



What can I be doing to support young people, leaders and coordinators during Covid-19?

#DofEwithadifference



The coronavirus doesn't mean your DofE needs to stop – far from it.

A screenshot of the DofE website homepage. The header includes the DofE logo, navigation links for 'Do DofE', 'Run DofE', 'Support DofE', 'Resources and tools', and 'DofE Shopping', along with 'Donate' and 'eDofE login' buttons. The main content area features six resource cards:

- FAQs for DofE adults**: Frequently asked questions about how the coronavirus outbreak will affect your participants' DofE. Includes a 'READ MORE' button and an image of a person in a winter jacket.
- FAQs for DofE participants**: Frequently asked questions and advice on how you can continue your DofE and achieve your Award. Includes a 'READ MORE' button and an image of hands rolling a dough.
- Activity ideas list**: If your usual DofE activities are cancelled, there are loads of new ones you can try from home instead. Includes a 'READ MORE' button and an image of a person mountain biking.
- How to continue your DofE**: Our simple step-by-step guide to how you can keep up your activities at home. Includes a 'DOWNLOAD' button and an image of a person using a laptop.
- Finding an Assessor**: Tips for keeping in touch with your Assessor, and finding a new one if you are changing activity or starting a section. Includes a 'READ MORE' button and an image of a person sewing.
- Remote learning/distance opportunities**: Visit our Opportunity Finder for a wide range of remote learning/distance opportunities for participants. Includes a 'SEE MORE' button and an image of a woman walking a dog.

www.DofE.org/DofEwithadifference

Change of activity

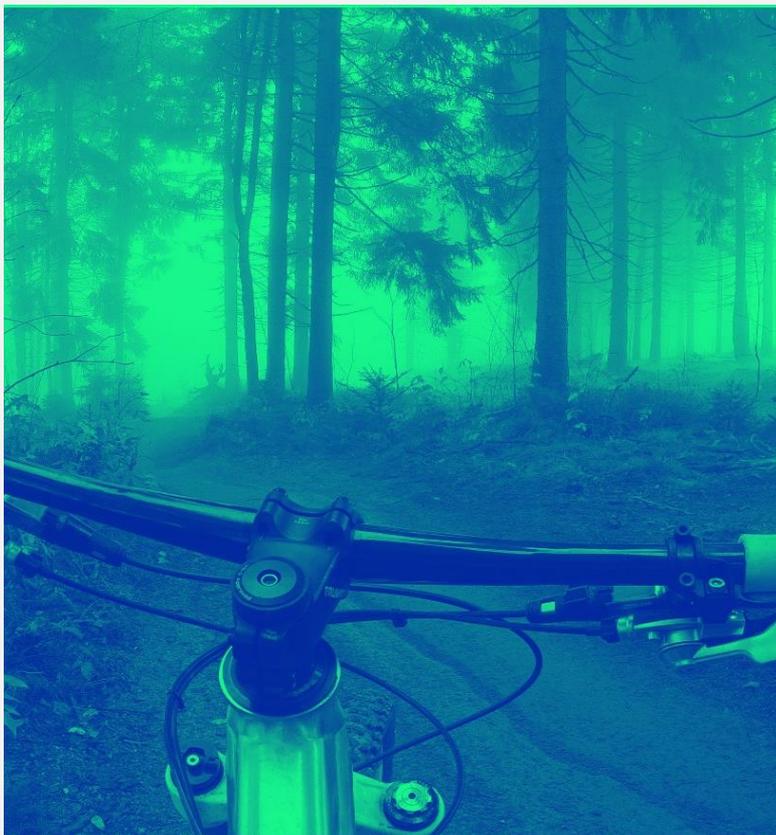
We know that it is important for us to stay healthy and active at this time and DofE activities can help with this.

With the restrictions on us all about social distancing and exercise, it may be necessary for young people to change activities.

- DofE has produced a [flowchart with hyperlinks](#) showing how to do DofE during the outbreak
- There is also a [video](#) to show young people and their leaders how to do this on eDofE, plus a guide [How to change my activity](#) guide.
- Time spent on previous activities still counts – and, as a temporary change, participants can change activity more than once



Activity ideas to do at home



- On the DofEwithadifference webpage are ideas for online learning activities and activities which can be done at home
- The DofE opportunity finder has loads of potential section ideas
- Participants should be encouraged to
 - Use activity logs to record what they are doing and send it to their Assessor
 - Taking photos or recording a video of their activity that can be sent to their Assessor as evidence
 - Use phone/email/social media to stay in touch and let them know how you're getting on
- Edinburgh Academy have produced an online Skills for Life training course which can be used for the skills section.

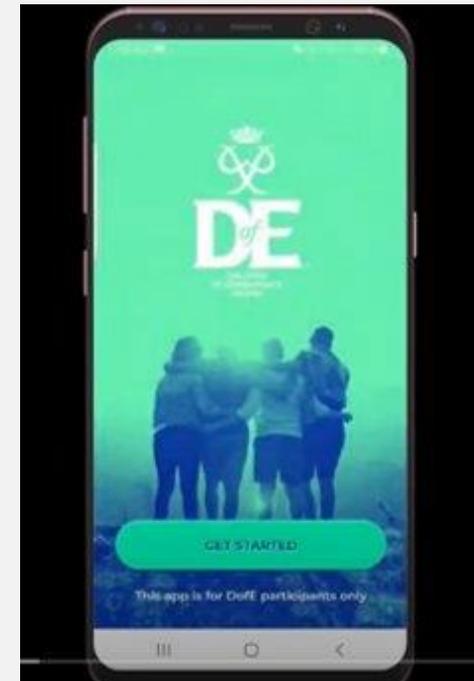
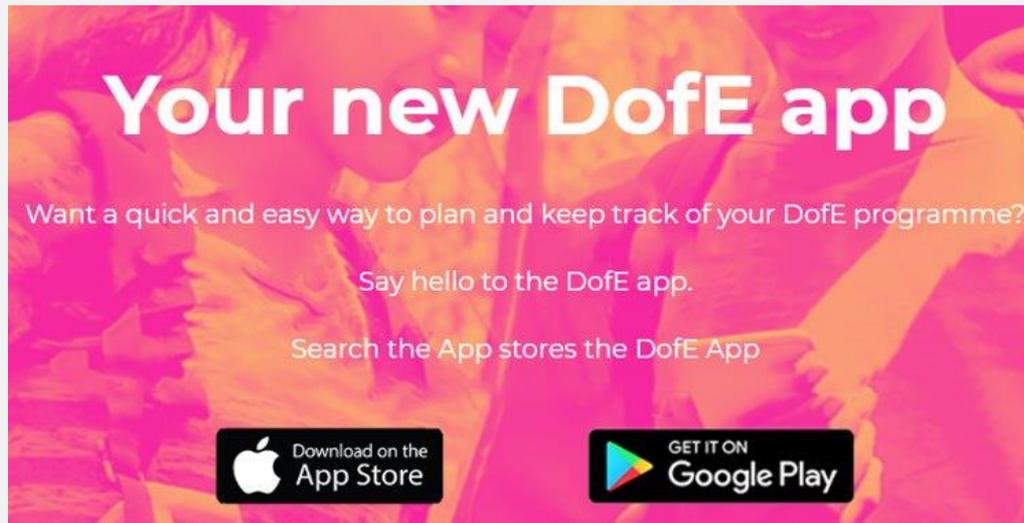
Finding an assessor



If a participant changes activity they may need to find a new assessor. The website has advice on **finding an assessor**

- An Assessor can be anyone who is interested in helping the participant to complete their section and achieve their Award, has some knowledge about it (although they don't need to be an expert!) and is available over the time they doing the activity.
- They cannot be a family member, but they could be:
 - A family friend
 - Your DofE Leader
 - Another DofE volunteer or helper who helps with your group (your DofE Leader can help put you in touch)
 - A teacher from your school
 - Another youth leader, if you belong to a youth club, Scouts, Cadets etc.
 - A member of DofE staff
- A member of the DofE staff team can act as an Assessor if the participant is struggling to find someone

Promote the DofE App



DofE Scotland has produced a short video on how to use the DofE App

What can I do to support centres?

- Contact the DofE Coordinator/Leaders to make sure they know about www.DofE.org/DofEwithadifference
- Encourage them to be supporting young people virtually to complete their volunteering, physical and skills sections
- Encourage “house-keeping” of eDofE (see next slide)
- Encourage leaders/coordinators to complete [online training](#) and sign up, through the [Opportunity Finder](#), for virtual DofE courses likely to be on offer in May
- Work with centres to complete a Centre Action Plan
- Encourage centres to be preparing for/enrolling new cohorts of young people and planning for the expedition season when it happens



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What can I do on eDofE to help?

Now is a great time to get up to speed with eDofE for yourself and other leaders.

- Sign up for drop-in eDofE sessions which DofE Scotland will be offering
- Make sure alerts are up to date and use “directly approve” function
- Use reporting tab to look at who is not logging onto eDofE and offer to help them remotely
- Use one section remaining data to email participants with just one of either volunteering, physical and skills section left to complete their Award and encourage their completion. Your DofE Scotland contact can help you with this
- Complete “housekeeping” e.g. archive participants who have completed a level and are not moving on, archive old cohorts who are not continuing
- Use the support button on eDofE if you need help



What is the DofE Scotland team doing?



The DofE Scotland team are working from home and available via email and on their mobiles.

We plan to offer

- Online eDofE “how to” sessions for participants and leaders
- Deliver virtual courses for Introduction to DofE, Expedition Assessor and Award Verifier courses from early May which you can book onto through the [Opportunity Finder](#)

In the meantime, we are

- Supporting managers/coordinators with enrolling new cohorts
- Supporting assessor accreditation
- Developing new training materials and case studies
- Contacting young people directly to offer support, in conjunction with DofE manager



The DofE Scotland team are here to help you.

Please let us know how we can help you to make a difference to the lives of young people in Scotland.



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