



The Air Cadets gives young people the chance to take part in a huge range of exciting and challenging activities supervised by members of our experienced adult volunteer staff.

# Expand your horizons..

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This year...

Air Cadets will spend over 50,000 hours flying  
20,000 cadets and staff will take part in adventure training activities

12,000 cadets and staff will go on summer camps in the UK and abroad

3,000 cadets will achieve Duke of Edinburgh Awards

1,000 cadets will qualify for BTEC Certificates



Air Cadets has something for everyone.  
Especially you.

With over 900 squadrons located all over the UK you will never be far away from the chance to join us.

Give us a call or visit [www.aircadets.org](http://www.aircadets.org)

Your nearest squadron is:



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# What did you do last weekend?



## AIR CADETS ACROSS THE UK DO ALL THESE THINGS AND MORE...

- Flying
- Drill
- Parachuting
- Gliding
- Football
- Fly with RAF Pilots
- Netball
- Radio communications
- Rock Climbing
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- Leadership Exercises
- Target Shooting
- Camping with Friends
- Canoeing
- BTECs



**It's your choice. Expand your horizons...**

**Who can become an air cadet:**

Anyone between 13-17 yrs old is welcome to join - male or female, from all cultures, social backgrounds or religions. Cadets can stay in the ATC until they are 20.

**Why should I join the air cadets?**

Not only is it fun, you can also make new friends, learn unusual skills, take part in activities that you can't do at school or college and gain nationally recognised qualifications at the same time.

**Who else will be there?**

Most squadrons have an average of 30 cadets so there will be many other people your own age. There will be a team of qualified and experienced adult staff carefully selected to help and instruct you. All adult staff are carefully vetted to ensure your safety.

**How often can I attend?**

Most squadrons meet twice a week in the evening at the squadron's headquarters. Here you will learn everything you need to know about activities such as flying, adventure training and fieldcraft. You will have the chance to put this knowledge into practice on trips and camps at weekends and school holidays.

**How much does it cost to join?**

Air Cadets is inexpensive and great value for money! Cadets pay a small contribution per parade night as subs - this varies from squadron to squadron. The money is used to assist with squadron activities.

**Do I get a uniform?**

Your squadron will provide you with your uniform, which the RAF issues on FREE loan whilst you are an air cadet. All you will need to buy are your boots and shoes.

**Do I have to go on to join the RAF?**

No. However, because we are sponsored by the RAF, we are able to offer flying opportunities in RAF aircraft and visits to RAF bases. But being an air cadet won't just help you if you want a military job - it will give you a head start whatever career path you choose.

**How can I help my local air cadet squadron?**

Adult volunteers play a vital role in all aspects of cadet life, whether organising activities, encouraging and educating cadets or helping the squadron run smoothly.

**Who can become an adult volunteer?**

We welcome all responsible adults - male or female - from all social backgrounds, cultures and religions. You do not need to have any prior experience.

**What will I get out of it?**

Our volunteers tell us that they gain a huge sense of achievement from helping young people realise their potential. You will also have the opportunity to take part in activities you couldn't do elsewhere and gain nationally recognised qualifications at the same time.

**Are there different levels of involvement?**

There are various ways you can contribute, depending on the level of commitment you can give. Most adult staff join as Civilian Instructors. Some move on to uniformed services as a Commissioned RAF VR(T) Officer or a Senior Non Commissioned Officer. Each squadron also has a Civilian Committee which supports it in many important ways, such as fundraising and recruitment.

**How much time will I need to give?**

Civilian Instructors and Civilian Committee members give as much or as little time as they can manage. Uniformed staff are expected to commit a minimum of 12 hours per month.

**Do I need any qualifications?**

No formal qualifications are required - everyone has a skill we can put to good use! All you need is enthusiasm and the ability to communicate with young people.

**Are there opportunities for my own development?**

We will encourage you to develop your existing talents, learn new skills and gain nationally recognised qualifications such as NVQ certificates - useful in all areas of your life.