

# DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

## GOLD RESIDENTIAL GUIDANCE

We hope you are looking forward to your first Canal Camp! To make sure your experience is safe, fun and enjoyable we've put together our top three priorities for Canal Camps to help you and your leader (your assessor) agree on **goals for the week**. This is a two way process, so please make sure you let the leader know what you hope to get out of the experience as well!



### STAY FOR THE WHOLE CAMP

We understand that the minimum requirement for the DofE residential is 5 days and 4 nights but we ask that all DofE volunteers stay for the full 7 days. Canal Camps are all about **working together** to complete a task by the end of the week... and leaving early means you miss the end of camp party!

### DON'T JUST STICK TOGETHER

If you come along with a friend\* please make sure you mix with the rest of the group. The DofE residential is all about **making new friends** and building new relationships.

### GET INVOLVED IN ALL ACTIVITIES

Your DofE residential is all about stepping outside your comfort zone and **learning new skills**. Please get involved, listen to the leaders, ask questions and most importantly have fun! Make sure you let the leaders know if there is a task/skill that particularly interests you or if you are unhappy at any point.

.... and don't forget evening activities are just as important as getting out canal digging each day.

Enjoy your Canal Camp and **don't forget your eDofE number or logbook!**

*“ I did my gold DofE residential on a WRG Canal Camp. One of my favourite parts of the week was the frequent involvement with copious amounts of mud and the things lurking in it! I will definitely be returning for another camp and would recommend that anyone else considering it should go for it wholeheartedly. ”*

\*Please note we do not accept bookings for groups of more than 2 DofE volunteers that know each other. If a group books on one of you may be asked to attend another camp.



Will, aged 19,  
from Devon



waterway  
recovery  
group