



Programme Planning Tool BETA

Information for Explorer Scout Young Leaders

As part of our [BETA preview of the new Scouts website](#) we've launched a brand new [Programme Planning Tool](#). With a bank of over 500 activities to support the Cub and Beaver Scout programmes, this tool can help Leaders and Explorer Scout Young Leaders to plan their terms and sessions with goals designed to help our young members earn badges and achieve awards.

This is an additional tool that you can promote during the delivery of module H – Programme Planning as an aid for Explorer Scout Young Leaders. This guide aims to help prepare you for any questions regarding its use, and to familiarise yourself with the workings of the tool, so that you are ready to encourage and guide others to use it themselves.

The tool can also be really useful for Explorer Scout Young Leader Missions

Mission 1: Game: Search under Games in the Activity Search area to get good ideas of games to play with your section

Mission 2: Activity: Search for activities you could run with the section, eg: activities that meet requirements of a badge you are working on.

Mission 3: Programme Planning: Use our Off the Shelf programmes for your section, or build your own

Mission 4: Delivery: use to tool to research, plan and organise your activity

The tool is still in development, so we welcome your feedback about any bugs you encounter, or features you'd like to see added in future.

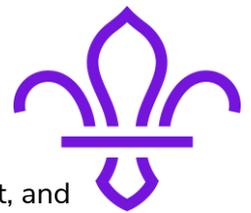
What is the Programme Planning Tool for?

The tool is designed to make programme planning quicker and easier for Leaders and Explorer Scout Young Leaders, and to help focus programme content to meet badge and award criteria. You can choose to set termly badge goals, drag and drop tried-and-tested activities into the programme, and see safety alerts and which resources are needed for each session.

Where can I find the tool?

The tool can be reached in a variety of ways, but the most direct is via the Volunteers tab > Planning your programme. You can also reach the tool when looking at any of our new [activity pages](#).

<https://beta.scouts.org.uk/programme-planner/plan/>



Is using the tool to plan a programme mandatory?

No – Leaders can choose to plan their programmes in whatever way suits them best, and can plan their programmes with or without using the Programme Planning Tool.

What are pre-made sessions and terms?

These are carefully curated ready-to-go programmes designed to include a range of varied activities that are challenging, relevant, and rewarding. They are perfect for Leaders who want to focus on delivering a balanced, high-quality programme but can't (for whatever reason) commit to planning it themselves. It also enables Explorer Scout Young Leaders to get more information and support so they can really get involved in programme planning and delivery too. These programmes can also be adapted to suit the needs and wants of Leaders and Young Members, so needn't be prescriptive.

Can Leaders use their own activities within the tool?

Of course. While we aim to provide a wealth of pick-up-and-go activity options for Leaders, there is always room for their own ideas. These can be added to a session by selecting 'Create' within the session planning screen.

How do you save planned programmes for later within the tool?

Any programmes planned will automatically be saved in the cache of the browser and device you are using. Simply re-open the tool in the same browser (and on the same device) to pick up where you left off. We will soon be introducing a way to save programmes to be accessed at a later date across multiple devices.

Can you export saved programmes to print or share with others?

Yes! Each session can be saved as a PDF suitable for printing or sharing digitally.

Most of the activities on the tool are for Cubs and Beavers. Can the tool be used to plan programmes for Scouts?

We have completed the first set of activities for Cubs and Beavers including everything needed to help young people get their Chief Scouts Bronze and Silver Awards. We are now working on Scout content, but over 150 suitable activities for Scouts are already available, mostly from our Staged Activity badges and our Community Impact Million Hands programme. Over 100 more Scout activities will be appearing on the site over the next year.