

EXPLORER SCOUT DEVELOPMENT



HEALTH CHECKER FOR COUNTY EXPLORER SCOUT PROVISION

An aid to structured review of County provision.

	YES	NO
PEOPLE		
Does every District have a District Explorer Scout Commissioner?		
Does every District have a DESA?		
Do the Districts have enough leaders to run the Units in place?		
Have all the leaders (including DESC and DESA) received appropriate training for their role?		
STRUCTURE		
Are Districts happy with their structure and where Units are placed?		
Are all DESCs happy with the Partnership Agreements in place in their Districts?		
Do DESCs need support in implementing Partnership Agreements?		
RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION		
Are census figures showing a rise in members in the Explorer Scout section in the Districts?		
Do the Districts have strategy in place to support recruitment and retention of youth members and Leaders?		
Do I have a strategy in place to support DESCs in recruiting members and Leaders?		
PROGRAMME		
Do DESCs share their District's Programmes with one another as a method of sharing good practice?		
Do most Units in the County offer a Balanced programme?		
Are the Scout Association and Duke of Edinburgh's Award Schemes available to all who wish to participate?		
Do I support Programme around the County? How?		
MOVING IN AND MOVING ON		
Is there a clear strategy for transferring information and then members from the District Explorer Scouts provision to the County Network provision?		
Do Districts have Moving In and Moving On strategies in place?		
REPRESENTATION		
Do Districts have a District Explorer Scout Committee?		
If so, does it adequately reflect the District structure, and is it chaired by an Explorer Scout?		
Do we have a County/Area Explorer Scout Forum?		
If so what is its function?		
YOUNG LEADERS		
What provision is there in the Districts for Young Leaders?		
FINANCE AND RESOURCES		
Is Explorer Scouting adequately supported by the District Executive Committees?		
Are the mechanisms for financing Explorer Scouting in the Districts adequate and understood by all the leaders?		
Do I have a budget for supporting Explorer Scouting in the County / Area? What is it spent on?		
PUBLICITY		
Do we adequately publicise ourselves, within the County and to a wider public?		

You are bound to find other things which you will need to look at, consider and prioritise. This list is meant only as a simple checklist to make sure the basics are in place. You should now use the list to create your County Development Plan, prioritising actions, deciding who is responsible for each and allocating a timescale for review and completion. If there is an area that you are struggling with, talk to people and get the support you need.