

BLACKPOOL DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD OPEN ACCESS GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1174577

Details

Other names BLACKPOOL OPEN ACCESS GROUP, OAG

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-09-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND HELP THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF BLACKPOOL AND SURROUNDING AREAS THROUGH THE PROVISION, PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PARTICIPATION IN THE DUKE OF EDINBURGHÆS AWARD, OF SUPPORT AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WHICH IMPROVE THEIR WELLBEING AND WHICH DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE ADULTS.

Activities: Providing access to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold level for young people in Blackpool who cannot, for whatever reason, complete their DofE at school. Our support includes weekly meetings, one-to-one advice on completing sections, and a range of outdoor activities including canoeing, climbing and expeditions.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Blackpool

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-09	£7,140	£13,575	-	-
2024-01-09	£9,165	£12,086	-	-
2023-01-09	£9,238	£6,646	-	-
2022-01-09	£4,362	£4,344	-	-
2021-01-09	£7,951	£3,847	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mike Haines	Chair	2025-05-09
Anindya Banerjee		2020-02-26
PETER ROSCOE		2017-09-25
Paul Galley		2017-10-11
Rachel Day		2017-12-06
SIMON LAWTON		2017-05-04
TRACEY ORR		2017-09-25

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Annual Report and Accounts 2024

In 2024 the Open Access Group has continued to support young people in their DofE journey.

The Open Access Group worked with 25 young people last year. 11 achieved their Awards; 3 Bronze level, 7 Silver and 5 have successfully completed Gold Training expeditions.

This year saw Blackpool Council's Children's SEND Service directly referring six young people over the year.

We have delivered a range of activities:

8 x hill and mountain walks

1 Bronze expedition in the Forest of Bowland

1 Silver practice expedition in Forest of Bowland

1 Silver qualifier expedition in the Lake District

2 Gold Practice expeditions in the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District

A series of campcraft, navigation and team-building sessions at the Stanley Park boathouse.

Weekly fitness sessions held at Stanley Park aimed at preparing young people's fitness for expeditions and to support the physical section of the award.

Places visited included Clougha Pike, Pen-y-ghent, Ingleborough, Malham, Helvellyn, Great Langdales, South Lakes, Yorkshire Dales, Forest of Bowland and local walks around Blackpool.

Membership of the Open Access Group board of trustees is follows:

- Simon Lawton (Chair)
- Rachel Day (Treasurer)
- Peter Roscoe
- Paul Galley
- Anindya Banerjee
- Tracey Orr

Blackpool Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Open Access Group			
Bank Balance 9th January 2024			£8,349.83
+ Income			<u>£7,140.00</u>
			£15,489.83
-Expenditure			£13,575.12
Balance at Bank			
Sheet No. 157			£1,914.71
INCOME			
Date	Receipt No.	Income	Amount
23/01/24	24.4	Streetlife Trust	£100.00
19/04/24	24.5	Blackpool Council	£5,000.00
17/09/24	24.6	Fineline photography Minibus Hire	£100.00
23/09/24	24.7	Blackpool Council	£1,000.00
10/04/2024	24.8	Blackpool Coastal Housing	£640.00
17/10/24	24.9	Streetlife Trust	£300.00
			£7,140.00
EXPENDITURE			
Date	Cheque No.	Payments	Amount
15/01/24	216	Microsoft Office	£80.00
15/01/24	217	DofE Support 1:1 Drama	£226.46
16/01/24	218	Youth Work Support	£465.00
23/01/24	219	Minibus Service & Check	£698.30
30/01/24		Bank Charges	£5.80
6/2/24	220	Youth Work Support	£735.00
14/02/24	221	Garage Work, Minibus Tax	£705.00
1/3/24		Bank Charges	£7.00
7/3/24	222	Youth Work Support	£773.70
7/3/24	223	Youth Work Support & Hall Hire	£205.00
14/03/24	224	Minibus Insurance, MOT, Brakes & Petty Cash	£1,039.13
30/03/24		Bank Charges	£6.20
03/04/24	225	Youth Work Support	£1,110.00
30/04/24		Bank Charges	£5.80
17/05/24	226	Youth Work Support	£713.00
23/05/24	227	Youth Work Support	£596.70
30/05/24		Bank Charges	£5.00
6/6/24	228	Youth Work Support	£290.00
20/06/24	229	Youth Work Support/Expedition Support	£1,059.00
25/06/24	230	Expedition Support and Assessor Fees	£263.80
30/06/24		Bank Charges	£6.20
30/07/24		Bank Charges	£5.80
06/08/24	231	Minibus Seatbelt and Safety Inspection	£467.83

16/08/24	232	Skool of Street SEND Support	£1,130.00
20/08/24	233	Youth work support SEND	£1,135.00
30/08/24		Bank Charges	£5.40
10/09/24	234	Sports and fitness sessions	£315.00
30/09/24		Bank Charges	£5.80
28/10/24	235	Minibus safety inspection, new seat belts and brake pads	£1,018.00
29/10/24	236	Sports and fitness sessions	£205.00
30/10/24		Bank Charges	£5.40
30/11/24		Bank Charges	£5.80
18/12/24	237	Youth Work Support Fitness Sessions	£275.00
30/12/24		Bank Charges	£5.00
			£13,575.12

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In 2023 the Open Access Group has continued to support young people in their DofE journey.

The Open Access Group worked with 18 young people last year. Eight achieved their Awards; 3 Bronze level, 5 Silver.

The year began with a visit from Prince Edward, who visited Blackpool and requested a meeting with young people who are doing their Award with community and voluntary organisations. The Prince met four young people from the OAG, who spoke to him about their activities.

This year saw Blackpool Council's Children's Services directly referring five young people over the year.

We have delivered a range of activities:

10 x hill and mountain walks

1 Bronze expedition in the Forest of Bowland

1 Silver practice expedition in Forest of Bowland

1 Silver practice expedition in the Yorkshire dales

1 Silver qualifier expedition in the Lake District

A series of campcraft, navigation and team-building sessions at the Stanley Park boathouse.

Places visited included Clougha Pike, Ingleborough, Dunnerdale, Malham, Forest of Bowland and local walks around Blackpool.

Membership of the Open Access Group board of trustees is follows:

- Simon Lawton (Chair)
- Rachel Day (Treasurer)
- Peter Roscoe
- Paul Galley
- Anindya Banerjee
- Tracey Orr

Blackpool Duke of Edinburgh Award Open Access Group Accounts Jan-Dec 2023

Blackpool Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Open Access Group			
Bank Balance 9th January 2023			£11,271.36
+ Income			<u>£9,164.80</u>
			£20,436.16
-Expenditure			£12,086.33
Balance at Bank			
Sheet No. 146			£8,349.83
INCOME			
Date	Receipt No.	Income	Amount
21/2/23	23.1	Windmill Project Minibus Use	£210.00
28/2/23	23.2	UR Potential Minibus Use	£200.00
14/3/23	23.3	Blackpool Council	£628.00
24/3/23	23.4	UR Potential Minibus Use	£400.00
04/04/2023	23.5	Streetlife Trust Minibus Use	£498.00
15/5/23	23.6	UR Potential Minibus Use	£400.00
15/5/23	23.7	Windmill Project Minibus Use	£600.00
19/5/23	23.8	Blackpool Council	£3,000.00
8/8/23	23.9	Streetlife Trust Minibus Use	£100.00
18/9/23	24	Ed Diversity Minibus Use	£100.00
28.9.23	24.1	Windmill Project Minibus Use	£540.00
9.10.23	24.2	Woodland School	£1,438.80
2.11.23	24.3	Windmill Project Minibus Use	£1,050.00
			£9,164.80
EXPENDITURE			
Date	Cheque No.	Payments	Amount
17/1/23	183	Cheque Minibus Maintenance Repairs	£784.74
30/1/23		Bank Charges	£5.80
6/2/23	184	Cheque Youth Work Support	£288.00
23/2/23	186	Cheque Minibus Tax	£165.00
28/2/23	187	Cheque Youth Work Support	£242.00
2/3/23		Bank Charges	£5.80
14/3/23	188	Cheque Minibus Safety Inspection, Insurance & MOT	£709.60
30/3/23		Bank Charges	£5.80
31/3/23	189	Cheque 1st Aid Training & Petty Cash	£424.00
5/4/23	190	Cheque Youth Work Support	£259.00
6/4/23	191	Cheque Youth Work Support	£540.00
18/4/23	192	Cheque Minibus Service	£253.31
18/4/23	193	Cheque Youth Work Support	£264.00
30/4/23		Bank Charges	£6.60
05/02/2023	194	Cheque Youth Work Support	£640.00

30/5/23		Bank Charges	£6.20
31/5/23	195	Cheque Youth Work Support	£228.00
1/6/23	196	Cheque Youth Work Support	£247.75
6/6/23	197	Cheque Computer Repair	£120.00
30/6/23		Bank Charges	£6.20
11/7/23	198	Cheque Youth Work Support	£210.00
11/7/23	199	Cheque Expedition Costs & Petty Cash	£250.00
17/7/23	200	Cheque Expedition Costs	£150.00
17/7/23	203	Cheque Expedition Travel Costs	£149.49
24/7/23	204	Cheque Minibus Repair - Particle Filter	£1,372.00
24/7/23	205	Cheque Expedition Travel Costs	£150.00
28/7/23	207	Cheque Permit 19 & Minibus Costs	£145.49
30/7/23		Bank Charges	£5.00
18/8/23	208	Cheque Expedition Travel Costs	£171.59
30/8/23		Bank Charges	£7.80
31/8/23	206	Cheque Youth Work Support	£948.60
5/9/23	209	Cheque Youth Work Support	£1,139.66
25/9/23	210	Cheque Youth Work Support	£365.00
30/9/23		Bank Charges	£6.20
11/10/23	211	Cheque Youth Work Support	£845.00
30/10/23		Bank Charges	£6.20
30/10/23	212	Cheque Minibus Safety Inspection & Training Accommodation	£345.00
30/11/23		Bank Charges	£6.60
14/12/23	214	Cheque Youth Work Support	£240.00
15/12/23	215	Cheque Youth Work Support	£365.90
30/12/23		Bank Charges	£5.00
			£12,086.33

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Despite the continuing knock-on effects of the pandemic in reducing numbers, 2022 was a busy year for the Open Access Group. We worked directly with 20 young people over the year, supporting them in gaining their awards as follows:

6 completing their Bronze
7 completing their Silver
5 completing their Gold

Open Access Group activities over the year included:

February 15th – 16th Bronze Expedition/Adventure (in a storm!) on Pendle Hill
6 young people completing their Bronze expedition

April 22nd – 24th Silver Expedition
Dentdale, Yorkshire Dales – Ayegill Pike area
7 young people completing silver expedition

8 Expedition Training days were run throughout the year in the Forest of Bowland and Yorkshire Dales.

12 indoor climbing sessions to support the physical section of the Award.

3 days of summer activities including canoeing and hiking days.

The young people in the OAG helped to plan and organise a Blackpool DofE Awards Event held in the Spanish Ballroom of the Winter Gardens. 200 people attended the event including local councillors, the mayor, parents and young people. 80 young people from organisations across Blackpool were presented with their DofE Award.

The trustees of the Blackpool Duke of Edinburgh's Award Open Access Group remain unchanged:

Simon Lawton (Chair)
Rachel Day (Treasurer)
Pete Roscoe
Paul Galley
Anindya Banerjee
Tracy Orr

Blackpool Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Open Access Group			
Bank Balance 7th January 2022			£8,679.27
+ Income			<u>£9,238.00</u>
			£17,917.27
-Expenditure			£6,645.91
Balance at Bank			
Sheet No. 134			£11,271.36
INCOME			
Date	Receipt No.	Income	Amount
21/1/22	22.1	Blackpool Council	£2,300.00
15/3/22	22.2	Credit	£548.00
30/3/22	22.3	Blackpool Council	£1,000.00
17/5/22	22.4	Streetlife	£444.00
8/6/2022	22.5	Mereside Masonic	£250.00
7/7/2022	22.6	Streetlife	£350.00
11/8/2022	22.7	UR Potential	£396.00
9/9/2022	22.8	Stuart Sykes/Windmill Project	£675.00
30/9/22	22.9	Blackpool Coastal Housing	£100.00
7/10/2022	22.1	Blackpool Coastal Housing	£100.00
14/10/22	22.11	Sykes Adventure	£75.00
17/10/22	22.12	Blackpool Council	£3,000.00
			£9,238.00
EXPENDITURE			
Date	Cheque No.	Payments	Amount
21/1/22	151	Training Course	£124.20
30/1/22		Bank Charges	£6.20
31/1/22	153	Training Course	£104.85
1/2/2022	154	Mlcrosoft Office Account	£79.99
17/2/22	152	Training Course	£224.00
22/2/22	155	Minibus tax and Kit	£234.95
22/2/22	156	Youth Work Support	£330.00
2/3/2022		Bank Charges	£6.20
8/3/2022	157	Youth Work Support	£70.00
16/3/22	159	Winter Gardens Expenses	£101.84
16/3/22	160	Minibus Insurance	£739.17
18/3/22	161	Minibus MOT	£59.55
30/3/22		Bank Charges	£6.60
30/4/22		Bank Charges	£6.20
12/5/2022	163	Expedition Expenses	£133.16
27/5/22	164	Website fee & Minibus Inspection	£140.00
30/5/22		Bank Charges	£5.00

23/6/22	162	Training Course	£144.20
2/11/22		Bank Charges	£5.80
15/11/22	165	Staff Support	£50.00
11/7/2022	166	Youth Work Support Residential	£250.00
30/7/22		Bank Charges	£5.40
5/8/22	167	Youth Work Support	£190.00
9/8/22	168	Safety Inspection Minibus, New Tyre & Service	£386.00
11/8/22	169	Youth Work Support	£207.60
25/8/22	170	Youth Work Support	£235.00
30/8/22		Bank Charges	£6.20
14/9/22	171	Youth Work Support	£200.00
27/9/22	174	Training Course & Minibus Clean	£193.00
30/9/22	175	Youth Work Support	£90.00
30/9/22		Bank Charges	£6.20
7/10/22	176	Youth Work Support	£45.00
26/10/22	177	Training Course Safety Inspection Minibus	£565.00
11/10/22	172	Youth Work Support	£260.00
30/10/22		Bank Charges	£6.60
2/11/22	178	Youth Work Support	£477.00
15/11/22	179	Youth Work Support	£135.00
29/11/22	180	Youth Work Support	£350.00
30/11/22		Bank Charges	£6.20
21/12/22	181	Safety Inspection Minibus	£60.00
30/12/22		Bank Charges	£5.80
5/1/23	182	Youth Work Support	£394.00
			£6,645.91

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Annual Report and Accounts 2021

2021 was a busy year for the Open Access Group, despite the restrictions of Covid lockdowns. Immediately following the January to March lockdown we ran a fundraising 'Breakout Walkathon', with 30 young people walking along the promenade from Fleetwood to Lytham and raising over £1,300 for the RNLI. The day included a tribute to HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, who had passed away two days previously.

Another highlight of the year was a fantastic Gold expedition in the Lake District. Five young people spent four days walking from Skiddaw to Wrynose Pass via Helvellyn and Crinkle Crag, wild camping at Grisedale Tarn and Angle Tarn on the way.

Over the year we ran: 12 training days including hill walks and canoeing; 10 indoor climbing sessions; 9 small group or one-to-one training sessions; a Bronze practice expedition in the local Blackpool area due to Covid restrictions; a Bronze expedition in the Forest of Bowland; a Gold practice in Dentdale; and the Gold expedition.

In addition we sent two young people on a funded 19-day residential course at the Outward Bound in Ullswater and supported a young person in an apprenticeship placement through a government 'Kickstart' scheme – he has gone on to be a freelance outdoor education provider working with several youth groups in Blackpool.

In total during 2021 we worked with 26 young people - 9 at Bronze level, 8 at silver and 9 at Gold.



2021 Gold group at the summit of Helvellyn

Ann Lloyd resigned from the board of trustees as she is retiring to the Lake District; otherwise membership of the board of trustees is unchanged, as follows:

- Simon Lawton (Chair)
- Rachel Day (Treasurer)
- Peter Roscoe
- Paul Galley
- Anindya Banerjee
- Tracy Orr

2021 Accounts:

Blackpool Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Open Access Group			
Bank balance 10th January 2021			£8,660.87
+ Income			£4,362.00
			£13,022.87
-Expenditure			£4,343.60
Balance at Bank			
Sheet No. 121 10.01.2022			£8,679.27
INCOME			
Date	Receipt No.	Income	Amount
01/03/21	21.1	Blackpool Council	£1,000.00
29/04/21	21.2	Blackpool Council	£976.00
05/07/2021	21.3	Subs	£220.00
27/5/21	21.4	Subs	£70.00
28/05/21	21.5	Cheque	£60.00
09/06/21	21.6	Cheque	£20.00
30/06/21	21.7	Minibus use Streetlife	£332.00
9/9/21	21.8	Cheque	£150.00
22/9/21	21.9	Minibus use Windmill Project	£180.00
29/9/21	21.10	Minibus use Streetlife	£200.00
25/10/21	21.11	Minibus use Ed Diversity	£100.00
25/10/21	21.12	Minibus use Streetlife	£400.00
3/12/21	21.13	Minibus use Ed Diversity	£100.00
14/12/21	21.14	Minibus use Streetlife	£454.00
21/12/21	21.15	Minibus use Ed Diversity	£100.00
			£4,362.00
EXPENDITURE			
Date	Cheque No.	Payments	Amount
20/01/21	128	Bus management	£74.60
17/2/21	129	Minibus Tax	£165.00
03/03/2021	131	Minibus MOT	£59.55
03/10/2021	132	Minibus Insurance	£848.35
16/03/2021	133	Slater	£360.00
15/04/21	134	Minibus service and safety check	£294.57
15/4/21	135	Postcards	£150.00
21.04.21	136	Water, blister plasters and minibus parking	£56.05
22.04.21	138	Youth work and flowers	£296.50
24.6.21	139	Minibus Simon and Tyre	£195.98
28.6.21	137	Martin Driving	£130.00
17/8/21	140	Charlotte Day Staff payment	£207.00
17/08/21	143	Brian Slater	£120.00

6/9/21	141	Martin Driving	£180.00
14/9/21	144	Liam Humphreys Staff payment	£81.00
14/9/21	145	Danielle Revoe Project	£300.00
21/09/21	146	Minibus safety check	£60.00
10/06/2021	147	Danielle Revoe Project	£200.00
25/11/21	148	Martin Cover	£220.00
13/12/21	149	Danielle Drama Session	£280.00
17/12/21	150	Minibus Safety Inspection	£60.00
30/12/21		Bank charges	£5.00
			£4,343.60

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In 2020, despite the challenges presented by the pandemic, the Open Access Group has continued to support young people in their DofE journey.

The Open Access Group worked with 32 young people last year: 16 at Bronze level, 6 at Silver and 10 at Gold. Although no expeditions could take place, we have delivered a range of support including online digital skills, expedition planning online, outdoor activities and training days following government Covid guidance. All our young people have been actively pursuing their other sections so that they'll be able to complete their Awards as soon as we're able to run expeditions.

In 2020 our programme included:

12 x hill and mountain walks

6 x canoe/kayaking sessions

8 x indoor climbing sessions

Places visited included Pendle Hill, Clougha Pike, Ingleborough, Lake Windermere, Fairhaven Lake, Nicky Nook, West Pennine Moors and local walks around Blackpool.

We are currently meeting our young people regularly online, planning expeditions from April – August 2021.

Membership of the Open Access Group board of trustees is unchanged, as follows:

- Simon Lawton (Chair)
- Rachel Day (Treasurer)
- Peter Roscoe
- Paul Galley
- Ann Lloyd
- Anindya Banerjee
- Tracy Orr

The trustees met in February, May (by Zoom) and October (by Zoom).

Blackpool Duke of Edinburgh Award Open Access Group Accounts Jan-Dec 2020

Bank balance 10th January 2020			£4,557.22
+ Income			<u>£7,951.00</u>
			£12,508.22
- Expenditure			£3,847.35
Balance at Bank			
Sheet No. 110 10.01.2021:			£8,660.87
INCOME			
Date	Receipt No.	Income	Amount
21/01/2020	20.1	Minibus Use Ed Diversity	£312.00
27/01/2020	20.2	Fire Cadets Bronze Programme	£1,000.00
	20.3	Unpaid Fire Cadets Cheque	-£1,000.00
17/02/2020	20.4	Fire Cadets Bronze Programme	£1,000.00
20/02/2020	20.5	Minibus Use Ed Diversity	£837.00
28/02/2020	20.6	Minibus use BFC	£152.00
03/11/2020	20.7	Minibus Use Ed Diversity	£214.00
25/03/2020	20.8	Blackpool Council	£3,000.00
05/11/2020	20.9	Minibus Use Ed Diversity	£174.00
11/09/2020	20.10	DofE Award Scheme (Diamond Fund)	£500.00
27/11/20	20.11	Blackpool Council	£1,562.00
30/11/20	20.12	BFC Revolution	£200.00
			£7,951.00
EXPENDITURE			
Date	Cheque No.	Payments	Amount
19/02/2020	109	Minibus Tax	£165.00
02/09/2020	111	Minibus Insurance	£1,136.90
03/10/2020	108	Bus management	£81.80
03/10/2020	112	Bus management	£80.00
03/10/2020	107	Wing repair	£108.00
17/03/2020	113	Minibus MOT	£59.55
24/03/2020	114	Website	£80.00
29/07/2020	116	Safety Inspection Minibus	£60.00
13/08/2020	115	Bus management	£92.00
13/08/2020	117	Bus management	£202.00
20/08/2020	118	Outdoor Education North West. Virtual Schools	£1,060.00
09/11/2020	119	Bus management/Martin Driver	£290.00
10/06/2020	122	Summer activities expenses	£47.10
10/12/2020	121	Safety Inspection Minibus	£60.00
28/10/2020	123	Casual staff payment	£120.00
25/11/2020	124	Bus management/Martin Driver	£205.00
			£3,847.35