



Young Leaders Support Agreement

Introduction

This Support Agreement outlines the requirements and responsibilities relating to Young Leader provision within Scout Groups. The agreement aims to provide clarity as to areas of responsibility and requirements for all parties involved. It should therefore be signed by the Young Leader(s), the Group Scout Leader, Section Leader(s), Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leader), and the District Explorer Scout Commissioner. Parents of the young person should also be given a copy.

District and Explorer Leader Responsibilities

- a. The District is responsible for Explorer Scout provision, which includes Young Leader Units. The Young Leaders' Scheme is managed by the Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leader)
- b. Management of Young Leaders outside of Group matters rests with the District Explorer Scout Commissioner or if delegated, to the Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leader).
- c. The ESL (YL) and DESC must ensure that Young Leaders are aware of upcoming Young Leader forum and training dates, and should be encouraged to participate. Young Leaders should also be kept informed of Explorer Scout and Young Leader activities and events at District, County (or Region in Scotland) and National levels.
- d. The Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leader) will ensure that the Young Leader is awarded with Young Leaders badges, including mission badges, and update progress on modules as part of the Young Leaders training scheme.

Group Responsibilities

- a. The Scout Group must provide a named contact who will be responsible for supporting the Young Leaders in the group and maintaining communication between the Group and the Explorer Scout Leader (YL). This person must have an active email address. Contact with the Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leader) should be made by the Section Leader with the full knowledge and approval of the Group Scout Leader.
- b. New Young Leaders must be registered in the Young Leaders scheme as soon as is practicable. This should usually be before they begin working as a Young Leader in your Scout Group.
- c. The Group Scout Leader or Named Contact Leader must ensure that:
 - Young Leaders have been registered,
 - The Young Leader meets the minimum requirements and completes Module A within three months.
 - A Young Persons Information Form has been completed and is held either by the Explorer Scout Leader, Section Leader or the GSL. This must also be completed for those who are not Scout Association Members.
- d. The Section Leader should ensure that they are aware of current developments within the Young Leaders scheme.
- e. Section Leaders should induct the Young Leader(s) into the Group the same as any adult volunteer.
- f. The GSL and / or Section Leaders should ensure that Young Leaders are made aware of activities and events at Group, District, County and Nationals levels for the section they are supporting.
- g. Section Leaders should support Young Leaders in their Young Leader training and in their own personal progressive training towards gaining their D of E and Scouting Awards.

All Adult Responsibilities

- All adults, GSLs, Section Leaders and parents should always be conscious of the fact that a Young Leader is a youth member. They must be treated as such, supervised at all times and not given adult responsibilities.
- Young Leaders must not be included when calculating ratios of adults to young people. The Leader in charge is responsible for the Young Leader and no ratio is required.
- Young Leaders must be included in team planning meetings, section meetings and presentation evenings.
- Completed permission forms for nights away and adventurous activities must be obtained from all Young Leaders.
- Young Leaders should be provided with separate sleeping accommodation to adults and members of younger sections.

Young Leader Responsibilities

- Complete Module A, 'Prepare for take off!', within three months of becoming a Young Leader.
- Provide full contact details to the Section Leader and updated when necessary.
- Attend the section they are working with regularly, and always let the leaders know if they cannot attend.
- Wear an Explorer Scout Uniform to activities and meetings as required (does not apply to those registering only to complete D of E volunteering).
- Make every effort to complete as much of the Young Leader training and accompanying missions as possible and keep evidence (a log book or similar) of what they do as a Young Leader.
- Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.

Fees and Uniform

- Where a Young Leader takes an active part in an Explorer Scout Unit, they are directly responsible for paying membership fees.
- If the youth member's only role is as a Young Leader at a Scout Group, then the Group should pay membership fees for that member. It is suggested the Group also provide the uniform shirt if this is their only role.
- Young Leaders should wear an Explorer Scout shirt or polo at meetings and events
- The Scout scarf Young Leaders wear needs to be mutually agreed by the Section Leader and ESL(YL)
- A Young Leader must not wear adult leader's uniform before their 18th birthday.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Volunteering

Those who have not been invested as Explorer Scouts can only be Young Leaders for the duration of the volunteering element of the Award that they are working towards. It is important that 'DofE helpers' from outwith Scouting do not continue to help in a section beyond the period of time they have chosen. POR 3.35e

If there is any doubt about the timescale, the candidate can be asked to show the relevant section on their D of E account, or the D of E Leader can be contacted.

Award Level	Training	Volunteering Time
Bronze	Module A plus a further two hours of training appropriate to the role	3 months or 6 months
Silver	Module A plus a further two hours of training appropriate to the role	6 months or 12 months
Gold	Module A plus a further two hours of training appropriate to the role	12 months or 18 months

The longer volunteering time **only applies** to the entry level award in the D of E scheme. It **only applies** when the participant chooses Volunteering as the extended option over the Physical or Skills Sections of the programme.

Young Leader

I have read, understood and agree to undertake the requirements and responsibilities outlined above.

Signed:

Name:

Date:

If D of E Helper - circle which volunteering time applies

3 months 6 months 12 months 18 months

Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leader)

I have read, understood and agree to undertake the requirements and responsibilities outlined above.

Signed:

Name:

Date:

Email address:

Telephone number:

GSL or Scout Group Contact

I have read, understood and agree to undertake the requirements and responsibilities outlined above.

Signed:

Email address:

Telephone number:

Name:

Date:

Section Leader

I have read, understood and agree to undertake the requirements and responsibilities outlined above.

Signed:

Name:

Date:

Section: Beavers Cubs Scouts

Meeting day Time

Place