

Virtual #YouShape

Ensuring Scouts is youth shaped throughout virtual Scouting...

Programme

Programmes shaped by young people mean they will be relevant and appealing to Scouts. 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 - Dragons Den (60 mins)

What do I need?

Task brief
Panel of judges
Zoom breakout rooms

What do I do?

This is a great activity for activity planning and finding out what Scouts want to do.

Create the brief, for example:

- what new adventurous activity should we try?
- what national or International camp should we attend?

Then break it down into the components you want them to consider, such as:

- pricing
- location
- transport

Split the Scouts into breakout rooms to discuss and research their ideas, encourage them to be unique in order to stand out to the judges!

When they are finished ask each group to pitch their idea to your panel of virtual judges, the group who wins gets to see their idea in action when possible!

Virtual Activity Idea - Cool Wall

What do I need?

Padlet account (<https://padlet.com>)

What do I do?

Use this idea for ongoing programme/activity feedback.

Sign up for an account.

Create your Padlet wall, make sure it is private and locked with a password. (It's also a good idea to ensure you have the profanity filter on!)

Allow others to post on the wall.

Share the link and password with your Scouts and explain that they can leave feedback on the programme and activities.



Governance

Ensuring that the voices of Scouts 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 Scout 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 Scouts along?

Leadership

Peer leadership in Scouts is a great way to help develop their confidence and leadership skills which will become more useful as they make their way through Scouts.

A Patrol Leader or Assistant should not necessarily be the oldest Scout, but instead the one who can lead a team, who is good at sharing and is kind.

Patrol leaders should:

- help with planning
- take the lead during ceremonies
- be a role model
- run activities
- welcome new Scouts
- learn by doing

You can also set personal challenges for your Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders, this can count towards their personal challenge badge too.

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.