



Op Bang Challenge

GUIDEBOOK

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all young
people



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#OpBangChallenge2024



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The Rules

1. The Op Bang Challenge is open to all young people aged 5 - 18 years.
2. Groups must be made up of members of an established club, group, class or school which has been active for at least 1 month prior to the opening of competition window.
3. Projects must be carried out in North Wales.
4. Groups may be made up of mixed ages (between 5-18yrs)
5. Groups must be located/based in North Wales.
6. A group may consists of any number of participants.
7. Each group must have a adult advisor, this must be someone you know and aged 18 years or over.
8. You may enter more than one team into the challenge.
9. The Op Bang Challenge window is open between 14th October - 11th November 2024.
All projects carried out must be done so within this time frame.
10. Once you have registered online, you will receive an email confirmation along with your team logbook, logbooks need to be completed and returned for judging.
You can print off your logbook and return by post or email it back to us.
11. Closing date for logbook submissions is 22nd November 2024, logbooks are to be posted back to:

Op Bang Challenge
Prevention Hub
North Wales Police DHQ
St Asaph Business Park
St Asaph
LL17 OHQ

or

Emailed to youthengagementofficer@northwales.police.uk

12. Any logbooks received after the 22nd November 2024 will not be considered for judging.
13. There may be a requirement to contact groups during and after the competition.
Information and photographs supplied by the participants may be used for publicity purposes. If you do not wish for your details to be used in this way, please notify us via email

youthengagementofficer@northwales.police.uk

Advice for the Adults!

- As an adult advisor it will be your responsibility to guide and safeguard your team and offer advice and support where appropriate.
- Please risk assess the proposed project prior to carrying out any activity.
- If a project involves raising money for a charity, please ensure all money is accounted for and kept safely by yourself until it is passed to the relevant party or charity. If you are planning on purchasing items for a charity, please keep all receipts and use the logbook to record all items and monies collected.
- Please note that directly asking someone for money or going door to door is against the law.
- Unfortunately, it is not possible for the Police, PACT or Fire Service to be present whilst your team is carrying out their project, therefore it is your responsibility to ensure the safety and supervision of the group.
- Please ensure your team has the appropriate PPE whilst carryout out their work. For example, if the project involved litter picking, then thick gloves may be required to protect hands from germs and sharp objects.
- Do not allow your team to carryout projects in areas of high risk, for example rivers, railway lines, busy roads etc.
- And finally have fun - the work your team is doing will really help your community!

Advice for the Teams

- Please make sure you discuss and agree your project with your adult advisor before you start on your work and understand any safety advice you have been given.
- Don't undertake any activity which have not been agreed by your adult advisor beforehand.
- Some projects may be more risky than others, make sure you have the right clothes and equipment before you start.
- Always make sure that your parents/guardians know where you are and what you are doing.
- Never carry out any activities on your own.
- Make sure you know how to contact someone in case of emergency.
- If your project involves entering someone's land or property you will need to make sure that you have permission from the relevant person or authority prior to doing so.
- If your project involves raising money for charity, make sure that all money you collect is handed to your adult advisor who is responsible for keeping it safe.
- Remember it is against the law to directly ask someone for money.

The Logbook!

This is essential!

- It needs to be completed and returned for your team to be in with a chance of winning one of the fantastic cash prizes
- We would like for this to be written by members of your team, however younger teams may need help from their adult advisor, and that's ok too.
- It can be typed or hand-written, it really doesn't matter, so long as we can read it! We just want to know about all the amazing work you have been doing. We would love to see photos or videos of you carrying out your projects too - so make sure you tag us in any of your social media post #OpBangChallenge. You must include your group name.
- Alternatively, you can print out any pictures and send them in with your posted logbook.
- Adults - Please can you add your comments to the relevant section at the bottom of the logbook.
- Remember, we may not be able to see you carrying out your projects therefore it is important that you provide us with as much information as you can.
- It may be useful to update your logbook as you go along, particularly if your project is carried out over several days/weeks - That way, won't forget any important things.
- All logbooks need to be posted or emailed back to us by 22nd November 2024 - Details are in the Rules section above.

So, Let's Get Started!

- You're registered, you've got your team and now you need to think of a project that will help your community, perhaps you already have one in mind? Whatever it is, make sure you are safe, have taken advice from your adult advisor and are aware of the rules of the challenge.
- Be as creative and as innovative as you like but remember, your project must help someone or something in your community.
- Once your group has agreed on a project you then need to decide how you will carry it out. Consider risks, safety, roles, responsibilities, time spent and who will benefit from it - you can record all this in your logbook!
- If your project requires permission from someone else, make sure you get that too.
- Your project doesn't need to be big; it doesn't need to cost you any money - You won't be judged on that. We are looking for projects that do the most to benefit the people, places or communities they were intended to help, and we want to showcase the fantastic contribution young people make in our society.
- If you're struggling to decide on a project, we have included some suggested ideas on our advert but ultimately the choice is yours. So.... over to you!