

Information for Appointment Committees on the Scout Network

Scout Network has changed! All 18-25 year olds in membership roles of the association will now become Scout Network members too.

What does this mean for appointment committees? The following information and tips are aimed at supporting appointment committees when liaising with 18 to 25 year olds.

1. Who is a Scout Network member?

All young adults that are members of the association and are aged between 18 and 25 in Scouting are members of the Scout Network.

This applies to members holding the following roles:

- Section Leader / Assistant Section Leader (all sections)
- Group Scout Leader / Assistant Group Scout Leader
- Scout Active Support Manager
- District Commissioner / Deputy District Commissioner / Assistant District Commissioner
- District Explorer Scout Commissioner
- District Scout Network Commissioner
- District Scouter / District Explorer Scout Leader
- County Commissioner / Deputy County Commissioner / Assistant County Commissioner (including Area/Region/Bailiwick alternatives)
- County Training Manager / Local Training Manager (including Area/Region/Bailiwick alternatives)
- County Scouter (including Area/Region/Bailiwick alternatives)
- Safeguarding Awareness Co-ordinator
- County Media Manager (including Area/Region/Bailiwick alternatives)

The appointment committee should be making people who apply for these appointments aware of the Scout Network.

For a young adult applying for a role that is not listed above, they can choose to be an associate member of the organisation. If they would like to be a member of the Scout Network they can and would need to speak to the District Scout Network Commissioner who would be able to register them and get them invested into the section.

2. What does membership of the Scout Network involve?

Membership of the Scout Network enables young adults to be part of a section, participating in programme comprised of project and events.

The programme areas for the section are Adventure, International and Community.

Recognition of participation in the programme is through virtual badges issues on the digital platform. [Top awards](#) are also part of the programme to be achieved and these are; Chief Scout's Diamond Award, Queen's Scout Award, Explorer Belt and Scout's of the World Award.

3. What are the benefits to becoming a member of the Scout Network?

We know that young adults support the stated purpose and programme of the Scout Network which is to: *Engage 18-25 year olds in creating and participating in programme opportunities to experience an exciting personal adventure, achieve their full potential and make a positive mark on the world.*

- Shape and participate in life-changing adventurous, international and community activities.
- Develop valuable teamwork, leadership and life skills.
- Join free. Connect with 20,000+ others.
- Participate at a time, place and pace that suits you
- Continue Scouting in your District, especially if you've been a Young Leader
- Recognition! Awards and Virtual Badges supported by a digital platform where you manage your involvement with Scout Network

4. There is a UK Scout Network

In addition to the district network there is a UK Scout Network that all Scout Network Members are part of. The Network is supported by UK Scout Network Commissioners – like a District Network and the District Scout Network Commissioner. Being part of this network allows members to be truly connected with other members from across the UK. Follow them on twitter [@ukscoutnetwork](#)

5. Vetting and the Scout Network Guidance

Scout Network members do not require a DBS check, as Scout Network members are not adult volunteers but are required to be a member of The Scout Association which involves being recorded on the association's membership database.

If a Scout Network Member decides to undertake any activity which means that they are taking on the responsibilities of an adult volunteer (i.e. anything which means the Scout Network Member is providing care, training or supervision with or for young people aged under 18, rather than taking part in their own programme) they must hold the appropriate adult role for that activity and may also require a DBS check. The appropriate appointment processes should then be followed.

This could be an appointment with a regular commitment (such as Cub Scout Leader), but it could also be something like Scout Active Support Member or Skills Instructor. The key point is that they should have a role which reflects the activity that they are undertaking.

For more information on Safeguarding and Vetting for Scout Network please [visit member resources](#).