

## Explorer Scout Support Events

### Introduction

The UK Adviser (Explorer Scouts) and his team are keen and willing to visit you and support the good work you do for Explorer Scouting locally. This may mean a visit to an activity or event, and we are happy to receive invites – but remember that diaries fill up fast, and generally we need around 6 months notice if we are to attend.

You may also want our help in running local support events for leaders, and we are also very happy to be involved. Below is some guidance on what we are able to offer for you, and what we would expect from you. Please note that these are support days, not training courses – though, as indicated, the content of the sessions will support the learning aspect of some of the modules of the Adult Training Scheme.

### What we expect from you

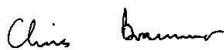
Generally speaking, we consider these support events to be your events, with a programme designed to address your local regional or county/area needs, and we expect that you will be responsible for the practicalities of the event with help and support from us. How much involvement we have in delivering the programme is largely up to you – we will deliver all or only some of the sessions, whatever you prefer. However, we would ask you to provide the following:

- A suitable venue – large enough for all expected participants, with appropriate numbers of “break out” rooms and space for catering etc.
- Accommodation for your participants (if required) along with arrangements to feed them (whether you feed them or they bring their own food is up to you).
- Joining instructions and publicity for the event.
- Sufficient participants to make the day worthwhile (how many really depends on what you want to achieve, and on your programme).
- Depending on the programme and type of event, we may ask you to find people to act as “facilitators” for groups of participants.
- A smile and a warm welcome for the UK headquarters volunteers and staff who come to support you.
- For a weekend event, if you wish to have a “social” activity on the Saturday night, we would leave arrangements for this to you.

### What the UK Adviser and his team will do for you

We can offer the following:

- Volunteers and HQ staff to support the event, all of whom will have experience and knowledge of Explorer Scouting sufficient to deliver a quality support event.
- Resource material to support the event – including physical resources such as a multimedia projector, flip charts etc, if you are unable to supply these.
- A good programme, with as much input from you as you would like. An example is given over the page. This can easily be adapted/broadened to suit a weekend.
- Usually we will be happy to arrange accommodation and food for our team, although you may prefer that we are accommodated with you and your participants.
- All transport arrangements for our team.
- Provide lots of advice on all aspects of the organisation of your event, depending on how much help you need.



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**County/Area/Regional Explorer Scout Support Day – Example Outline Programme**

Time	Session	Facilitator	Notes	Supports which modules in the adult training scheme
09.30	Registration and coffee			
10.00	Welcome and introductions			
10.15	SESSION 1 Development planning and self review		Group into “district teams” if possible.	Module 12 Module 13 Module 21 Module 22
11.00	SESSION 2 The Balanced Programme		For group work, group DESCs together and unit leaders together, if possible.	Module 12 Module 22
12.45	LUNCH			
13.30	SESSION 3 Moving in and moving on		Group into “district teams” if possible.	Module 13 Module 21
14.15	SESSION 4 Involving young people in planning/decision-making/review		Group into “district teams” if possible.	Module 12 Module 22
15.15	SESSION 5 Open forum - questions			
15.45	District discussion time		District teams encouraged to leave with the nucleus of a development plan.	
16.15	Finish			