



ASDAN
Registered Centre



WHY ASDAN?

RDA has been working closely with ASDAN since 2005 to develop a range of customised programmes, to be enjoyed by both participants and volunteers, and which are aimed at:

- ✓ Allowing all participants and volunteers the opportunity to be rewarded for their activities and achievements, whatever their level of ability
- ✓ Furthering their interest in the activities and encouraging participation in activities both in the arena and beyond
- ✓ Gaining valuable and truly measurable steps forward in key, curriculum-supportive skills, such as numeracy and language skills - not to mention helping social awareness and building confidence and self esteem
- ✓ Helping to foster friendships and interaction between participants
- ✓ Enhancing time spent at their Groups and their experience of RDA
- ✓ Allowing parents and carers, teachers and assistants to really get involved with riders' development by helping with the projects at home or in school etc.
- ✓ Schools can use the riders' achievements to support, enhance and help to fulfil OFSTED requirements
- ✓ The workbooks can form a useful basis for lesson plans for Coaches. Alternatively, why not appoint Group volunteers to direct the Education, giving them a defined role and allowing Coaches to concentrate on the riding element in sessions?

Did you know?

ASDAN '**Towards Independence**' can be introduced to complement and enrich the activities of riders, vaulters and carriage drivers who have already begun to take part in, or who have completed, the RDA Proficiency tests.

Many of the key achievement areas are easily transferred between each project and Proficiency portfolio evidence, particularly for Riding and Horse Care Grades 1 and 2, can be used as evidence to fulfil Towards Independence modules. It's simple! Your riders, Vaulters and Carriage Drivers can in effect be working to achieve two awards at the same time, completing session activities and recording them only once!

ALL ages and abilities can take part!

All participants, regardless of age or ability, can take part. The programmes are awarded to those completing the activities, from those enjoying their sessions as a purely **sensory experience**, right through to those riders, vaulters and carriage drivers who can **work independently and unaided**.

There's no time cut-off for completion of the workbooks – participants can take as little or as much time as they need to finish their project, ensuring that everyone can gain their certificate and award.

MODERATION TO FIT IN AROUND YOU!

For 2014-2016 RDA are piloting '**Direct Certification**' for awards; meaning that candidates' portfolios can be submitted and certificates issued on demand at ANY time of the year, with no set 'moderation day' to attend.

Why not contact Marisa Bretherton-Mackay at RDA National Office on 01926 405973 to find out more about how you and your participants can become involved? Alternatively, email Marisa at: marisa@rda.org.uk

**Attendance at local Moderation events may occasionally be required – please contact Marisa for more information.*