

Youth Led Scouting...



For more information talk to you District Youth Commissioner...

Providing opportunities for peer leadership is at the heart of Scouting.



Read on to follow in the steps of the Founder and make Scouting youth led.

“Through the Patrol System, the Scouts learn that they have considerable say in what their Troop does” Robert Baden-Powell

Programme

A Good programme is key...

[Click here](#) for the full pack of “Activity Inspirations” to help you focus on Youth Shaped Scouting in your programme planning...

But here are a couple of ideas suitable for all sections to get you going...

Activity Inspiration Options:

BRAINSTORM BOX

1. Bring a bag of random items to the meeting – the more abstract the better.
2. Empty the contents into the middle of the floor.
3. One person from each team picks up an item and returns to the team.
4. The team has to generate six programme suggestions inspired by the item and write them down.
5. The item is returned, and another is taken to inspire more ideas.
6. Share each team’s ideas at the end of the session.

IDEA CHAIN

1. Pre-cut strips of paper to make pieces of a paper chain and provide sticky-tape.
2. The teams must build paper-chains with programme ideas written on every link.
3. Share each team’s ideas at the end of the session.

With both activities, ask the young people to vote for their favourite ideas.

Governance

From deciding where to hold the next Beaver Sleepover to choosing the next Chief Scout – Young people should have their say...

Make sure young people get a chance to make decisions by:

- Hold regular Forums for each section
- Involve young people to give reports to Executive meetings
- Make young people members of sub-committees (there is no age restriction on sub-committees)
- Appoint a young person (18-25) as a full member of Executive Committees. [Click here](#) for a guide to supporting young people on Executive Committees

Leadership

Peer Leadership is a vital method to support the development of skills for life and every section has leadership opportunities...

Gaining a leadership stripe is the highlight for every young person in Scouting.



[Click here](#) for info for Beaver Leaders.

[Click here](#) for info for Cub Leaders.

[Click here](#) for info for Scout Leaders.

Young Leaders are an asset at section meetings for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts...

[Click here](#) for information that section leaders need to know when supporting Young Leaders in their section.



Supporting the move to adult leadership at 18...

Make sure when your Young Leaders approach their 18th birthday you talk with them about moving into an adult appointment.

Management

It is really key that we give our 18-30 year-old members the opportunity and support to take on management roles in Scouting...

There are many opportunities to allow young members of the Movement to take on extra responsibility:

- Youth Commissioners – that are actively engaged with by all parties
- Group, District and County appointments (both programme and executive roles)
- Working groups to deliver events and projects

Wear their Necker

This is an opportunity to let young people take on an adult role for a day to give a different perspective on to make Scouting better for everyone.



[Click here](#) for the factsheet explaining the Wear their Necker project in full.

Take part in You Shape

Every year there is an opportunity to take part in You Shape week in February and earn the You Shape badge (and leaders can wear them too). But youth led Scouting is important all year round and the activities can be built into Colony, Pack, Troop and Explorer activities at any time.



[Click here](#) to see get the information you need to undertake “You Shape” activities to earn your badge !

ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE.