

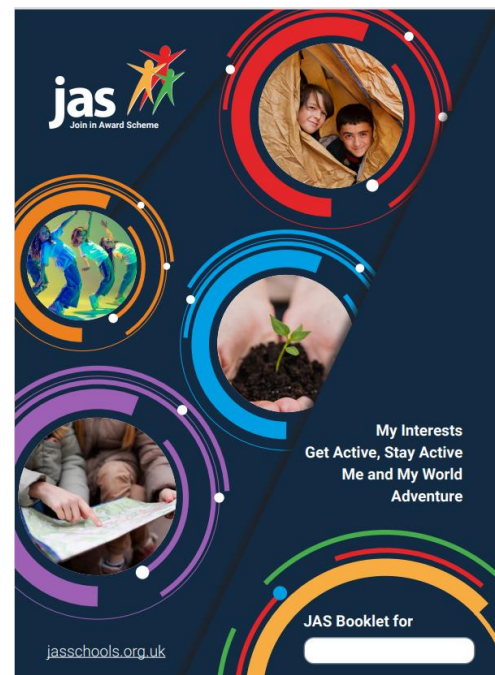


As the youth awards landscape evolves in exciting ways, an award scheme that's been around since 2011 is having a revamp. Spring 2024 sees the launch of the [Join in Award Scheme](#), or [JAS](#), a refreshed version of JASS, the Junior Award Scheme for Schools.

JASS was created and run by Friends of the Award, now Awards Plus. At its heart is participation, inclusion and achievement, however the 'Junior' and 'Schools' elements of its name limited its appeal and opportunities.

Renaming it as the Join in Award Scheme/JAS keeps a 'legacy' thread of identity, and highlights its informal accessibility.

Designed as an entry-level award for children and young people, the Join in Award Scheme is for anyone who might enjoy and benefit from using it. It's a self-guided way to encourage and record a range of activity and celebrate personal achievement. JAS also works well with older pupils with support needs and with adults who have learning difficulties.



“There’s a real need for something inclusive and easy-to-use – both for participants and those who support them – that can embrace a wide range of activity” says JAS Project Worker Louise Tibbey. “We hope the Join in Award Scheme supports a wider audience and is a first step for many more children and young people on their awards journey.”

The Join in Award Scheme can be used in schools, outdoor centres, home education, as well as residential, family and youth work settings. It offers an ideal starting point for navigating pathways and progression through [national nature-based awards](#).

Heather Hughes, a 1:1 Mentoring Manager, responded to the makeover. "This looks brilliant! Very user friendly, attractive, lots of inspiration and easy-to-follow guidance. I like that there are Sectional Certificates with encouragement to celebrate each milestone."

All proceeds from sales go towards the work of Awards Plus, supporting achievement **for all** through youth awards.

Information: download a [2-page summary](#)
Website, ordering: [Join in Award Scheme/JAS](#)
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