

## Energy Envoys help community hot spots to go green

Young people are crucial to our energy future – not only in the buildings around them today, but as the energy buyers, users and decision-makers of tomorrow. Will they propel us to a cleaner energy future? Energy Envoys may just make it so. This nationwide Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) volunteering opportunity, new for 2016, enables young people to help their community to use energy more wisely, save money and reduce carbon emissions.

Through their volunteering, participants could conduct an energy audit, organise an energy awareness campaign or run an energy saving competition. There are step-by-step guides for all sorts of projects which can be carried out in, for example, a local school, college, church, business, shop or venue. Online support includes a tutorial and one-to-one email support from energy experts at the National Energy Foundation.

Do you know someone aged 14-24 years ready to go for Bronze, Silver or Gold? If so, this certainly promises to be one of the more flexible, CV-enhancing, DofE volunteering options available.

For more information, visit [www.energyenvoys.org.uk](http://www.energyenvoys.org.uk)



*Energy Envoys – Individual or group volunteering is possible*

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### 1. Energy Envoys

As Energy Envoys, participants will learn how to make the community spaces we inhabit more environmentally sustainable. Benefits will come from participants sharing knowledge with parents, teachers and peers. In this first year, the National Energy Foundation expects to support up to 1,000 Energy Envoys.

### 2. Duke of Edinburgh's Award

DofE allows young people aged 14-24 years to channel their enthusiasm into valuable contributions to society, and to use the experience to develop their own personal skills and prospects. Young people create their own DofE programme, carrying out activities in 4 categories - Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. The Award was founded in 1956.

### 3. National Energy Foundation

The National Energy Foundation (NEF) is an independent, national charity which has been at the forefront of improving the use of energy in buildings for more than 25 years. The Foundation aims to give individuals, organisations, communities and government the knowledge, support and inspiration they need to understand and improve the use of energy in buildings. Energy Envoys is a programme designed by NEF and endorsed by the UK's leading professional engineering institutions.