

Edinburgh Award Charitable Fundraising

What is it and who can participate?

The Charitable Fundraising strand of the Edinburgh Award is for students who are involved in fundraising or wish to become involved; you can take part in the award if you are already part of a fundraising group or if you are interested in joining one. Individuals wishing to fundraise may also take part, you don't need to be part of a group.

The award is designed to help you think about the skills required to be good at fundraising, and you will self-assess your skills at various points throughout the award and will have the opportunity to write about your experiences. The aim of the award is to develop skills used within fundraising, however these skills should be transferable to other parts of life and hopefully life after University as well.

What's involved?

There are two group sessions which are compulsory to attend, and there is a mid-award report which must be submitted in January. The first group session will be on the 11th October and is designed as an introduction to the award and will get you thinking about what activities you might be doing over the course of the academic year and how you can use these activities to develop three chosen skills or attributes. Of course, you will certainly develop more skills and attributes over this time but the focus will mainly be on three which you will choose yourself. You will meet the others taking part in the award and there will be the option to set up peer support groups, where you can discuss the award or even get involved in fundraising activities which the other participants are a part of.

The mid-award report is a round-up of your activities in semester one and a chance to again reflect on your skills. You will also write about your plans for second semester and how you might further develop your skills or attributes.

The third session occurs in March before the Easter break. As the final session and end point of the award this will conclude the activities you have taken part in and get you thinking about the next steps and how you can apply your learning and skill development going forward. After the final session you will have a report to submit, again detailing how you have developed your three chosen skills or attributes and the impact you have made.

In between the sessions you will be asked to record how many hours of fundraising activities you take part in. You must do a minimum of 50 hours of fundraising to achieve the award. You will be expected to report to the Appeal Coordinator by taking some time writing about how you have developed your chosen skills during those hours.

How do I sign up?

Please email the Award Leader Alice on appeal.coordinator@escaonline.org, before the 25th September 2017 if you wish to participate. If you want to discuss the award further feel free to email, or call 0131 650 9517, or come into the Activities Office in Potterrow to discuss in person.

