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Trefoil Guild

Our Voyage award

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A personal challenge for all Trefoil members to create your own adventures.

Go on a journey of learning, growing, and achieving with our Voyage award.

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How does it work?

There are 3 levels to the Voyage award. Each level is completed one at a time, in your own time. Each level has a minimum time to complete it in, but no maximum, so you can work at a pace that is best for you.



You register first for your bronze award. We will send you a record book to use for all 3 levels. You must spend at least 6 months working on your bronze Voyage award.



Once you have completed your bronze you can register for your silver award. You must spend at least 12 months working on your silver Voyage award.



Once you have completed your silver you can register for your gold award. You must spend at least 12 months working on your gold Voyage award.

After completing each level, you will be awarded with a certificate and metal pin badge.

How do I complete a level?

Complete challenges and activities for each of the 5 sections

Each level has 5 sections:

- service
- explore my world
- myself
- teamwork
- Skills

Choose an activity, skill, or challenge for each section, and find a mentor who can support you for each one. You can find out more about the role of the mentor on the next page.

Sections can be worked on in any order. Use your Voyage record book to keep a record of your activities and the hours spent on each section. We send you this record book when you register for your bronze award, and it can be used for all 3 levels.

Although this is a personal challenge, individuals can work as a group to support and encourage each other.

When starting on silver or gold levels, individuals should try something new or extend any skills or activities done previously.

The mentor's role

How it works

- Your mentor need not be a Trefoil member but must be someone who has knowledge of, or an interest in, your chosen subject.
- Your mentor will agree your activity plan with you and offer any advice.
- Your mentor must take an interest in your activity and see that you carry it out as best as you can.
- While you are carrying out your activity, you should keep in touch with your mentor to discuss your progress.
- When your challenge is finished, ask your mentor to sign the appropriate page in your record book.
- Your mentor can also provide 'confirmation of completion' for your evidence folder.
- You may have a different mentor for each of the sections or you may have the same mentor for more than one.

Service – examples of activities

Minimum hours: bronze (40), silver (60), gold (80).

Girlguiding or Scouting:

- run or assist a unit
- take on a new role
- find an opportunity to promote Girlguiding or Scouting
- find an opportunity to work with a different unit or section

Fundraising:

- make items to sell for charity
- find out about or apply for grants
- participate in a sponsored event

Volunteer:

- volunteer as a helper with a charity, church, youth organisations, or any other organisation
- become a regular visitor or befriender in a residential home, hospital, night shelter or for an elderly or disabled person
- do conservation work for an organisation like the RSPB or wildlife trust

Explore my world – examples of activities

Minimum hours: bronze (20), silver (40), gold (60).

Local:

- walk footpaths
- assist clearing
- raise awareness of local issues
- support local people through a service like meals on wheels or a food bank
- help with environmental issues such as taking actions like raising money or awareness
- learn about local politics

Global:

- travel to a foreign country
- cover a long-distance path
- go somewhere you haven't been before
- find out about different cultures
- get involved with a global charity by sponsoring a cause or a school
- find out about global issues and how you can help or take action

Myself – examples of activities

Minimum hours: bronze (40), silver (60), gold (80).

Mind:

- try something new
- earn a qualification
- develop skills
- achieve a dream
- take up a new hobby like cross stitch or baking

Heritage:

- explore family history
- learn about the history of your house or where you live
- consider your personal past or goals for the future
- record you own Guiding or Scouting history or the history of both movements

Body:

- Improve your fitness level
- Take up a new physical activity or way of moving
- Explore relaxation therapies
- Try yoga, pilates, or movement games

Teamwork – examples of activities

Minimum hours: bronze (10), silver (20), gold (30).

Plan:

- fundraise for an event or challenge
- take an organisational role in a project team
- sit on a committee
- organise an event

Participate:

- take part in an event with other members doing this award
- or in an existing project
- or in an expedition
- join a sports team or other group activity
- participate in a Girlguiding, Scouting or Trefoil event
- take on a specialised role

Time requirements:

- bronze: plan and participate in 1 event of at least 2 hours
- silver: plan and participate in 1 or more events of at least 4 hours
- gold: plan and participate in 1 or more events of at least 8 hours

Skills – examples of activities

Minimum hours: bronze (20), silver (40), gold (60).

Learn a new skill:

- how to maintain a car
- learn Makaton
- how to drive
- go on a first aid course
- take a drama workshop
- join a drawing, painting or pottery course
- put together flat pack furniture

Improve an existing skill:

- join a singing circle
- improve your cooking skills
- go on an IT course
- re-learn or improve your language skills
- achieve a Girlguiding or Scouting qualification

Share a skill with others:

- share a hobby with your Trefoil
- teach a friend, or Brownies or Guides to knit or crochet
- write an online blog or create a vlog
- join a reading group or book club
- teach children to dance
- write an article for **The Trefoil** magazine about your skills

How to apply

Visit trefoilguild.co.uk

On our website you can apply directly for the Voyage award. Or you can download a paper application to send in to our office along with a cheque.

You must register and pay for each level before starting. Each level costs £6.

You can pay via the website when you apply, or by cheque with your form (details are included on the form itself).

The cost covers your record book, badges, and certificates.



What's next?

- apply for your bronze award – visit trefoilguild.co.uk
- choose your activities from the suggestions or come up with your own ideas
- find a mentor who is interested in your activities
- complete your activities with support from your mentor who can sign off each section
- send your completed sections to your country or region voyage coordinator to check and sign off
- receive your badge and certificate presented by your county chair
- apply for your next level

Enjoy and good luck with your Voyage award.

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