



GAISCE
THE PRESIDENT'S
AWARD

PAL PACK

2023 / 2024 Edition

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WELCOME BACK

Dear President's Award Leaders,

We hope you had a great summer and are feeling motivated to jump into another year with your Gaisce Participants!

From all of us at Gaisce, your dedication and leadership over the past year has been truly exceptional, and we can't thank you enough for your hard work and commitment.

Here's to another year of remarkable accomplishments and making a difference.

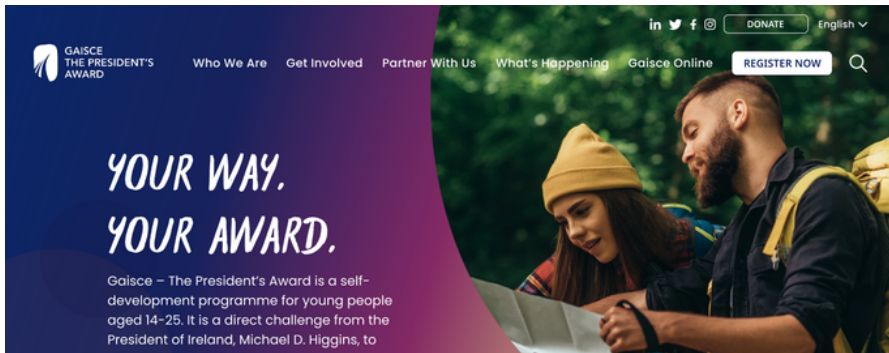
If you need support with anything, please don't hesitate to reach out.



(COMING SOON)

Gaisce Website

We are currently working on designing a brand new website! With a sleek new design, improved navigation, easier to access user portals and some new features, we aim to provide an even more engaging and user-friendly platform for our visitors.



Gaisce's Learning Hub

Launching with our website will be Gaisce's Learning Hub, where you will find everything to support your development as a PAL!

Features of the Learning Hub:

- **Resources** - All your essential Gaisce Resources to support you and your participants.
- **Online Courses** - Information and PAL upskilling opportunities.
- **Groups** - Connect with other PALs to support peer learning.

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



September 6th - Gold Portfolio Workshop

This online event is to support Gold Participants and new PALs with the Gold Portfolio Challenge Area.

October 5th - PAL Catchup [[Link](#)]

This online event is an opportunity to meet a Gaisce Development Officer, ask questions and connect with other PALs.

October 10th - Adventure Journey Webinar

This online event is an opportunity to learn more about running an Adventure Journey and to talk to some of our Approved Adventure Journey Providers about what they offer and how they can support

October 25th - Lá Gaisce

This is our annual Gaisce celebration day, inviting all who are/have been involved with Gaisce to share their experiences online, do a Gaisce action for the day or run an event!

November 23rd - Going For Gold

This online event is an information session about the Gold Award and its requirements.

Spring 2024 - PAL Celebration Awards

This in-person event celebrates PALs who have mentored a Gold Awardee or reached a milestone as a PAL.

***NEW* March 31st 2024 - Gold Portfolio Submission Date**

This is our new annual submission date. Those who submit on time will be eligible for the Gold Award Ceremony in Summer 2024 after processing. Due to capacity some may be placed on a holding list for 2025.

APPROVED ADVENTURE JOURNEY PROVIDERS



On our website, you'll be able to find Approved Adventure Journey Providers. These providers are recognised by Gaisce for actively supporting Gaisce Participants in meeting their Adventure Journey requirements.

This initiative aims to ensure consistency, quality, and safety across Gaisce Adventure Journey experiences for all.

Find out information at a glance, including activities, facilities and contact. These providers work directly with Gaisce and are able to answer any question to support you choosing an Adventure Journey that suits the needs of your group.



<https://www.gaisce.ie/approved-adventure-journey-providers/>



MAKE A BIGGER IMPACT WITH GAISCE!

Gaisce Glas is a Gaisce Project that encourages PALs and participants to incorporate global citizenship thinking and action into the Award.

Support for Gaisce Glas

- **Gaisce Glas PAL Training** - Learn about Global Citizenship, how to bring in new approaches to the Award and access to additional resources.
- **Bursary Fund** - A special fund to support the inclusion of ALL participants in the Award. Please note, the above training is required to apply for the bursary.
- **Gold Residential** - A special Gold Residential organised by Gaisce that focuses on Global Citizenship Education.

Glas Training

To register for Glas Training email glas@gaisce.ie by Monday, 11th of September. Places are limited and are allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Each session will run from 19:00-21:00.

- Tuesday, September 26th
- Tuesday, October 10th
- Tuesday, October 3rd
- Tuesday, October 17th

This project has been made possible by Irish Aid.

REMINDERS

PAL GUIDE [\[Link \]](#)

The PAL Guide is your essential resource for PALs, which explains your role, gives advice on guiding participants and provides information about the Gaisce programme.

GAISCE IN 2ND YEAR

Gaisce is available to students in their second year of post primary. Introducing Gaisce to younger students enables them to develop self-motivation, resilience and goal setting in the Junior Cycle. Those who complete the Bronze Award in second year allows them to move on to their Silver Award during Transition Year.

MEET THE TEAM [\[Link \]](#)

Check out our 'Meet The Team' page on Gaisce.ie to familiarise yourself with the Gaisce Team, particularly your regional Development Officer, and see ways of contacting us.

WHITELISTING EMAILS

Many schools and organizations have safety controls on emails sent to young people. If participants signed up with their school email, their Gaisce ID and confirmation email might go to the junk folder. To fix this, contact the school secretary or IT Department to whitelist gaisce.ie emails and make sure they are accepted or marked as safe.



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Tag **@GaisceAward** on
Instagram and Twitter for any
activities or events you are
undertaking with your group, and
encourage them to tell their
stories!



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