

## The Next Generation Awards Home Learning Pack

The Next Generation Awards is a Citizenship scheme run by the Birmingham Civic Society for Birmingham's Secondary School pupils aged 11-14 (Years 7, 8 & 9).

### Over 32,000 pupils have taken part

The scheme has been running for 15 years and over 32,600 pupils have taken part in this time.

The project asks pupils to develop a project that tackles an issue that is faced by their community, friends or family members.

With schools now closed due to the Covid-19 outbreak, social distancing the new norm, communities struggling and the economy forecast to shrink dramatically there is no better time for us to work together to develop community action projects that can help people in our communities.

We have adapted our scheme into a home learning resource so that pupils can develop their ideas for projects that tackle issues faced by our communities whilst schools are closed.

This home learning pack details all the stages pupils need to follow and contains various worksheets and templates to use.

## What do you need to do?

You will need to brainstorm issues faced by you, your family, friends and/or community

Select one issue you would like to develop a solution for

Research that issue and possible solutions

Develop your ideas into a viable project that could tackle the issue you have chosen to address

Explain how your project is sustainable



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## Team or Solo project?

If you would like to work in a team with friends from your school, are able to do so safely using a video conferencing tool such as facetime or zoom, and you have the approval of your teacher, then please feel free to do so. This is a great team activity and you can allocate roles to your team such as Team Leader, Researcher, Designer and Script/presentation writer.

If, however, it is not practical for you to work with friends currently it is fine for you to develop a project on your own.

## What format?

Projects can be completed as word documents, PowerPoints or written by hand if you don't have access to a computer. In previous years pupils have created posters, leaflets, films, photos, raps and poems to support their projects.

## Certificates for all projects created

Projects are awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze award (Certificate templates and assessment sheets are available on request to schools).

## Where do I send my completed project?

When you have finished your project send it to your teacher. Your teacher will have been provided with the assessment guidance to mark your project and will be able to advise you what level of award you have achieved.

You will also be provided with a certificate to congratulate you on your hard work and your wonderful project idea!



**“A great initiative to get pupils engaged with their local community and make a difference for the better.”**

This home learning resource has been created based on the Next Generation Awards scheme which usually runs each year for all Birmingham's Secondary Schools. Sadly we have had to cancel the competition element of the scheme this year but we hope lots of schools will be able to include this pack in their Home Learning offer to help pupils develop their active citizenship skills in these unprecedented times.

## Any questions?

Further information and guidance for teachers can be provided by Jo Dunlop our project manager via:

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