

# Approved Providers

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q. Why has v established the vinspired awards Approved Provider scheme?**

v believes that every young volunteer should be rewarded for their efforts and contributions and recognised for the important role they play in transforming communities. To make this possible for **all** young volunteers, regardless of where they do their volunteering, the vinspired awards are now available online through our website – [www.vinspired.com](http://www.vinspired.com). As a result, v has taken the decision to enable organisations not funded by v to deliver and validate the vinspired awards with their young volunteers directly – the Approved Provider scheme. This requires organisations to register with v to deliver the vinspired awards, and entitles them to a number of benefits not available to non-approved organisations.

### **Q. Why is it necessary for v to ask for the information requested in the Approved Provider Application Form?**

As part of the application process for v funding, organisations had to prove that they had the proper processes and procedures in place for working with young people. Therefore, in the interest of ensuring the same level of quality provision for all v's activities, the appropriate checks need to be made to ensure Approved Providers are suitable to validate the awards for young people.

### **Q. What is v doing to ensure equal access to all young people including young people with additional support needs?**

As with any award scheme, some young volunteers may require additional support from project staff or peers in order to apply for their award. The website has been designed to be fully accessible to all young people, and it also complies with guidance set out under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA).

v has also invested in comprehensive help to complete the awards, including online live help and telephone support.