



Introduction

Welcome to Issue 6 of Explorer Scout eNews. It is now over a year since the first issue of this newsletter, and we hope you find it helpful in keeping you informed about the work of the UK Programme Team, and in passing on news and information. If you have any comments about the content, or suggestions for information you would like us to include, please let us know using the contact details below.

Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leader)

The role of an Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leader) is one which is invaluable to the support and development of the Young Leaders' Scheme in the District.

We are really keen to hear how the promotion of this role is working in your District. We are also challenging all Districts, who do not have this role filled, to look closely into appointing an Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leader) and move the Young Leaders' Scheme forward.

Moving in Moving on Project

In past editions we have introduced you to the study being undertaken by Heather Hale (Kent) and Chas Hawkins (Merseyside) across a number of Districts. This study is still going very well and is fast approaching the next round of questionnaires to be sent to the young people participating.

As well as this study, we are still extremely keen to hear how the transition from one Section to the next is carried out locally to you.

Please send in any examples to Gemma Veitch, using the contact details below.

Young Leader Module Delivery

Young Leaders' Essentials is the adult resource produced to be used alongside the Explorer Scout Young Leaders'

Scheme. It would be helpful to know how you have adapted the module delivery to suit your local needs. This could be simply letting us know how you deliver each module as well as examples of resources you have produced to assist with the delivery of these modules.

Section Age Flexibility

The flexibility of the age ranges within Sections is designed to allow young people to move on with friends and at a time which is more suitable to them.

We are interested to hear how this flexibility is helping or hindering local Scouting.

If you have any views or examples on the topic please let us know.

Local Support

If you plan to run your own local support event for leaders, to promote the development of Explorer Scouting in your patch, and would like advice or support, please feel free to ask by contacting Gemma. Information about the sort of support we are able to offer can be found at www.scoutbase.org.uk/6to25/explorer/supportdaysinformation.pdf.

Young Leaders

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire on the Young Leaders' Scheme over the winter period.

We have now collated all the results and found them to be very interesting reading.

Please find attached the collated results from this questionnaire.

As always, if you have any comments or queries don't hesitate to contact us.

<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/6to25/explorer/youngleader/results.pdf>

<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/6to25/explorer/youngleader/appendix.pdf>

Home Contact

As you have probably seen in the previous issue of Explorer eNews, we are currently conducting a review of the Home Contact system. Following the responses we received the review group have put together a consultation document. This consultation document is available for all to view, and we would welcome comments on this from anyone who wishes to contribute.

www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/homecontact.pdf

Regional Workshops

The Programme Team Regional Development Advice and Support Workshops will be starting soon and we are looking forward to meeting with you again and some of you for the first time. The workshops will be both informative and relaxing, with opportunities to meet with other AAC/ACC's and Leaders as well as members of the Beaver Scout Working Group. Here is a reminder of the dates for each region:

South West - 11 Oct 08
West Midlands - 11 Oct 08
North East - 8 Nov 08
South East - 15 Nov 08
Greater London - 16 Nov 08
East Midlands - 29 Nov 08
North West - 8 Feb 09
East of England - 29 Mar 09

We are currently working with colleagues in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales to identify the best way to offer a similar experience to Section supporters in those Countries.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Explorer Scout Development and Support Pack

As you read this, Chris Brammer (UK Adviser ES) and members of his working group are reviewing the 'DESC Welcome Pack'. The decision has been made to adapt it to the 'Explorer Scout Development and Support Pack'. Work is going well with this resource and it will be available soon.

Young Leader Certificate

The team has been working on producing a certificate to be used in conjunction with the Young Leaders' Scheme. This work is progressing rapidly and the certificate will be available very soon. Thank you to everyone who sent in their local versions and ideas to the office.

Challenging Areas of the Programme

While we are sitting reviewing our past month/terms plans or participating in a Unit Planning Forum organising the up and coming programme, we often find that certain Zones in the Balanced Programme can be a bit more tricky to cover. To try and make this easier for everyone Chris Brewster and Chas Hawkins, members of the Working Group are reviewing the current content on Programmes Online for the Global and Values and Relationships Programme Zones.

As part of this work, Chris will be collating information on external organisations that have fantastic opportunities and ideas in these areas.

We also have articles in the Explorer Scout Supplement to Scouting Magazine with worked examples of activities which link to each of the zones.

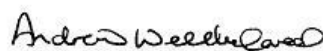
Back copies can be downloaded from <http://www2.scouts.org.uk/magazine/>

Youth Participation

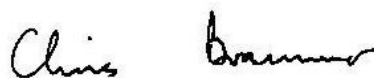
An area we are currently focusing on is youth participation. In particular we are looking at the use of Section forums, and any other young people's forums that take place at District or County/Area/Region level. The Youth Participation Working Group is keen to hear about a range of good practice in this area.

Please send any comments and examples of successful forums to Steven Moysey: steven.moysey@scout.org.uk

Thank you in anticipation for all your comments and ideas you pass on in response to this edition.



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