

Home Scouting - Scout's World Challenge

This challenge sheet has been produced to use during the Covid-19 lockdown.

This PoP can help the Scouts working towards their Chief Scout Gold Award.

Flexibility is the key during this unprecedented time.

First up – The World challenge. The requirements:

Choose an aspect of local community life and find out as much as you can about it.

Get the Scouts to use the internet to learn about:

- Local Government
- Local History
- Different types of Faith in the local area
- Types of local Industry or Farming

Now it's best not to go out and meet the people currently.

However, you can get the Scouts to use the internet to learn more about their local community.

Spend a day volunteering with and finding out about a service in your local community.

Services could include homeless shelters, nature reserves, care homes or food banks – find out about the local organisations, as currently it is not possible to volunteer.

Scouts could help parents with shopping for local vulnerable people or they could send letters to a local care home telling the residents about what they are doing at home. Contact your local care home to see if they are happy to accept these letters.

Take part in an activity that reflects upon and explores your own beliefs, attitudes and values.

This doesn't have to be religious, but it can be.

Get the Scouts to reflect on what they miss the most at this time, what they are thankful for, or what they think about the world around them.

What values do we share as Scouts, which Scout value means the most?

Or the Scouts could make a Rainbow of Hope and display in their window or join in the clap for the key workers - this involves them reflecting on the service others are giving to our community. Why they are doing it? Ask the Scouts to reflect on the service others are giving to our community.



Find out about a faith or culture you are not familiar with.

Scouts could do some research on other faiths and cultures and share what they learn with others

Take part in an activity that explores common beliefs and attitudes towards gender or disability in different societies.

Scouts could first think about what it would be like to be a different gender, what are the benefits and not so good things about being a different gender. They could think about the stigma's of different genders, the issues they might face and the behaviours that are expected by society. Alternatively, they could look at disabilities and the issues associated with them. For best practice, do this as part of a virtual meeting and leaders can offer support and guidance throughout the discussion.



Take an part in an environmental project.

Get the Scouts to investigate the issues impacting on their environment. They could then pick a project they could do as a family. Here are some ideas:

- Collecting rainwater – Collect rainwater and use that to water your garden
- Composting – any waste food (that decomposes) can be composted, all you need is a space in the garden.
- Recycling survey – Keep a record of how much your family is recycling and try to improve on this.

Investigate and try to make contact with Scouts in another Country.

Scouts need to learn about Scouts in another country.

They could consider:

- Social media
- Scout websites
- Using Google
- JOTI/JOTA

Scouts need to try and make contact with another Scout in a different country. They could find out about how others are Scouting at the moment, differences in badges and uniform or what other meetings are normally like, compared to their own.

Take part in an activity that explores an international issue.

Scouts could investigate different issues that are impacting on people and places around the world today.

They could look at the Covid-19 pandemic and see how it's impacting young people around the world.

Alternatively, they could look at environmental issues or poverty.

Remember to take photos to share your world.