

## **Approved Temporary Measures from January 1 to August 31, 2021 22/01/2021**

### **Non-Mandatory Adventure Journey for Bronze and Silver Awards**

Due to COVID-19, as a temporary measure in place until August 31, 2021, the Adventure Journey will **not be mandatory for Bronze and Silver participants**. Whilst the Adventure Journey experience is an integral element of the Gaisce Award for participants, we also recognise the need to support PALs and participants during this very challenging time. PALs will be allowed to sign off on their participants who have fully completed the Personal Skill, Physical Recreation and Community Involvement Challenge Areas of their Award. The decision to undertake an Adventure Journey remains with the PAL once they adhere to the Government and HSE Guidelines relating to COVID-19. Gaisce Development Officers are available to advise on Adventure Journey options for Bronze and Silver.

We do anticipate reverting to the mandatory requirement of the Adventure Journey for new registrations from September 2021. This temporary measure will be reviewed prior to this and PALs will be informed of any updates.

### **Adventure Journey for Gold participants**

Gold Participants have more independence towards achieving their award, for this reason they must still undertake their Adventure Journey. However, we will be providing additional advice and support to Gold Award PALs and participants and a 2021 update will shortly be sent to them. Any queries should be sent by email to [gold@gaisce.ie](mailto:gold@gaisce.ie).

### **Adventure Journey Allowances for Bronze and Silver Awards (Optional)**

PALs who wish to or can proceed with an Adventure Journey the grid below includes options to facilitate the planning and undertaking Adventure Journey. PALs should ensure that whichever option (if any) they decide upon adheres to Government guidelines in relation to COVID-19. See [section 8 of the PAL Guide](#) for guidance on the Adventure Journey. Remember a [Development Officer](#) is available for a telephone call or email query or video conference call for any support a PAL needs.



Award Level	Adventure Journey <u>with Overnight</u>	Adventure Journey <u>without Overnight</u>	Team Challenge (making a difference together for your community)
<b>Bronze</b>	2 Days/1 Night (consecutive)	2 Days (Consecutive days or 2 full days within a 4-week period)*	2 Days (Consecutive days or 2 full days within a 4-week period)*
<b>Example</b>	<p>Complete a hike along a local/accessible marked trail or greenway: 12.5km or 6 hours of purposeful effort journeying per day with overnight accommodation in a campsite or hostel or own premises/grounds.</p> <p>Check out your local County Council listing of tracks and trails or go to Sports Ireland website and search for 'find your trails'.</p>	<p>Complete a hike along a local/accessible marked trail or greenway: 12.5km or 6 hours of purposeful effort journeying per day.</p> <p>The group can start from their pre-agreed base. Participants go home at the end of day one and complete the second day on the pre-agreed date.</p> <p>If you live in an urban/rural area without a recognisable hiking trail, why not plot a safe walking route for your group.</p>	<p>Plan and create a garden or mural for a school, home, or community space.</p> <p>Create a project that will have a positive impact on your local community supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>Plan a together but separate Backyard Adventure Journey that everyone can participate in (this can be indoors or outdoors to suit each young person's situation). Or plan a team Adventure Journey Exploration project. For further information contact Development Officer.</p>

\*All of the above options also apply to Silver participants in accordance with award level time requirements e.g. 3 days/2 nights.

Bronze and Silver Award participants can complete the Adventure Journey with family/living units with the approval of the PAL, if their peer group Adventure Journey is not possible due to COVID-19 restrictions or the PAL has opted not to undertake any Adventure Journey with their group/class. Participants should be encouraged to record evidence of any undertaking for their PAL. As ever we encourage PALs to talk to their Development Officer in advance.



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Contact your Development Officer for any support you need

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