

Participative Democracy Certificate

Youth work is a learning process, and some young people may like the opportunity to gain accreditation (a youth award) which recognises what they have learnt or achieved.

YouthLink Scotland has developed a youth award called [The Participative Democracy Certificate \(PDC\)](#) which acknowledges and develops communication, decision-making and negotiation skills in the context of youth decision-making (sometimes called democratic engagement). The award has been offered to participants of previous youth-led heritage research projects.

The award is structured around a series of learning outcomes and learning takes place in group setting. The award is worth two credits at SCQF Level 5 (equivalent complexity of a National 5 or SVQ 2). This level of study is usually achieved by young people aged 14+. Each credit is based on 10 hours of learning activity, so the award requires a commitment of 20 hours in total.

The award is delivered locally by youth workers, and assessed by qualified youth work practitioners, and then verified by YouthLink Scotland. Each young person completes a portfolio of their learning. YouthLink Scotland members are able to submit 20 portfolios for free every year. If you are a member of YouthLink Scotland the fee is £10 for each portfolio and £12 for each portfolio for Non-YouthLink Scotland Members.

However if you are working with a younger age group or have a shorter time frame there are a number of other youth awards which might better suit your needs. The [Awards Network](#) has a full range of accreditation routes for youth work undertaken by young people and these are all included in [Amazing Things 4th Edition](#).

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