

Possible Organisations for your D of E Sections.

Please be aware that these organisations have not been visited or checked by us. We recommend you speak to your parents/carers and visit the organisation to ensure you are happy with them before committing to anything.

You don't have to use organisations on this list, there are hundreds of things you could get involved with for each section. For a full list of activities that you can do then go to the 'your D of E' page of www.nptdofe.co.uk and download the 'list of activities'. If you see an activity on this list that you want to do then you need to find a local organisation to do it with, or do it yourself from home and gather your own evidence (in this instance download the 'how to evidence your sections' document from www.nptdofe.co.uk

Please realise these are just organisations we are aware of that may have been used by participants in the past. However they might not be recruiting, or they might no longer be running, therefore YOU MUST contact these organisations and make arrangements yourself. These organisations do not necessarily have places available so you need to contact them yourself and explain you need to attend once a week and have this agreed before deciding you are going to do it!!!

Volunteering Section

You cannot volunteer with a business such as a childcare centre that runs as a business, stables, farm, local shop/café etc.

Sports Leadership	<p>If you are involved in sport and involved with a club or team then you could ask about helping to coach a team for younger children at the club? .</p> <p>IMPORTANT - you can't volunteer for someone that is professional and charges for their classes as they are running a business, so you couldn't volunteer with a dance teacher for whom teaching dance is their main income. However if they only charge enough to cover the cost of the building etc and it is run for the benefit of the community then that is OK. If in doubt ask your D of E leader. You may also be able to volunteer with the PE teachers in school or the 5 x 60 officer.</p>	
Pontardawe Riverside Centre	<p>The riverside centre has loads of opportunities including environmental work and helping out at the café. You will learn loads skills and meet new people.</p>	<p>Contact Robert Clapham on: robertclapham@tiscali.co.uk</p>
Volunteer in Your School	<p>Another option for you is to get involved with something that is already happening in school. This could be the school council, a fundraising group, peer mentoring, paired reading or completing environmental work around the school.</p>	<p>Speak to your D of E leader or form tutor to see what activities are going on in your school.</p>
Volunteer in a local primary school or after school club	<p>Pop down to your local primary school and ask if you can volunteer there. There will be a range of different things you may be able to get involved with in the school. Or they may have an after school club you could volunteer at, however you can only help the after school club if it is run by the primary school on a not for profit basis, you cannot volunteer if it is run by an external company for profit.</p>	

<p>Volunteer at a local care home</p>	<p>This is a really rewarding activity whereby you go and chat to the elderly residents. It's a really worthwhile thing to do and makes a real difference to their lives and offers a great opportunity for you to learn about different people from different generations. If you do volunteer at a care home you cannot help out in the care home with duties in the kitchen etc, if they ask you to do this then please let me know. You are going there to chat with the residents, not be a worker for the care home</p>	
<p>Help out the 5 x 60 officer in school</p>	<p>If you would enjoy helping out with sporting activities then speak to the 5 x 60 officer in your school and see if you can help them with running a club.</p>	<p>Speak to your 5 x 60 officer</p>
<p>Volunteering with Age Concern</p>	<p>Could you help develop and maintain the Age Concern Neath Port Talbot website? Or manage their facebook and twitter pages? Or help with organising and running events? Age Concern Neath Port Talbot have a big range of volunteering options available. All of which will help you develop important skills and get experience that will look amazing on your CV! And have a lot of fun and meet great people! They also have a volunteering officer to give you all the help and support you need, contact Chris to get involved.</p>	<p>Chris Baylis</p> <p>Phone: 01792 818200</p> <p>Email: acadvocacy@neathporttalbot.org.uk</p>
<p>Helping at South Wales Miners Museum</p> <p>http://www.southwalesminersmuseum.co.uk/</p>	<p>The museum is based in the Afan Valley and offers you a fantastic opportunity to learn about the day to day running of a museum. Your role will be catered to your needs and interests and may involve money handling, card payments, administration, managing content on our website, social media, marketing, archiving, customer service and reception duties. Roles currently available include Assistant Librarian, Assistant Maintenance Worker, Assistant Tour Guide, Assistant Receptionist, Admin Assistant, Assistant Archivist and many more. We can also supply relevant training if required.</p>	<p>Call or email Sarah on 01639 851 833</p> <p>southwalesminers@btconnect.com</p>
<p>Volunteer leader with Rainbows</p>	<p>Rainbows is a fantastic organisation to be involved with where you can have a really positive impact on the lives of young people aged 5 - 7, and have a lot of fun yourself too! You be helping the 'Rainbows' with creative tasks and playing games! There are Rainbow groups in lots of parts of Neath, call Amy for more info.</p>	<p>Amy Sherwood</p> <p>07791842562</p>

St Johns ambulance	A fantastic organization to get involved with. It looks great on your CV and teaches you essential first aid skills which you will have for life.	029 2044 9507 recruitment@stjohnwales.org.uk Ystalyfera Division call Danny on 07795556415 or email danny.lewis@tesco.net
Aberavon Life Saving Club	This is an amazing club that will train you in all aspects of lifesaving. You can use your time at the club for any one of the DofE sections. You can count helping out at the club and volunteering as a beach lifeguard for the volunteering section, you can attend their 1st aid courses and count this for the skill section or you can count the training for the physical recreation section. Although you can cover all the sections through the club you can only count two of your own sections through the club so you will need to pick which sections you want to cover through the club and which you want to do through another organisation.	Contact Pat on 01639 884446 or go to their website - www.aberavonlsc.co.uk
Charity shop	If you go into a local charity shop and explain that you are looking to volunteer as part of your DofE they will be more than happy to have your help. Call and ask a member of staff or contact them by telephone. British Heart Foundation 01639 630 998 54 Wind Street, Neath (Next to Topshop) Age Concern 01639 632 151 14 Queen Street, Neath (round the corner from Wilkinsons) Scope 01639 643 117 8 Angel Place, Neath (Round corner from Morrisons)	Swansea Valley Cardiac Support Group 01792 830409 37 Herbert St, Pontardawe, SWANSEA, West Glamorgan SA8 4EB Enfys Foundation Charity Shop 01792 865858 71A Herbert Street, Pontardawe, SA8 4ED RSPCA 07501 469 003 6 Angle Place Neath (Opposite Morrisons))
Brynamman Cinema	Help out at a local community cinema, great fun and really helpful to your local community.	Call 01269 825176.
Neath Port Talbot Youth Council	Help young people to get their voices heard in Neath Port Talbot, great experience, also counts for the skills section	Contact Jan Weaver on 01639 861369 email j.weaver@neath-

		porttalbot.gov.uk
RNLI	There is an RNLI boathouse on Aberavon beach where you can go and help out and learn all about the charity. A great thing to be part of where you will have a lot of fun and be part of something really worthwhile.	Contact the station on 01639 884290
Volunteer with the scouts	The Scouts run clubs throughout the area; you can get involved in helping young people in lots of different activities and learn skills yourself.	Call Mr. Roberts on 01792 527351
Organise a Charity Event	You and a few friends could get together to organise an event for charity. You could complete a sponsored event or put on an event which you will sell tickets for such as a disco or variety show or even run a tuck shop in school and donate the profits.	Make sure you speak to either your D of E leader in school first to clarify arrangements.
Youth Work	You could start helping out with your local youth club, if you aren't sure where your local club is then use the website on the right to find it. There are lots of fantastic opportunities available in youth clubs that you could get involved with.	https://www.npted.org/section/youth-service/Pages/default.aspx or just put Neath Port Talbot youth service in google!
Environmental Work	There are a few different environmental groups in the area, you can get involved in one of these for your volunteering section and work with the team to protect wildlife and improve the area. A great way to meet people and learn loads of skills, the two main ones are the Bryncoch Environmental Group and Dyffryn Clydach Volunteers check out their website: www.spanglefish.com/bryncochenvironmentgroup/	Bryncoch environment group: 01639 632067 / 07851 791923 Dyffryn Clydach Volunteers: Steve Absalom 01792 813465.
Still stuck? Then look on a fantastic website called volunteering Wales - http://www.volunteering-wales.net/index.html this site has over 6000 opportunities and you can search for opportunities in your area of interest and geographical area.		
You can also contact Nigel Cram at Neath CVS, it's his job to find volunteering activities for young people, his number is 01639 631387.		

Skills Section

There are literally 100's of things you can do for the skills section. Listed below are specific organisations you can, next its up to you contact them and arrange to start attending. If you don't see anything you like then go to www.nptdofe.co.uk and then the 'yout DofE' page and download the 'list of activities' document, if you see an activity for the skill section on that document that you like the sound of then its up to you to find somewhere to do it locally and someone that will act as your assessor.

Sports Leadership	If you are involved in sport and involved with a club or team then you could ask about helping to coach a team at the club? You can also use sports leadership for the volunteering section but if you want to use coaching for both the volunteering and skill section then you need to either coach one sport twice a week or coach two different sports.	
Music	You may already play an instrument or have singing lessons in which case just carry on as you are and get your music teacher to sign off the book after you have done it for long enough for your DofE. If you don't have lessons but are learning on your own then speak to the music teacher in school and ask if you can show them your progression once a week then they can sign the book confirming you have been playing regularly.	
Being involved in the school play	Drama is part of the skill section so if you are in the school production you can count this as long as there is enough time between starting rehearsals and the production finishing (3 month minimum for bronze or silver). Or you may be involved with another Drama group.	
Young Enterprise project	Many schools run the young enterprise scheme and this can count for the skill section as long as you are involved for over the 3 month minimum for bronze or silver	
After school or lunchtime classes	Ask what is happening in your school, there may be lunch or after school clubs in art, cooking etc or you may be able to do an extra GCSE after school such as statistics or business.	
Learn a new skill through your local youth club	Your local youth club will have classes and projects running so use the link to the right and find the nearest club to you	https://www.npted.org/section/youth-service/Pages/default.aspx

Evening classes	There are hundreds of evening classes available all over Neath and Port Talbot. You can do things such as cooking, all sorts of arts and crafts, sign language, music, photography etc etc. The courses follow the school calendar so you need to get on a course when they start at the beginning of a term.	Just google 'evening classes neath port talbot' to see what is available or visit your local community centre.
Photography	There are various options for getting into photography, there is a club in Neath, a club in Port Talbot or you can sign up to an evening class using the information above.	Neath Photographic Society: http://www.neathphotographicsociety.org Port Talbot Camera Club: http://www.porttalbotcameraclub.org/
L E A P Project	The LEAP project is based in Alltwen and provides a huge range of vocational training in areas such as, computing, motor bike maintenance, motor mechanics, Go kart maintenance, welding, and brick laying.	You would need to contact them to see what is running and what would fit in with you. Their phone number is 01792 869219.
Organised Kaos Modern Circus Group	This is a fantastic organisation that runs a modern circus youth group. They will teach you incredible skills from more traditional circus activities to new and exciting activities. You could be flying through the air on a trapeze or juggling fire before you know it!	Go to their website www.organisedkaos.org.uk

1 st Aid	There are lots of organisations where you can learn 1 st aid and count it for the Skills section. Neil Hapgood will often be running 1 st aid courses for D of E participants so email him (address on page 1) to see what may be happening in your area. The details for ST Johns ambulance are in the volunteering part of this document, you can count them for either the volunteering or skills. You can attend Aberavon Life Saving club for 1 st aid, their details are in the volunteering and physical rec parts of this document.	
AIR CADETS 1358 (Pontardawe) Squadron	If you want a fun and exciting challenge, interested in the air force then this could be a great activity for you. If you are aged between 13 and 17 then find out more! They meet Monday and Fridays from 7.00-9.00pm.	Contact Heath Davies on mobile 07842173000 for the Pontardawe Squadron or check out the website for more information: www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/wanttojoin/cadets.cfm
Fishing	If you fancy doing some fishing then this organisation can give you help in getting started and someone from the organisation can be your assessor too.	Contact Tawe & Tributaries Angling Association Membership Secretary, Mr B Price - 01639 843431
Brynaman Community centre	Offer loads of different classes and activities, give them a call and see what's happening	01269 823400 www.brynaman.org.uk
Class Act Theatre School. (CATS)	Have an amazing experience as part of a play, its great fun, you will never forget it.	Contact Jill on 01792 863767. Or email www.classacttheatre.co.uk
Sea Cadets	Great fun, learn great skills and have amazing opportunities	Call Mike on 01639 776604 or email mail@neathseacadets.org.uk

Scouts	18-25 You can become a network scout, helping younger scouts in activities and sessions.	Contact Mr Roberts on 01792 527351 www.glamwestscouts.co.uk
Angling Club	The club can give you information and help you get into angling.	Contact Keith on either 01269 823023 / 07855615809 or email keithjames@bryn63.freerve.co.uk
Port Talbot YMCA Shooting club	This is a fantastic club that will give you a chance to learn to shoot in a safe environment; there are various competitions but all in good fun. All equipment is supplied. The sessions are on every other Saturday for 2 hours so fine for your Skills section and only costs £1 per session!	For info on the next session please look on the website: www.porttalbotymca.org.uk or call the YMCA on 01639 887034.
Snooker/Pool	If you are a keen snooker player, or want to start playing, then this count towards your skill section. There are various snooker halls around Neath and Port Talbot so start attending your local one once a week. Check someone at the snooker hall is happy to sign off your book to say you have been going. There is also a junior snooker academy in Pontardawe, to contact them use the details on the right...	Pontardawe Junior Snooker Academy: Jack on 01792 863242, email jackcarney05@aol.com
Cooking at home	In some circumstances your D of E leader might allow you to cook from home, check with them first. You can cook once a week at home, however as you won't have an assessor for the activity (family members can't be assessors) then you have to complete an evidence sheet each week and upload it to your E DofE account. Get the sheet from www.nptdofe.co.uk and then the 'your DofE page'. Please be aware that over 85% of young people that choose cooking at home don't complete their D of E as you have to upload evidence every week to your EDofE account to prove you have been cooking or you can't continue. Although it sounds like an easier option it requires a lot of self discipline and commitment.	

Physical Recreation Section

<p>Doing a sport at school or a local club</p>	<p>You may already play a sport at school, it has to be after school or enough lunchtimes to make up an hour per week, it can't be PE lessons, or you might play a sport at a local club. In which case just carry on and get your book signed after you have done the activity for long enough.</p>	
<p>Swansea Valley Swimming Club</p>	<p>Sun - Sat (not including Wed) 6.30am - 8.30am & 6.30pm - 8.30pm</p>	<p>Pontardawe Swimming Pool, Jones Street, Pontardawe - 01792 863474. Contact Karen on 01792 830793 or email kydawson63@yahoo.co.uk</p>
<p>5/60 Officer in School</p>	<p>If you are in a secondary school there will be a person in your school responsible for providing fun and exciting physical activities., you could be doing anything from table tennis to dodge ball!</p>	<p>Call 01639 861146 and ask for the 5 x 60 officer for your school, or ask at school.</p>
<p>Football Club</p>	<p>Get involved with the football team!</p>	<p>Pontardawe Town Football Club Check out http://www.pontardawetownafc.co.uk or email coaches@pontardawetownafc.co.uk Contact Andy on 07979565335</p> <p>Rhos Youth Football Club Contact Keith Watkins on 01792 830524</p>
<p>Rugby</p>	<p>Get involved with the rugby team!</p>	<p>Trebanaso Rugby CluB - The Secretary, c/o Trebanos Rugby Club, Lloyd Street, Trebanos, Pontardawe, Tel: 01792 863096</p> <p>Alltwen Rugby Club Alltwen Hill, Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 3BP Tel: 01792 864233</p> <p>Pontardawe Rugby Club Ynysderw Rd, Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 4EG Tel: 01792 864811</p>

Tai Chi Group	Tuesday and Wednesday - 7.00pm Thurs 8pm - 9.30pm	ARCH Hall, Cefn Llan Road, Pontardawe Ynysmeudwy Hall, Old Road, Ynysmeudwy, Pontardawe
Karate	Junior and Adult Karate Saturday - 11.00am Monday - 6.45pm - 8.45pm	ARCH Hall, Cefn Llan Road, Pontardawe Ynysmeudwy Hall, Old Road, Ynysmeudwy, Pontardawe
Pontardawe Bowls Club	Great club with opportunities for all standards	contact Phil on 01792 862891
Aberavon Canoe Club	Get into canoeing both in the pool and on the sea. A fantastic club where you will learn skills for a passion for life.	Contact Harry on 01639 779733 or email Harold.worth@ntlworld.com
Celtic Triathlon Club	Join the fastest growing sport in the world, Triathlons are an amazing way to keep fit and great fun. There are places to take part all over Neath Port Talbot.	Check out the website on www.celtictri.com or phone Terry on 01639 643747
YMCA Climbing Club	The YMCA in Port Talbot has a new and fantastic climbing wall, great fun sport and really affordable.	If interested check out the website www.porttalbotymca.org.uk or contact the YMCA on 01639 887034.
Tae Kwon-Do	This form of martial arts is available at various clubs all over Neath Port Talbot.	Contact Kevin Clarke on 01656 657073 / 07747 694197 or email kalz@clarke1726.pslife.co.uk
Ystalyfera Cricket Club	Play some cricket!	Contact Andrew on 01792 795603
Ystalyfera Ladies Bowls		contact Colleen on 01639 842623
Dance - Tan Dance	This is an organisation that delivers amazing dance classes and shows. They run sessions all over Neath Port Talbot so call them up see what's happening in your area, you won't regret it!	Check out their website - http://www.tandance.org/index.php or phone them on 01639 813428.

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