
Introduction

Welcome to the fourth edition of Scout Network eNews.

The UK Scout Network Programme Support Working Group has continued to meet and has a number of projects well under way. The volunteers and staff at UK Headquarters are working hard to support you, and help continue the year on year growth of the Section.

The Scouts of the World Award

The UK Scout Network Working Group will be trialling the Scouts of the World Award over 2008 and 2009. The first part of this will be to run a trial Discovery (course). This will take place between the 31st July and the 3rd August 2008. The Discovery Course will focus on Environmental sustainability, however there will also be an opportunity for participants to reflect and express opinions on a wide range of issues from conflict resolution to project management. The Discovery Course will cost £30 per person and will include all costs of activities, accommodation and food. If you would like to take part in this unique opportunity please get in touch with Ed Wilson at:

scout.network@scout.org.uk.

Out and About

We are willing and maybe able to support any local development events you have organised - be this through running the day or weekend programme, delivering specific sessions as required or visiting to answer any questions that are raised. As our diary is already filling up for 2008 we generally need six months notice to organise for members of our team to be present. Please get in touch with Ed Wilson at scout.network@scout.org.uk if you are not sure what help/support we can offer: we are very happy to discuss your needs.

Scout Network Commissioners Forum

In April 2008 the UK Scout Network Working group will be re-launching the Scout Network Commissioners Internet Forum. The Forum has

been set up to allow Scout Network Commissioners the opportunity to share ideas and information as well as discussing different issues that currently face their Scout Network. The forum can also be used as a sounding board for different ideas as well as letting everyone know when different events will be taking place.

Each month a member of the Scout Network team will enter a topic on the forum, which is aimed to gauge your opinions on current project work being carried out. However, this does not stop you from posting your own topics to raise awareness of different issues facing the Scout Network. All CSNCs will receive a letter outlining the access arrangements for the forum.

Using your Scout Fellowship

Are you thinking about organising an event in your District or County, introducing new skills to your young people, or looking for something different to help Section Leaders run a meeting? If so, why not get in touch with your local Scout Fellowship to see how they may be able to help you.

Fellowships around the country do a variety of different things to help local Scouting including providing activities, teaching Scouting skills, helping with catering or service teams for events, and assisting with admin and paperwork. Often, members have specific skills and would be happy to spare some time to help you, but you need to ask them!

You may have local Fellowships at District or County level, and there are also National Fellowships who are active around the UK. If you would like to find out more about Scout Fellowship please go to www.scout.org.uk/fellowship or chat to your local Fellowship contact.

Green Footprint Award

Following on from the success of Challenge 100 in the Scout Section, the Green Footprint Award has been launched as a new, web-based resource for all Sections to use to prove their green credentials. The award, which has three stages (Bronze, Silver and Green!), allows Groups, Sections or small groups of Network Members to follow a progressive programme of activities and challenges designed to promote awareness of climate change issues and

make a difference in local communities. The award has been made possible through funding from the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and you can register online at:

www.scouts.org.uk/climatechange

Programmes Online

The Scout Network has a growing presence on Programmes Online. You can download everything from short time fillers to a ready-made Programme. Activities include all sorts, from short games to environmental projects and building boats. You can access Programmes Online at:

www.scouts.org.uk/pol.

The UK Scout Network Programme Support Working Group

The UK Scout Network Programme Support Working Group is currently working on several projects to aid support for the Scout Network. These projects are:

- Improving Support for the Queen's Scout Award.
- The creation a Scout Network Commissioners Pack.
- Scout Network in Universities.
- The Scouts of the World Award.
- Taking the Lead

If you would like any details of these projects or have any comments or questions, please get in touch with the UK Adviser for Scout Network Adrian Wray at scout.network@scout.org.uk.

The Scout Network Web Pages

We try to have as much relevant information as possible on the Scout Network dedicated web pages. We are always looking for new material and articles to put online, as well as programme ideas and events that you are running.

All the notes and information from the Scout Network Workshops can also be found on the web pages. You can find this at <http://www.scouts.org.uk/network/>.

To get items published please send your ideas to Ed Wilson at: scout.network@scout.org.uk.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Do you have an interest in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award? Would you like to help motivate and educate other adults within Scouting?

We are looking for a Project Leader to work within the National Activities Team to help drive the Award forward for the next two years. The appointment is a volunteer position working with the UK Adviser Activities to help achieve our D of E Development Plan. The focus of the next two year plan will be training and support for Leaders. For more information and an application form, go to:

www.scoutbase.org.uk/hq/jobs/volunteer.htm

Your Programme, Your Voice

The first pilot survey of this online direct survey to Cub Scout Leaders has been very successful, with over 370 respondents answering questions relating to Cub Pack management, the Programme and Moving-on. This has provided the Cub Scout Working Group with a great deal of information which will inform and support their work over the coming months and years. The second pilot survey in the Cub Scout Section will ask some more focussed and detailed questions, to further enhance the picture of real life scouting. This survey will take place in May, with a view to rolling the scheme out to other Sections later in the year.

Activities eNews

If you want the latest information from the Activities team at UKHQ, please visit www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/activities/news/enews and view their latest eNewsletter.

And finally....

Thank you for reading the fourth edition of Scout Network eNews. If you have any ideas that you feel would make future issues even more helpful, please do not hesitate to let us know.



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