

The You-Vol Awards were created by Volunteer Centre Borders to provide young volunteers between the ages of 11-15 with the opportunity to gain certification for their voluntary work. They are based on the MV award scheme and follow the same process.

This award scheme is delivered locally by Volunteer Centre Borders. The awards can help your organisation to:

- recognise the contribution young volunteers make to your organisation through their voluntary work
- Say an important thank you to your volunteers for all their hard work, commitment and achievements
- Demonstrate your commitment to young people in providing a quality volunteering experience
- Celebrate youth volunteering at our Annual Awards Ceremony

The awards are free, very simple to administer and look great on a young person's CV.

Who can be awarded?

The awards are open to all young people aged 11-15 living in the Scottish Borders, volunteering as individuals or as part of a group. If you have volunteers who fall into this category please contact us for more information.

How do they work?

Certificates are presented when volunteers have completed 50, 100 and 200 hours of voluntary service. All certificates are signed by MSPs and the 200 hour Award of Excellence is signed by the First Minister.

Many young people volunteer for more than one organisation and all of these hours can be counted towards their award. Time spent engaging in training for their voluntary work, support & supervision and some travel can also count. New and current volunteers can be awarded. See how the awards work with our flowcharts [here](#) (MV FLOWCHART)

How does my Organisation register?

Step 1

Organisations taking part in the scheme must be registered with Volunteer Centre Borders. You can check if you are already registered by calling your local volunteer centre. Contact details for all volunteer centres in Scotland are available [here](#). Organisations in the Borders not already registered with us can download a registration form [here](#). (MV ORG REG FORM)

Step 2

Once you have completed and returned an Organisation Registration Form, you can go ahead and register any opportunities.

Note: This should only be completed if you require Volunteer Centre Borders to recruit volunteers for your organisation. You need to complete one form per opportunity. Please register your opportunities using the following form [here](#). (MV OPP REG FORM)

Step 3

Now that your Organisation is registered you need to register each volunteer for MV.

For MV Volunteer registration information go to [this link](#) (Youth Volunteering awards for 16-25 year olds)

Who do I Contact?

For more information about the scheme and returning completed forms please contact Catriona (Tina) Cameron c.cameron@vcborders.org.uk, 0845 602 3921.

Case Studies

If your MV volunteer(s) have a particularly special or interesting story of their volunteering experience please tell us about it by completing the form below.

[Case Study](#) ([completion notes](#))