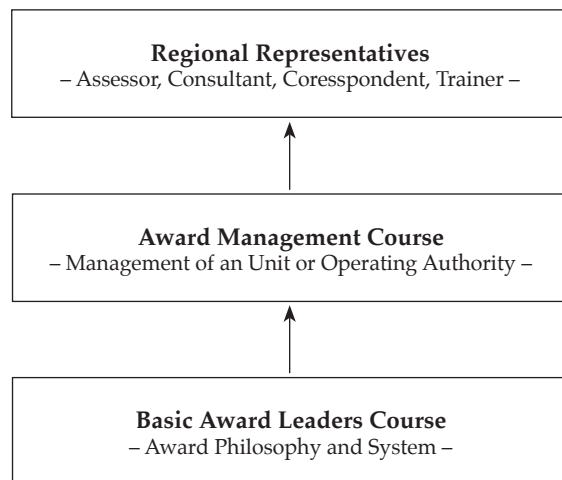


Levels of Award Training



Training of Award Leaders and Regional Representatives involves three successive course levels:

- Award philosophy and system (*Basic Award Leaders Course*);
- Award Unit and Operating Authority management (*Award Management Course*);
- Assessors, Consultants, Correspondents, Trainers (*Courses for Regional Representatives*).

Basic Award Leaders Courses and Award Management Courses are two-and-a-half days each.

Regional Representatives Training

Any training of Regional Representatives includes an *Accreditation Course* and a subsequent tutored and documented *practical part*. Both parts are often combined in a five day *Compact Course*.

Regional Representatives must renew their certificate every three years by

- Keeping up to date about the Programme and their duty as a Regional Representative;
- Regularly doing practical work and documenting it in the *logbook*;
- Actively and completely representing the guidelines and interests of the NAA;
- Regularly attending their seminars and meetings.

Information, Activities and Registration

Information and Communication

Basic information about the Gold Award Holders' Network can be found at www.jugendprogramm.de/goldnetzwerk. Current notices, information and reports are published – like on any other topic – in the online magazine *NETZWERK*.

Dominik Salm is the contact person regarding the network. He is temporarily available at the e-mail address info@jugendprogramm.de and on *Facebook*. A dedicated, secure platform for the Gold Award Holders' Network within www.jugendprogramm.de is currently in the process of being set up.

Special Activities

Network members are invited to attend *Gold Award Presentations*, *AGMs*, *National Meetings* and other events hosted by the National Award Authority. Moreover, if required, they are asked to assist in presenting the Award to interested facilities.

Gold Award Holders volunteering as Regional Representatives have access to all activities hosted by the National Award Authority for this target group:

- Free participation in the respective Courses for Regional Representatives as well as the general and subject specific training courses (including half the travelling costs);
- Participation in the “optional” five day *experiential education seminar weeks* for Regional Representatives (“Outward Bound”) with only a fractional amount of the costs being charged as an admission charge (Gold Award Holders may volunteer as fundraisers);
- Depending on ones commitment the opportunity to represent the German Award Programme at *International Events*.

Registration

Join the Gold Award Holders' Network by sending an informal e-mail to info@jugendprogramm.de!



**Du kannst mehr
als du glaubst!**

Gold Award Holders Network

Invitation to Take Part

Online Info

www.jugendprogramm.de/goldnetzwerk

“There is more in you than you think!” – Our slogan maintains its meaning even after completing Gold. Now it continues on the “other side”: as a helper on a local, regional or national level. With joining the world spanning *Gold Award Holder’s Network* and taking part in its dedicated events together with others, and with even more fun!

Many “Goldies” have already participated in the *Basic Award Leaders Course* and taken on responsibility for other Award participants for their Service section. Of course, like any other Service, this duty can be continued after completing Gold – maybe now as a member of the Award Team and with responsibility for a certain domain.

People who have not yet participated in the Award Leaders Course should plan attendance at such a weekend course as a first step. Dates and specifics for these as well as any other events can be found in our *website’s calendar* (“Kalender” in the menu bar). People who want to get involved with the “Management Level” of their local Programme may qualify by attending the *Award Management Course*. This course is also a requirement for the Courses for Regional Representatives.

One very popular function at the (regional) representative level is to be a trainer for the different Award leaders courses: more than half of them are Gold Award Holder already! On the other hand, Wild Country Assessors and correspondents for the online magazine NETZWERK are desperately sought after. On a national level, contributions can be made to the establishment of the Gold Award Holders’ Network, the preparation and conduct of events, public relations or fundraising.

Most communication within the network will be via e-mail for the time being, so to join just send a message to info@jugendprogramm.de. A Facebook group has already been created, though, and a dedicated communication platform administered by network members themselves is to be set up within www.jugendprogramm.de by the end of the year.

Everything is possible. “Not even the sky is the limit,” say our friends from the Israel Youth Award.

Field Responsibility

Technical Mentoring in an Award Section

Most Gold Award Holders have even more than one hobby or physical activity they can share with Award participants as an *instructor, tutor, or assessor*.

Basically the only requirement for this task is the *appointment by the Operating Authority*. The *Expeditions section* is a special case in so far as one can upgrade to – for example – a *canoe or hiking guide* by attending special courses held by the respective organisations. Such further special technical training is also a good preparation for the participation in the *Wild Country Assessors Course* (see “Regional Representatives”).

Educational Guidance of Participants

By assuming the role of an *Award Leader* a Gold Award Holder becomes the perfect educational tutor of the participation process of a group of young people (all Award levels) or an individual “independent” participant (Gold level).

For this task, participation in the *Basic Award Leaders Course* is required.

Participation in the Award Management Team

Assuming an executive function in the *Award Management Team* means assuming responsibility for the Programme at an *Award Unit* or a whole *Operating Authority*. This may be a specific field of work (e.g. fundraising or administration of the home page) – or a certain project (e.g. development of a flyer or preparation for an Award Ceremony).

The *Award Management Course* (Management Simulation) prepares participants for this task.

Online Info and Legal Notice

More general information as well as current notices can be found in a special *online info*, www.jugendprogramm.de/goldnetzwerk. These include:

- An up-to-date version of this leaflet for download;
- Links to detailed information about all topics mentioned in this leaflet;
- Notices about special activities for Gold Award Holders

Volunteering as a Regional Representative

Out of the four fields of the Regional Representatives’ work *Consultant, Wild Country Assessor, Correspondent* for the online magazine NETZWERK and *Trainer* for the different Award leaders courses, only the consulting field is not suited for people who have only just accomplished their Gold Award. In order to be trained in any of these, attendance of both the *Basic Award Leaders Course* and the *Award Management Course* is required.

Wild Country Assessor

Operating Authorities are often in need of people who do not know a certain expedition group and who thus are able to assess them on the Gold Level – for example during the pre-expedition check. Gold Award Holders have the perfect experience for this, and most are already very familiar with a Wild Country Area.

NETZWERK Correspondent

Nobody has as much first-hand knowledge about the Award Programme as a Gold Award Holder. If they like to write and photograph, they are best suited to feed the online magazine NETZWERK with interviews, portraits and testimonials from Award Participants and Holders in their region and thus to contribute to the appreciation of the Award.

Trainer for the different Award Leaders Courses

Who would be a better mediator of the Award programme than someone who has experienced and got to know it as intensively as a Gold Award Holder! Delight in training duties is required. These will mostly be on a regional level, but can also be performed in central courses if wanted.

in the *online scheduler*, www.jugendprogramm.de/kalender.

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