

# The National Navigation Award Scheme

The National Navigation Award Scheme (NNAS) is a personal performance, non-competitive, incentive scheme for all ages to learn navigation skills and gain confidence to get out and enjoy the countryside.



NNAS courses are delivered throughout the country by over 500 providers. Clyde Region of Scouts Scotland is a provider at Auchengillan Outdoor Centre.



All NNAS courses include advice and information about relevant safety and access issues when walking in the countryside. The courses provide Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants with the necessary navigation skills for Bronze, Silver and Gold expeditions.



**Bronze NNAS Award** – navigation in the countryside using paths, tracks and other linear features. Basic map interpretation and compass work is included. Equivalent to Navigator Stage 3 Badge which will be awarded on completion.



**Silver NNAS Award** – Bronze Award plus skills required to navigate to features and places some distance from paths and tracks, accurate compass work and an ability to use appropriate navigational techniques to go across country. Equivalent to Navigator Stage 4 Badge,



**Gold NNAS Award** – now available from Clyde Region. Standard equivalent to Hill and Moorland Leader and Mountain Leader Awards of Mountain Training UK.



Courses include indoor and outdoor sessions. Outdoor sessions will be held in local streets and in nearby country parks or open areas. Both courses involve a minimum of 12 hours training and assessment. Candidates with appropriate knowledge and experience can proceed direct to Silver award.



The Bronze NNAS award is officially accredited by the Scottish Credit & Qualifications Framework (SCQF) at Level 4 (2 SCQF credit points awarded on completion). For comparison a National 4 Award is also at SCQF level 4 (as was the former Intermediate 1 and Standard Grade (General)) and a Higher is at Level 6.

