





DofE & Young Leader Quick Guide

What is a young leader?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explorer Scouts can become a Young Leader (YL) in the Beaver, Cub or Scout Section (POR 4.37a). They are members of the Young Leader Explorer Unit (4.37d) and must not have unsupervised access to youth members (4.37c). Young leaders do not need a DBS check. 			
How old is a young leader?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minimum age for an Explorer Scout to be a Young Leader is 13.5 years (see FAQ here) The minimum age for those doing DofE or who are members of Girlguiding UK is 14 years. 			
Who is the ESL (YL)? What support is there for ESL (YL)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leaders) is responsible for Explorer Scouts within the district and all Young Leaders are registered with the ESL (YL) and are part of the Young Leader unit. They can also be part of an Explorer Scout unit or just be an Explorer Scout Young Leader. The Young Leader's resource gives detailed information about running the section. 			
Can YLs help their old Troop?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes but there should be a six month break where perhaps they could get some experience in another section or troop. This will ensure they are seen to be a part of the Leadership Team. MORE 			
How many YL per section?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is recommended there are no more than 3 Young Leaders per section, to allow them to develop and complete their missions – this clearly depends on the numbers of young people & adults in the section. <i>It might be possible for young leaders to 'share' a role every other week to enable more YLs to help.</i> MORE 			
What about ratios?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young Leaders must not be counted in the ratios of adults to young people. Equally, Young Leaders do not need to be included in the ratios themselves. See POR rules 3.7, 3.8 & 3.9 appropriate to section. 			
What support is there for section leaders?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is information on the Scout Website and a Factsheet for section leaders. A placement agreement which is useful for clarifying responsibilities. Please remember Young Leaders should be part of the leadership team, play a full role within the section and be supported to complete their missions towards their belt buckle. 			
Who pays Young Leaders' membership fee?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This should be agreed at a local level. Standard practice is that if they also attend an Explorer Scout unit, they will pay subscriptions to that unit, be included in their census and have their membership fees paid accordingly. If the Young Leader is not involved in an Explorer Scout unit, the group should pay the membership fee to the district as they are only working in a voluntary capacity. This can be included in the placement agreement. MORE 			
Which uniform?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young Leaders wear the Explorer Scout uniform (except those just doing DofE – see below). MORE 			
What about nights away?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young Leaders must have their own accommodation, separate from young people in the section and over 18s attending the residential experience (refer to Orange Card). MORE 			
What training do YLs have to undertake?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a Young Leader Training Scheme with 10 modules. All Young Leaders must be issued with an Orange Card when they start and they must complete Module A (Prepare for Take-off) within 3 months of starting their role (POR rule 4.37b). Those doing DofE need to do module A for their first award and some additional training at each level of award. MORE 			
What are the modules?	<table border="0"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A – Prepare for take off B – Taking the lead C – That's the way to do it! D – Understanding behaviour E – Game on! </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> F – Making Scouting accessible G – Programme plans H – Programme plans plus I – What did they say? K – First Aid Masterclass </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTE: Module J has merged with G MORE information on YL modules PREPARING TO LEAD resource </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A – Prepare for take off B – Taking the lead C – That's the way to do it! D – Understanding behaviour E – Game on! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> F – Making Scouting accessible G – Programme plans H – Programme plans plus I – What did they say? K – First Aid Masterclass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTE: Module J has merged with G MORE information on YL modules PREPARING TO LEAD resource
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How can YL access the training?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most districts run Young Leader training – especially module A – ask your DESC or ESL (Young Leader) for information. There are also some weekends run which cover modules B to J, and some districts open their courses to other young leaders. You can find a list of Young Leader training dates on the County Website. 			
Who can run YL training and what are the resources?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This can be delivered by anyone with appropriate experience. You can find lots of resources on the Scout Website including information about the modules, suggestions for delivery, the PREPARING TO LEAD resource telling you how the modules are delivered and a video for module 12a. There is also a guide to planning a training weekend. There is also a Young Leader Logbook and print friendly version. 			
What awards can YLs get?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > YLs get the YL badge when completing Mod A (acorn badge) – there is also a woggle available for purchase > An additional badge is issued for each mission completed, which is sewn around the YL badge (four leaves) > When all 10 modules & the four missions are completed, the YL gets the belt buckle/certificate (left - top) and they can also wear the adult recognition badge (left – bottom) when they become an adult leader > Young Leaders can also use being a Young Leader as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Chief Scout / Queen's Scout Award. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">   </div>			
What are the missions? Who signs them off?	<p>Young Leaders can complete four missions to put learning into practice.</p> <p>Mission 1 involves running a variety of different types of games (minimum of three)</p> <p>Mission 2 involves planning and running an activity as part of the section or camp programme</p> <p>Mission 3 involves taking the sections programme ideas to a programme planning meeting</p> <p>Mission 4 involves responsibility for organising and running part of the sectional programme</p> <p>The ESL (YL) in conjunction with the section leader signs off the missions. MORE (missions) MORE (FAQ)</p>			
Can non-members doing DofE or Guiding be a Young Leader.	<p>Yes, see POR rule 4.37e, 4.37f & 4.37g, which is summarised below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are aged 14-18 and are undertaking the volunteer section of DofE or a Girlguiding UK award for a fixed period of time, as required by their award. They can only volunteer with their section (including camps) and not the wider Explorer Scout Provision. They complete training requirements: i.e. module A for their first award and some additional training at subsequent levels. MORE They are covered by Public Liability but not Personal Accident insurance MORE. <p>NOTE - They are not a member of Scouting and therefore do not pay any membership fees. MORE</p>			
Queries?	<p>Please contact us as below or the National Programme Team programme@scouts.org.uk.</p>			

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