

18 years of youth led Scouting !



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The key messages in this update:

- Celebrate 21 years of the Young Leader Scheme
- We are looking for a County Young Leader lead
- Module J is compulsory from May
- Young Leader to Adult Award available
- Break for Young Leaders working in Troops extended
- Train the Trainer coming soon !

Over three hundred Young Leaders support our Scout Groups across Norfolk each week – What a vital resource they are in the delivery of Scouting!

The Young Leader Training scheme launched in 2001 so celebrates it's eighteenth birthday this year. Why not celebrate by sharing a birthday cake with the Young Leaders in your Scout Group? Send Shelly a photo of the occasion to celebrate your event too.

Assistant County Commissioner (ACC) Young Leader

The District Commissioners have said the key vacancy to fill in the County Team is the supporter of the Young Leader scheme.

So the vacancy for ACC (Young Leaders) was re-advertised – please have a look at the [job description](#) if you have the skills and desire to support this provision.

Revised Module content and Mission plans

The Modules and Missions were refreshed last year and the resources to support the revised programme are available via the Scout website: members.scouts.org.uk The additional Module j (Communicate it!) becomes a compulsory part of the programme from May '19, but useful to do now.

The Young Leader to Adult Award...

This recognition is available to be presented to Young Leaders who have achieved their YL Belt at the age of eighteen as they move into adult leadership.



It is a fantastic way to recognise the YL's ongoing commitment and to show others that the newest

newest leader in the section has already undertaken a training programme within Scouting.

The words of our Founder are often a source of good advice and these words of wisdom made me think...

“An individual step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual”

Robert Baden-Powell

One small step - Mission Possible

Missions are designed to allow the Young Leaders to put the learning from the Modules into practice. This helps them gain in confidence and become an integral part of the leadership team within the leadership team.

Section Leader who work in partnership with the Young Leaders find that programme planning and delivery can take on a more “youth led” focus and provide a welcome break from the accountability for preparing for the weekly meeting, and give a great sense of empowerment to both the themselves and the Young Leaders delivering the programme to their Beavers, Cubs or Scouts.

Updated Guidelines

The guidelines regarding an Explorer Scout returning to their Scout Troop as a Young Leader has changed (February '19). It is now highly recommended that a Young Leader has a break of 12 months before returning to their Scout Troop in a leadership role. This helps emphasise the fact they they are no longer just “one of the Scouts” but a member of the leadership team. This does not stop a Young Leader who wants to work within the Scout section, working with a neighboring Troop or gaining experience within the Beaver or Cub section first if spaces are available.

Coming Soon...

To help Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leaders) and DESCs deliver training within their Districts, a new support is launching this year. “Train the Trainer” sessions will provide practical tips centred on the modular scheme, support with facilitation methods and, most importantly be a networking opportunity for the leaders that deliver the YL training in Norfolk to share their experiences and achievements.

More information will be available soon – watch County Updates over the next few months.

And visit the website : www.norfolkscouts.org.uk as the Programme on a Page (Pop) resources grow, hopefully to be of help across all youth sections and covering a variety of other topics within Scouting too.