

# York and North Yorkshire Good Citizen Award- Guidance Notes

## What is the Good Citizen Award?

The York and North Yorkshire Good Citizen Award aims to celebrate young people in York and North Yorkshire who make a positive impact on their community. It is awarded by the York and North Yorkshire Youth Commission and the York and North Yorkshire Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime.

## Who is the Good Citizen Award for?

Any young person, aged between 10-25, living or studying in York and North Yorkshire can get involved.

## How to get started?

You will need an award mentor (this can be a teacher, youth worker, mentor, or anyone else in a similar role). Your mentor's job will be to oversee the project and support you in gaining your Good Citizen Award.

## What are the Key qualities of Good Citizenship?

Taking part in the Good Citizen Award will require you to demonstrate and develop the personal qualities called for in a Good Citizen. These are the skills that will help you create a positive impact and succeed in your Award project.

Based on what young people have said a Good Citizen should be our six key qualities of good citizenship are:

- **Empathy**
- **Proactiveness**
- **Honesty**
- **Respect**
- **Passion**
- **Creativity**

Remember to consider these and think about how you are using them while working towards your Good Citizenship Award.

## Achieving Your Good Citizen Award

There are just three simple steps to achieving the Good Citizen Award and improving your community:

- 1) **Design** - First, you need to decide what positive action you want to take. This can be anything that positively benefits your local community. (If you need some help deciding, take a look at our suggestions page).

Once you and your mentor have agreed on what action you will take, **fill in the Design worksheet**, and send it back to us at the York and North Yorkshire Youth Commission. Or your mentor can do this for you!

- 2) **Action** - Now the fun part, **complete your positive action**. Whatever you have decided to do, be proud that you are helping to improve your community.

Remember to think about the **6 qualities of Good Citizenship**, and practise **at least two of these** while making your positive action.

- 3) **Reflect** - Now that you've done the hard work, you can reflect on your achievements.

With your mentors' help, **fill in the Reflect worksheet**. Here you'll need to show what you did and what two good citizenship qualities you displayed.

Finally, get your mentor to sign and return the worksheet and sit back and wait for all your hard work to be celebrated with the York and North Yorkshire Good Citizen Award.

Once the York and North Yorkshire Youth Commission approve your final work, we will arrange for you to be presented with your **York and North Yorkshire Good Citizen Award certificate**.

When returning the Design and Reflect worksheets, email them to:  
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