Queens Scout Expedition

The Cost of the Queens Scout Award (DofE Gold) expedition and training will be in the region of £450 (Plus DofE registration if required*)

This includes food, accommodation, Training weekend, transport and accommodation for expeditions.

A £120.00 deposit is payable with the attached booking form to confirm a place and the balance of £330.00 can be paid in 3 instalments of £110.00 at the end of November 2018, January & April 2019.

* Explorer Scout / Network members who are in a Scout Group which does not operate the DoE Award scheme will, if they wish, be able to participate through an Award group facilitated from Crawfordsburn. DoE entry fee is £21 for Bronze and Silver, £28 for Gold. This fee will be required with the initial deposit, as only activity after enrolment can be counted for DoE Awards.

Expedition Groups

Expedition groups must contain 4-7 participants. We will be aiming to have groups of 6-7 so that the group can continue if someone has to drop out. The organisers may close applications at any level at any time if it is unlikely that enough applications will be received to justify another group

Expedition Locations

Practice hikes – Mourne mountains Belfast Hills. Expeditions locations are likely to be as follows – All practice expeditions – Mourne Mountains.

Diamond qualifying expeditions – Mourne Mountains.

Queens Scout Expedition – Lake District – England or Cairngorms – Scotland (or if low numbers Mournes)

FAQ.

What happens if I have other things on that clash with the published itinerary? – Simply don't sign up. You need to commit 100% - you need to make the decision what is important to you.

What happens if I miss one of the training / hike days? – Unless deemed to be exceptional circumstances, Simply don't, they are not just developing a skill, but a team development day. If you are not committed 100%, you will be given the option to drop back and attend in 2020. No refunds will be given and additional cost may be involved.

Who is running NIEX? – NIEX is run by a team of experienced Scout leaders who have many years of experience between them. All hold relevant permits and are trained DofE supervisors and/or assessors. Additional specialist trainers range from qualified 1st Aid trainers to ex NIEX participants who have completed their Queens Scout Expedition in previous years with NIEX.

If I sign up via the Crawfordsburn DofE Centre for my Duke of Edinburgh Award, what support will I get for skills, physical and volunteering sections of the award? – These sections are simply duplicates of the relevant Scout Award. They should be supervised and completed during normal Scout / Explorer Scout / Young Leader / Network meetings with your group / unit. Your section assessor would upload to eDofE or complete your book as normal. One of the Crawfordsburn DofE leaders would sign off the section as complete, once the participant has completed the section online and the assessors report has been uploaded. NIEX only organises the Expedition Section training and expedition framework.

Why are no refunds given? – simply put, we price the whole NIEX scheme to be revenue neutral, eg we spend what we get. Things like accommodation, ferries, etc need to be booked and paid for months in advance. So the deposit for example is spent almost immediately securing training venues, trainers, ferries, etc. A lot of these costs we cannot recoup even if someone drops out.

Can I get additional information? – Yes – contact explorers@scoutsni.org

Enquiry/Booking Form for NIEX 2019



Completed forms to be returned to NIEX, ScoutsNI, 109 Old Milltown Road, Belfast. BT8 7SP
 Deposit cheques made payable to NISC.
 Credit/debit card payments can also be taken over the phone 028 9049 2829.

First Name: _____ **Surname:** _____

Date of birth: _____ **Scout Group/Unit:** _____

Section: Explorer Scout / Network (**delete as applicable**) eDofE Number _____

DoE Award:

Please tick as appropriate

<input type="checkbox"/>	I am enrolled
<input type="checkbox"/>	I want to be enrolled through the Crawfordsburn Unit
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not wish to enrol

Home Address: _____

Post Code: _____ **Participants Email:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Participants Mobile:** _____

Any Health issues (asthma, allergies, diabetes, disabilities, dietary restrictions, etc):

Parent or Guardian Name (Next of kin for Network): _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Post Code: _____ **Email:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Parent's or Adult Applicant Signature: _____

Please tick as appropriate:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Please send further details of meetings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please book a place for me, and send further details. I enclose a deposit of £55. (£130 QSA)
<input type="checkbox"/>	(Option) Please enrol me in the DoE Award at Bronze/Silver/Gold level. I enclose £21 fee (Bronze or Silver), or £28 Gold fee.

Official use only:

Deposit	Initials	November	Initials	January	Initials	March	Initials
£45/£120 paid	Date	£35/£110 paid	Date	£35/£110 paid	Date	£35/£110 paid	Date
DOE status:							

DATES

Training and planning weekend

9th to 11th November 2018 - at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre –
Arrival 19:30 Friday 9th, Departure 15:30 Sunday 11th. All ingredients for meals provided.

Sunday 24th February – Belfast Hills – Navigation training – 13:30 to 19:00. Including navigation in the dark.

Saturday 9th March 2019 - Mourne Mountains – 9am to 5:30pm

16:30pm Saturday 23rd to 17:00 Sunday 24th March 2019 – Mourne Mountains – QSA / DofE Gold only

Practice Expeditions – Easter 2019 – Dates to be confirmed - probably 12th/13th/14th April 2019

Qualifying Expeditions

CS Diamond /DofE Silver qualifying expeditions 28th/29th/30th June 2019

QSA / DofE Gold – 22nd – 27th August 2019.