

# South East Scotland Scouts

## Young Leaders with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts – notes for section leaders and GSLs

**Young Leaders are an extremely useful resource for the younger sections. The experience of being a Young Leader is also extremely rewarding, particularly if all the training is completed, and Young Leaders are one of our main sources for recruiting the adult leaders of the future. The section leader plays a crucial role in giving YLs the opportunity to put their training into practice.**

### General – for all Districts

1. To become a YL a young person must be registered with District via the ESL (YL) who is responsible for all YLs in the District and who must be consulted before a placement is arranged. Primary registration for a YL should be done following the procedure outlined in POR Rule 14.12 by the leader of their ESU or by the ESL (YL) if they are a member only of the District YL Unit.
2. Contact with the Explorer Scout Leader (YL) should be made by the Section Leader with the full knowledge and approval of the GSL.
3. The Scout Association's advice that a period of six months should elapse before YLs can operate in their old troop should be followed. Where geography permits YLs should be encouraged to move to a different group as this will broaden their experience.
4. There should be no more than 3 YLs in a section.
5. A Placement Agreement using the current SE Region form must be set up for each YL by the ESL (YL) to ensure that all parties understand their responsibilities. This will be signed by YL, Section Leader or GSL, and ESL (YL), who keeps it and issues a copy to the others. The YL should show it to their parent/guardian.
6. The YL should operate in one specific section in the named Group. If, in exceptional circumstances, an additional section is agreed by the YL, the GSL and the ESL (YL), another Placement Agreement should be completed.
7. All YLs (including DofE candidates from outwith Scouting) must complete Module A within three months. All YLs should be encouraged to complete more (and hopefully all) of the modules and missions required for the award of the Young Leader's Belt.
8. The Safeguarding Policy of the Scout Association applies to the Young Leader just as it does to any other young person under 18 years. The ESL (YL) will issue the YL with the 'Orange Card' which is a modified version of the adult leader's 'Yellow Card'. The YL should carry this at all times.
9. A YL must be supervised by an adult leader at all times, and YLs should never be given sole responsibility over a group of younger people.
10. If a YL takes part in any residential or adventurous activities as a Young Leader their parent or guardian's permission should always be obtained.
11. On a Nights Away a YL must have separate sleeping accommodation to both adult leaders and Scouts.
12. A YL should not normally be expected to pay for a camp or outing for the section they are helping.
13. DofE candidates from outwith Scouting must also be registered immediately and only for the period required by their DofE. This will be recorded in the Placement Agreement and at the end of that period they must cease to be a YL or become an Explorer Scout. Failure to observe this rule has serious implications for insurance.
14. All YLs other than those mentioned in the previous bullet point are Explorer Scouts and can participate in all ES activities, whether they belong to a specific Unit or only the Young Leaders' Unit. They should be encouraged to do so.
15. It should be noted that YLs using their role for the Volunteering section of DofE (whether with Scouting, school or elsewhere) must complete the minimum training requirements (Module A and two additional hours of training per level) before their Assessor can sign them off by submitting their report.
16. A YL cannot continue as a Young Leader beyond their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
17. The ESL (YL) may arrange for YLs to record their progress using the Logbook available on the Scouts UK website, but nothing there should be taken as modifying this document or the Placement Agreement.

### Relevant information

Prepared handbook for all adult leaders, Chapter 5

Adult Training Module 12 (A)

[UK factsheet FS103965 Young Leaders – Information for Beaver, Cub and Scout Leaders](#)

[UK factsheet S103966 Working with Young Leaders in Your Section](#)

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### Edinburgh North East District

#### People

##### District Explorer Scout Commissioner (DESC)

Your DESC is **Bernard Lyons**, who is responsible to the **DC Rob Whitelaw**. Bernard is responsible for all Explorer Scouts in the District.

##### Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leaders)

There is currently no ESL (YL). All Young Leaders in the District *automatically* belong to the Young Leaders' Unit, for which the DESC is responsible.

**Shona Webb** is responsible for ensuring that a Placement Agreement is signed for each YL and arranges for the training modules of the Young Leaders' Scheme to be available to all YLs.

There is currently no DESA (District Explorer Scout Administrator) in post.

#### Communication

Shona will pass information about training to all YLs and the assistance of section leaders is requested to ensure that this is passed on.

#### Membership Fees

If a YL is a member of a regular ESU, they will pay their membership fees there. If a YL is a member only of the YL Unit, the arrangement in Edinburgh North East District is that membership fees will be paid by the Group where they help. It is possible that DofE candidates from outwith Scouting may not be required to pay, but only if all insurance requirements are covered.

#### Uniform

When uniform is appropriate YLs should wear Explorer Scout uniform unless they are DofE candidates from outside Scouting. Details of the neckerchief etc will be agreed and recorded in the Placement Agreement.

#### Contacts for Edinburgh North East District

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#### Contacts for South East Scotland Region

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