

## Cumbrian Award Autumn Term Newsletter: October 2025

### ☀️ WELCOME BACK TO CUMBRIAN AWARD!



We hope the first half term of 2025/26 has gone brilliantly.

A huge thank you to all schools that have completed the newly developed enrolment form - we're thrilled to have **over 1,500 pupils** taking part in the Cumbrian Award this year!

As you plan and undertake your **Quality Experiences** across the strands, **we'd love to join you** - whether it's an adventure, an event, or in the classroom.

✉️ To **invite us along**, please email us at [Cumbrian.Award@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Cumbrian.Award@cumberland.gov.uk), we'll do our best to be there!



### 📖 NEW EDITION STRAND BOOKLETS & SKILLS BUILDER UK UPDATE

Our **new edition Setheria Strand Booklets** are **now available**, and all enrolment orders have been sent out to schools.

Please continue to use any previous editions until they're finished - they'll still be accepted as part of our sustainability commitment.

The booklets now align with the updated **Skills Builder UK**

**Framework 2.0**, featuring two refreshed skills:

- Staying Positive → **Adaptability**
- Aiming High → **Planning**

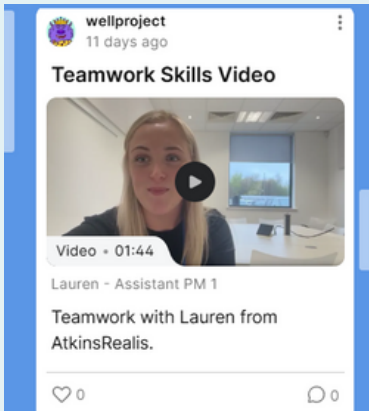
(Previous skills remain valid until September 2026.)

🌟 **Coming soon:** Updated **Dovera Strand Booklets** for all Cumbrian Award pupils.



Find all resources on the WELL website: **[HERE](#)**, and order free printed copies via **[THIS FORM](#)**.

# NEW DIGITAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT DELIVERY



We're delighted to share a new set of digital strand resources, developed by the **Nuclear Waste Service** and **partner organisations**.

These short videos highlight how **key skills** are applied across a variety of **business** and **career settings**, helping bring the **Enterprise Strand** to life in your classroom.

You'll find them on the **Cumbrian Award Delivery Ideas Padlet** (Password: [Ace2025](#)) under the Enterprise – Practitioner Resources section. They're also versatile and can be used to support experiences in the **Adventure** and **Culture Strands** too!

## SELLAFIELD GRADUATE AND APPRENTICE EARLY CAREERS FAIR

Beth our Cumbrian Award Development Officer attended the **Sellafield Ltd Education and Skills Fair** earlier this month, engaging with talented **graduates** and **apprentices** to **share the vision** of **Cumbrian Award**.

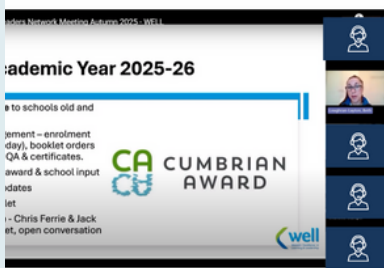
Graduates shared exciting ideas on how they could **use their time, skills** and **expertise** to enhance the award and **support our participating schools**. The Cumbrian Award team are exploring ways the graduates could **contribute to and collaborate with the award**.

If you have **any ideas** on how graduates could volunteer and support the delivery of, or pupil's experiences through the award **please email** [Cumbrian.Award@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Cumbrian.Award@cumberland.gov.uk). Watch this space!




Spring Term  
Network Meeting:  
4<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
15:45 - 16:45

## NETWORK MEETING & COMMUNITY PADLET



Thank you to everyone who joined our first **Cumbrian Award Network Meeting** of the **academic year**! It was fantastic to hear from two **Award Leaders** about their experiences so far and to **share best practice across our schools**. If you missed it, the **recording** is available on the **Cumbrian Award Delivery Ideas Padlet**.

The Padlet is also becoming a brilliant space where Award Leaders across the region are sharing their own delivery ideas - from tried and tested Quality Experiences to helpful resources and lessons learned. We'd love for you to add your own examples, tips, or resources to inspire others across the Cumbrian Award community. Your experience could spark inspiration in another school!

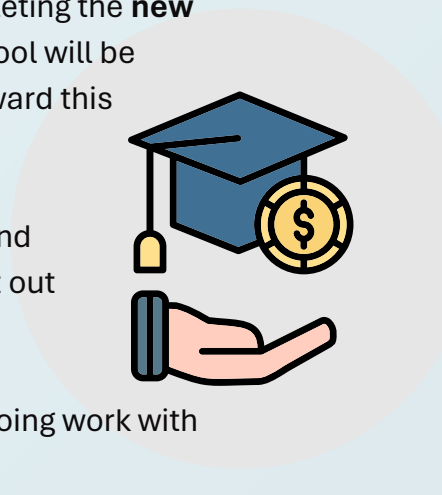
 **Explore and contribute HERE:** [Cumbrian Award Delivery Ideas Padlet](#) (Password: [Ace2025](#))



# GRANT FUNDING OFFER: TO SUPPORT PARTICIPATION

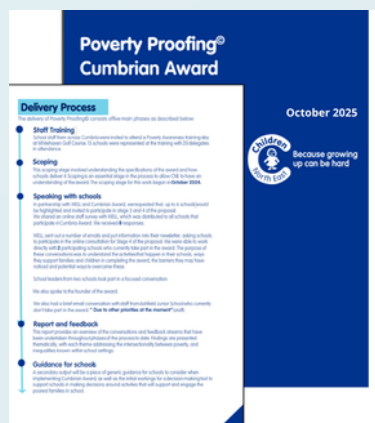
Thank you for your **continued commitment** to the Award and for completing the new **Enrolment Form**. We're pleased to confirm that each participating school will be offered grant funding from WELL, to support their involvement in the Award this academic year.

Each school's **grant amount** will be based on the **pupil participation** and **disadvantaged pupil figures** provided. **Grant Offer Letters** will be sent out **after half term**✉



We hope this is welcome news and look forward to supporting your ongoing work with the Award.

## POVERTY PROOFING: FINAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE



Over the course of 2024/25, the Cumbrian Award team and participating schools collaborated to explore **Poverty Proofing UK's** mission and vision - reflecting on how we could **overcome any barriers** and ensure that **every pupil** and school can **fully engage in the Award**.

A huge **thank you to everyone** that took part in this important work.

We're delighted to share the **FINAL REPORT**, which brings together key insights, practical recommendations, and next steps for continuing this journey as a community.

✉ If you would like to share any **feedback on the report**, please email [Cumbrian.Award@Cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Cumbrian.Award@Cumberland.gov.uk).

## PRIVACY NOTICE UPDATE: PROTECTING OUR AWARD COMMUNITY

We're committed to protecting the necessary **personal information** of **participating pupils** in the Cumbrian Award **upon point of completion**. From 2025, we'll securely hold the details of Award holders for up to **10 years** after they complete the full Award.

This ensures we can **verify achievements** for those **applying to the University of Cumbria**, where Setheria and Dovera Award holders will be eligible for a **UCAS tariff reduction of 8 or 16 points**.

📖 You can read **full details** in our updated **Privacy Notice** [HERE](#).

If your school has its own data privacy processes, please get in touch - we're happy to work with you to keep everything consistent and secure.

