

# Virtual #YouShape

Ensuring Explorers is youth shaped throughout virtual Scouting...

## Programme

Programmes shaped by young people mean they will be relevant and appealing to Explorers. 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 - Scouting Sketch (20 mins)

#### What do I need?

Zoom whiteboard

#### What do I do?

This is a great activity for programme planning.

Set up the whiteboard so everyone has access to it.

Set a theme for the sketches, for example:

- what would the best meeting ever look like?
- what you're your favourite camp look like?

Ask the young people to fill the whiteboard with writing or sketches of their ideas.

### Virtual Activity Idea - Share the adventure

#### What do I do?

Use this activity to introduce Explorers to Young Leaders.

This activity may require some pre-planning but will be rewarding and help to develop the young person's leadership skills.

If you have any Explorers which are not Young Leaders at the moment ask them if they would consider running an activity on Zoom.

Ask your local Beaver/Cub group if they have an opportunity to have an Explorer run an activity.

As a leader you will be able to see what leadership/planning skills the Explorers have.



## Governance

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

Holding regular youth forums is the easiest and most effective way to ensure what Explorer 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 Explorers 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 Explorers is usually in the form of Young Leaders.

Find out more about Young Leaders here: [norfolkscouts.org.uk/young-leaders](http://norfolkscouts.org.uk/young-leaders)

Young Leaders is a great opportunity that allows Explorers to:

- gain knowledge, skills and confidence required to become an effective leader
- further their own personal development
- work towards other awards (DofE)
- acquire the skills that are needed for the adult training scheme

The young leader schemes has 11 modules and 4 missions that all work towards developing and enhancing skills Explorers may already have.

Young Leaders are a valuable asset to any section, so make sure they are recognised and rewarded for their commitments.

**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.**