

Virtual #YouShape

Ensuring Cubs is youth shaped throughout virtual Scouting...

Programme

Programmes shaped by young people mean they will be relevant and appealing to Cubs. Young people and adults working in partnership has always been at the heart of Scouting, it also gives young people skills to speak up and be heard.

Virtual Activity Idea- Six Questions (10+ mins)

What do I need?

Nothing!

What do I do?

Use this activity to review your programme.

Ask 1 Cub to think of their favourite thing they have done recently In Scouting. (They need to keep the idea In their mind and quiet)

Ask the rest of the Cubs to try and guess what their fellow Cub is thinking about, using only **six** questions to gather clues.

Keep track of the ideas the young people enjoy and use these as a springboard for future planning.

Virtual Activity Idea - Crime Scene (25 mins)

What do I need?

Zoom whiteboard

What do I do?

Use this activity to identify future pack leaders (sizers/seconders)

Use the Zoom whiteboard to draw the outline of a person.

Ask the young people to add their ideas about what makes the best:

- leader
- peer leader

Explore the comments with the Cubs, talking about if they are realistic and achievable.



Governance

Ensuring that the voices of Cubs is heard is vital to ensure that what we offer, is what young people want.

Holding regular pack forums is the easiest and most effective way to ensure what Cub meetings are offering are suitable and in-line with today's world. Young people influencing programmes also takes the pressure away from leaders to ensure they are up to date.

If you're having a virtual AGM or Group Executive meeting why not invite Cubs along to pitch an idea or project that they want. This could be a camp, day out or equipment for when we return to face to face Scouting.

Leadership

Peer leadership in Cubs is a great way to support young people to develop their leadership skills.

Peer leadership can give young people confidence and something to aspire to, when choosing sixers and seconders think about the qualities you are looking for:

- are they a role model?
- are they reliable?
- do they have experience of being a Cub?
- are they keen and willing to help others?
- will they set a good example to other Cubs?

It's also a good idea to set challenges for your sixers or seconders, this can also be linked towards their personal challenge badge.

These are all ideas for virtual Scouting now, but why not use them to plan, ready for when we return to face to face Scouting? It will empower Beavers, giving them the options to choose what they do when they return.