

SHORT NEWS

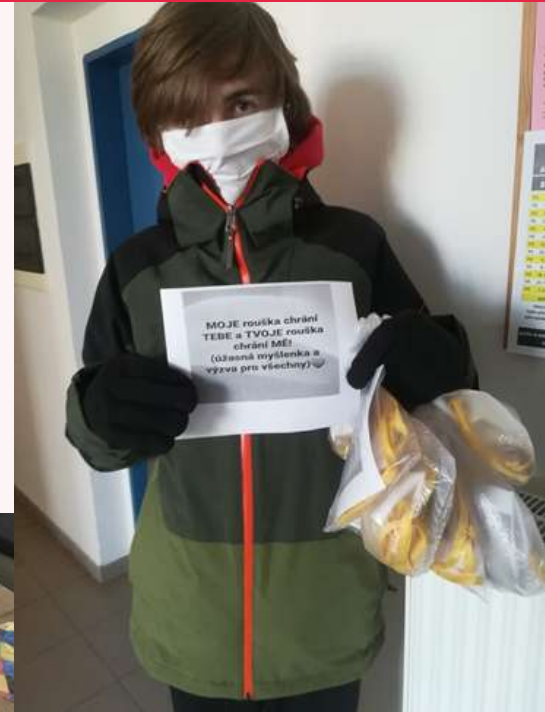
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NEWS



In times of global pandemics when we do not know how long it will take to return to normal mode, it is important to keep a cool head and adapt quickly. An example of this can be DofE participants who continue to meet their goals while helping others. By sewing face masks and making protective equipment, they provide help not only to their loved ones, but also to neighbours or seniors in retirement homes. In recent weeks, they have shown us that they are really #WORLDREADY.

DofE National Centre appreciates your efforts and thanks you for the great work you do every day. We are happy to have you and don't forget: WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER.



DOFE FUND



Every year we offer funding to the Award centres. Considering the current situation we have come up with following measure:

Call for proposals 2020

The usual spring and autumn calls for proposals are not going to be open. In 2020 we will open only **one call** for proposals. It will be announced in advance in the Short news, and by the regional managers.

DOFE CLUB



Members of DofE Club have accepted the **DofE Challenge**. For six weeks they will spend at least one hour a week with Skills, Service and Physical recreation. What activities did they pick? For example online tutoring, skipping rope, programming or jogging.

You can find the photos from their DofE Challenge on Club facebook page <https://bit.ly/DofEklubFB>

Anyone can start with DofE Challenge, Award holders and also leaders! You can find more information on our Facebook or Instagram.



ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY



Current events have huge effect on delivering the Award, including Adventurous Journey. Many participants have already changed their activities or adapted them to domestic conditions and you may be wondering how to handle the AJs in this situation. Many of you have your AJs already planned or have been planning them within the next two months. We are bringing you a few recommendations on how to deal with the AJs:

We do not recommend organizing AJs during current restrictions imposed by the government. Safety and health are now the top priority.

Practise or qualifying Adventurous Journeys do not have to be created in ORB several months in advance, two weeks are enough. Please note that even the date can be changed, in case that you were supposed to realize AJ in near future.

We are working on toolkit to help you with the preparation and planning of the AJs, which will be introduced in special issue of Short news on April 28th. Stay tuned.

CALENDAR



We are very sorry for this but all upcoming Spring events had to be cancelled. This includes Meet Up in Brno and Ostrava and also April and May dates of Basic and Expedition trainings.

We are also cancelling ceremonies in June, however there is a possibility for you to hold them at your Award Centre. DofE National centre will be happy to provide you with everything that is needed for this special event. We will send more information regarding ceremonies at the end of April.

Keep in your calendars DofE Leader Camp which will take place from 26th to 27th September. You can also count on Bronze, Silver and Gold ceremonies in Autumn.



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