

Inspiring Change Through Community Action

This summer we want to empower our pupils to drive positive change in their local community. Through Pupil Voice, young people tell us about how important it is to them to 'get out there' and make a difference. We have listened and that is why this summer we are launching **Outwood Out There**; a programme which will redefine how young people contribute to society. In some areas of the country, last summer saw community unrest and division. The aim of Out There is to continue healing the divisions; strengthening community bonds. Visit www.outwood.com/out-there to watch the pupil launch video.

In teams of up to four, plus an Adult Advisor, pupils will design and deliver a community project during the summer holidays. Anything from a litter pick in the local park to volunteering at a care home or foodbank; designing a public health campaign to encourage healthier living to learning vital first aid skills. It is an opportunity for pupils to pursue whatever they are passionate about, making a difference to the area they live. We are excited to see what brilliant, innovative ideas they come up with.

Each team must nominate an Adult Advisor whose role will be to provide advice, guidance and to support the team in its delivery of the project. The team, together with their Adult Advisor, will be responsible for identifying any potential risks associated with their approved project activity. Adult Advisors will be responsible for reviewing and approving the risk assessment which will be recorded in the team's Log Book. Owing to the responsibility of the role, all Adult Advisors must be 18 years or older. As part of the registration form, we will collect the name of the Adult Advisor, their relationship to the team/team member and their contact number and email address which will only be used by the school in the event of an emergency during the summer holidays. It is a requirement that all team members and their parents/carers consent to the named Adult Advisor.

Pupils can choose to form teams with their friends, classmates or siblings, as long as they are all in Years 6 to 13 and attend an Outwood school. Teams will document their progress and volunteer hours in a dedicated Log Book which they will submit for judging when they return from the summer holidays. Excitingly, as Out There is a trust-wide competition, involving pupils from all 42 schools in the Outwood family, they will have the opportunity to win fabulous prize experiences including restaurant vouchers, VIP theme park tickets and for the overall winners, an overseas residential. Final-stage winners will also be invited to an awards ceremony at Headingley Stadium in Leeds. More information about the competition can be found attached, including a copy of the competition terms and conditions.

For your child to take part:

- 1 Complete and return the enclosed consent form to school by Friday 23 May 2025.**
- 2 Teams must register using [this online form](#) (or scan the adjacent QR code) by 4pm on Friday 23 May 2025 - only one registration form is required per team. The form will need to be completed using one pupil's school/Google email address.**

Projects will then be approved by school leaders, ready to start from the first day of the summer holidays. Branded t-shirts, Log Books and Adult Advisor Handbooks will be given out in early July.

There is no charge for pupils to take part as the programme is being funded through sponsorship and donations. If you would like to find out more about donating, please visit our [Crowdfunder](#).

Out There will not only bring benefits to the local community but have a lasting impact on our pupils too, from building confidence, leadership and teamwork skills to enhancing employability; from supporting mental and physical wellbeing to providing enriching life experiences. Together, we can empower young people and strengthen communities. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Lee Wilson
Chief Executive

Out There Competition Terms & Conditions

Outwood Grange Academies Trust (OGAT) is proud to offer Out There, a flagship student

competition, facilitating community action and volunteering opportunities for children and young people within the Outwood Family of Schools. With an exciting range of experiential prizes available to win, participants must agree to the following competition terms and conditions.

Eligibility, Participation & Consent

- The competition is open to all pupils registered on the roll at an OGAT school in Year 6 to Year 13 at the time of registration.
- Participants must form a team of between two and four members, plus an Adult Advisor, in order to enter. Teams can comprise participants from different OGAT schools and year groups (in Years 6 to 13 only).
- Participants must have parental consent in order to participate. A signed copy of the consent form found at the end of this document must be returned to school by Friday 23 May 2025.

Registration

- Each team must register using the electronic registration form found by scanning the QR code. No other form of entry will be accepted.
- Registration will open on Monday 28 April 2025 and close at 4pm on Friday 23 May 2025. No entry received after this time will be considered.

Projects

- **The competition will comprise six categories:**

- 1. Go out there and build relationships**
- 2. Go out there and be a sustainability superstar**
- 3. Go out there and boost community wellbeing**
- 4. Go out there and build an inclusive community**
- 5. Go out there and make your community safer**
- 6. Go out there and innovate**

- Each team will be responsible for designing their own project which must fit into one of the six categories. As part of the registration process, teams will need to select their category, provide an overview of their project idea, how they plan to deliver it and its intended impact.
- The aim of each project must be to have a positive impact on the local community.
- Projects will be reviewed and approved by school senior leaders. Teams will receive feedback on whether their idea has been 'approved', 'approved with changes' or 'not approved' by the end of June 2025.

Adult Advisors

- Each team must nominate an Adult Advisor whose role will be to provide advice, guidance and to support the team in its delivery of the project.
- Participants, together with their Adult Advisor, will be responsible for identifying any potential risks associated with their approved project activity. Risks must be recorded on the risk assessment sheet in the team's Log Book. • Adult Advisors will be responsible for reviewing and approving the risk assessment in the team's Log Book. By reviewing that a risk assessment is in place for the project, OGAT will not accept liability.
- Adult Advisors must be 18 years or older.
- Participants and their parents/carers must consent to the named Adult Advisor. This will be recorded as part of the attached consent form and team registration form.

Permissions & Licences

- Where applicable, participants, together with their Adult Advisor, will be responsible for obtaining, and complying with, any required permission or licences from the local authority or relevant body, including seeking permission to use private property.

Data Protection

- All personal details collected will only be used by OGAT for the purposes of administering the competition. • No responsibility will be accepted for data lost, damaged or delayed or as a result of any network, computer hardware or software failure of any kind.

Health & Safety

- Participants must not place themselves or others at risk as a result of participating in the competition. Any project considered to be high risk will not be approved by school as part of the approval process.
- Teams may seek projects in conjunction with existing charities or organisations. In these cases, participants must comply with the health and safety policies and practices of those organisations.
- If the project is physically challenging and may pose a risk of discomfort, illness or injury, parents/carers must be satisfied that their child is physically capable of taking part without undue risk to health or life.
- Participants must act lawfully when taking part in the competition and comply with the relevant legislation and regulations. • OGAT will not be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring as a result of participating in the competition.

Safeguarding

- Where a project involves working with others (adults or children), the Adult Advisor will be responsible for ensuring the appropriate safeguarding of the participants involved. Where this involves working with an existing charity or organisation, their relevant safeguarding policies and procedures must be followed.
- Any concerns about the safeguarding or protection of a participant during the competition should be immediately reported to the local authority's Safeguarding Team or, in an emergency, to the Police.

Fundraising (only applicable to projects seeking to undertake fundraising activities)

- Teams carrying out an activity (eg. a bake sale) to raise funds for an existing charity or organisation must do so in their own capacity, making clear that fundraising is being done so 'in aid of' the named charity/organisation and is not 'on behalf of OGAT'. Where applicable, participants must comply with the charity or organisation's relevant policies and procedures.
- Teams wishing to use the 'Out There' logo, should contact the Out There team (outthere@outwood.com) to request an 'in aid of' logo.
- Participants must send all funds raised to the nominated charity no later than six weeks after the event. • Where donations were given on condition of a completed event, and the event is cancelled, or participants do not complete the event, participants will be responsible for contacting donors regarding the return of their donation. Where donations were given without any conditions attached, and the event is cancelled, or participants do not complete the event, the money should be paid to the nominated charity.
- OGAT will not accept any responsibility or liability for any fundraising activity.

Costs

- There will be no charge to participants to enter the competition. Parents/carers, should they wish to, may make a donation towards the competition costs via the donation page: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/outwood-out-there> • Teams, together with their Adult Advisor, will be responsible for organising all aspects of their project activity including being responsible for covering all costs incurred.

Liability

- You acknowledge that OGAT is unable to provide insurance for projects and activities, and that you/participants are responsible for ensuring appropriate insurance cover is in place. You acknowledge and accept that OGAT's insurance policy will not cover participants' activities.
- Participants will not do anything that threatens OGAT's reputation or name. If they do, OGAT has the right to ask you/your child to stop the activity immediately.
- Participation is optional, OGAT is not responsible for organising, or supervising any projects, activities or associated tasks. Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring the safety of their child while participating in any projects, activities or associated tasks.

Judging

- The competition will be judged against the programme criteria which will recognise participants' ages, abilities and any additional educational needs.
- Teams' Log Books will be used as the basis of all judging activities so participants are encouraged to include as much detail and evidence of their project and its impact as possible.
- Judging will be tiered in its approach, with the winners of the previous stage progressing to the next stage.

1. School-Level Recognition - each school will select a winning project from each of the six categories
2. Community-Level Judging & Recognition - winners from each school will be judged against the programme criteria and a winner for each category will be selected
3. Trust-Wide Competition - winners from each community will be shortlisted against the programme criteria and three finalists for each category will be selected

4. Finalists will be judged against the programme criteria and bronze, silver and gold prizes will be awarded in each category at a prestigious awards ceremony where an overall 'Out There Winner of the Year' will be announced

- All judging will be carried out between September and December 2025. The dates of each stage can be found under 'Key Dates'.
- The decision of OGAT will be final. Neither correspondence nor discussion will be entered into. • OGAT will reserve the right to disqualify any participant who breaches any of these terms and conditions or to withhold or withdraw any or all offerings under this competition if in its opinion entries do not reach the required standard or for any other reason.

Prizes

- The description of the prizes are not binding and may be subject to change. Prizes will be non-transferable, not exchangeable and have no cash alternative in whole or in part. Statutory rights will not be affected.
- To the extent permitted by law, OGAT will not be responsible or liable to compensate you, any participants, nominated persons, finalists or the winner or accept any liability for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring as a result of either entering the competition or taking up a prize.
- Should circumstances require, OGAT will reserve the right to alter, amend or cancel the competition. • OGAT will not be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring as a result of taking up a prize.

Key Dates

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28 April 2025 Team registration opens

23 May 2025 at 4pm Team registration closes

Participants must have returned their signed parental consent form to school

June 2025 School project approval with teams to receive feedback by the end of June 2025

Mid-July 2025 Teams to receive their Out There Log Book, Adult Advisor Handbook and branded t-shirts

First day of the summer holiday Teams can start their approved project activity

Last day of the summer holiday Teams to finish their approved project activity. Please note, any project activity completed outside of the summer holiday will not be considered as part of the competition/judging process

End of the first week of the autumn term (September 2025) considered for judging. Any Log Book returned after this date will not be judged and therefore not included in the competition
Teams must submit their completed Log Book to school to be

September - October 2025 First stage judging to take place at school level with winners notified by the end of October 2025

November 2025 Second stage judging to take place at community level with winners notified by the end of November 2025

December 2025 Final stage judging to take place at trust level with winners notified by the end of January 2026

January 2026 Awards Ceremony to take place

Out There Participant Consent Form

Child's Name:

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Child's Tutor/Teacher:

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- I confirm that I have read and understood the enclosed Out There competition terms and conditions and I consent to my child taking part in Out There during the summer holidays of 2025.
- I understand the role of the Adult Advisor and I consent to the named Adult Advisor having oversight of my child's Out

There project, as outlined in the enclosed document.

You can withdraw consent at any time by emailing school.

Photo Consent

Outwood Grange Academies Trust (OGAT) would like to use photographs or filming included in your submission for the purpose of marketing of Out There. These images may appear on our website. These may also be shared by the social media channels of OGAT. These may also appear in offline materials such as promotional leaflets. The submission of winners will also be included within materials at any subsequent award or prize event. We will not use the images, or any other information you provide, for any other purpose.

To comply with The Data Protection Act 2018, (which controls how your personal information is used by organisations or businesses. The Data Protection Act 2018 is the UK's implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), we need your permission before we use any photographs or video footage of you. Please ensure that your parent/carer has answered the questions below.

	<i>Please tick the appropriate box</i>	
	I consent	I do not consent
May we use your child's image or video footage on our website?		
May we use your child's image or video footage on our Social Media channels?		
May we use your child's image in offline materials, such as promotional leaflets?		
May we use your child's image or video footage in any awards or prize giving events?		

You can withdraw consent for this at any time by emailing school if you change your mind. Please note this will not apply to material already published. OGAT cannot control already published material or recall such material.

Please note that websites can be seen throughout the world, and not just in the United Kingdom, where UK law applies.

Emergency Contacts

Name	
Address	
Contact Number	
Email Address	
Name	

Address	
Contact Number	
Email Address	

Parent/Carer

Name:

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Parent/Carer

Signature:

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Date:

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Please complete and return this form to school by Friday 23 May 2025.

Teams must also register using the online form (scan the adjacent QR code to get started).

Inspiring Change Through Community Action

Outwood Out There is a trust-wide initiative **empowering students** (Years 6-13) to drive **positive change** in their **communities**. Inspired by our students' own desire to "get out there" and **make a difference**, this programme redefines how young people **contribute to society - building leadership, inclusivity, and civic responsibility**.

The Summer of 2024 saw community unrest and division. Out There aims to heal divisions, strengthen community bonds, and shift the narrative around young people's role in society. Our ambition:

- 4 20,000 young people engaged across 12 local authorities
- 4 5,000 impactful community action projects delivered

The Impact

For Young People:

- 4 Builds confidence, leadership, and teamwork skills
- 4 Enhances employability through real-world experience
- 4 Encourages civic responsibility and a sense of purpose

- 4 Supports mental and physical well-being
- 4 Provides enriching, life-changing experiences

For Communities:

- 4 Strengthens social connections and community spirit
- 4 Promotes sustainability and environmental responsibility
- 4 Improves health and well-being through local initiatives
- 4 Creates safer, more inclusive spaces
- 4 Fosters collaboration between schools, businesses, and local organisations

How It Works

Students work in teams of four with an adult advisor to design and deliver a community project in one of six categories during the summer holidays:

Build Relationships – Strengthen community ties

Be A Sustainability Superstar – Lead eco-friendly initiatives

Boost Community Wellbeing – Promote health and happiness

Build An Inclusive Community – Ensure everyone feels welcome

Make Your Community Safer – Enhance neighbourhood security

Innovate – Create something impactful

For teams struggling to think of their own project idea, a bank of existing, local opportunities will provide inspiration. Appropriate safeguards and adaptations will be in place to ensure the programme's accessibility for all, including:

all projects being approved by school leaders who will ensure that opportunities are inclusive and accessible; providing additional support, and adapting resources and activities to meet need;

obtaining parental consent, including agreeing to the named adult supervisor, for every child taking part;

each child being given a branded Out There t-shirt making them easily identifiable while out in the community completing their project work;

flexibility for each team to determine the duration of their project; anything from a single day to the full summer holiday (late July to the start of September) but throughout the usual school holiday safeguarding protocols will be in place and the Trust's Executive Team will be on call for any emergencies;

informing/liasing with all local authorities and police forces about the activities taking place within their area.

Following the summer's activities, teams will submit their Log Books at the start of the autumn term for judging which will be tiered. The judging criteria are highly inclusive, with all projects judged relative to the participants' ages, abilities and any additional educational needs.

- **School-Level Recognition** - each school will select a winning project from each of the six categories which will be recognised at school level
- **Community-Level Judging & Recognition** - winners from each school will be judged against the programme criteria and a winner for each category will be selected and recognised at community level
- **Trust-Wide Competition** - winners from each community will be shortlisted against the programme criteria and three finalists for each category will be invited to present their work to a judging panel
- **Awards Ceremony** - finalists will be judged against the programme criteria and bronze, silver and gold prizes will be awarded in each category at a prestigious event where an overall 'Out There Winner of the Year' will be announced

All participants will be recognised with a certificate of participation with the winners awarded with an enriching prize package experience, something the children/young people might not otherwise be able to access or afford, enhancing their cultural capital.

The programme, including the prize bank, will be realised by a partnership funding model which will include fundraising and corporate sponsorship. Donors' social objectives will align with the values of Out There and by extension, Outwood Grange Academies Trust. The cost of a team's participation is £20.

Any value of donation can be made by visiting our [Crowdfunder](#)

£1

£1

£20

Long term, the programme will support the development of deep and ongoing relationships with supporters and sponsors, creating opportunities for future engagement such as careers and work-based/vocational learning.

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outthere@outwood.com Together, we can empower young people and strengthen communities.