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Planning your programme for the New Year

The New Year brings with it a chance for change, so dust off your programme and try something new. January is not only a time for reflection, it's also a time to look forward – to think about the coming year's programme and what you would like to see your section achieve. What could you focus on developing to make your 2018 programme the best yet?

Review your programme

Quality Programme Checker

The Quality Programme Checker is a tool designed to help you to review your programme, and make sure that you are delivering quality Scouting to the young people that you support.

This is a tool that can be used by Section Leaders and their leadership team, as an opportunity to reflect on the programme from the term or year. It uses a Red Amber Green (RAG) system in order to help identify successes and any areas where the programme can be improved.

Click on the links below to access the Quality Programme Checkers for each section:

[Beavers](#)

[Cubs](#)

[Scouts](#)

[Explorers](#)

[Explorer Scout Young Leaders](#)

Reviewing the Programme with your section

There are activities to help you review the Programme with young people in your section, within the Youth Shaped Scouting resources, for [Beavers](#), [Cubs](#), [Scouts](#) and [Explorers](#).

You can also use the [Climbing Wall of Youth Involvement](#) to review how youth-shaped your Programme is. For more information about this tool, see the [Youth Shaped Scouting](#) page.

Forward plan and get organised

Allow yourself time to plan with your team. Remember to invite peer leaders, Young Leaders and any occasional helpers along to add extra value.

Plan at least a term in detail, but consider putting together a rough outline of the year ahead. There are loads of resources on the [members site](#) that will help you plan your programme. And planning a term in advance will help you in busier periods later on in the year while also helping you see which badges and awards you have covered. Having a flexible plan will allow for you to develop the programme as you get young people's ideas and feedback throughout the course of the year.

Make use of [the great programme planner](#) that comes with Scouting magazine. You can plan out your whole term's programme and stick it on a wall in your meeting place so the whole team knows what's coming up each week.

While you are planning, start to think about some of the resources you might need, this will help to avoid those mad dashes to the supermarket on the evening before a meeting! It's a good idea to have clear time limits for planning meetings, so that everyone attending knows exactly how long the meeting will be and to ensure you don't get too bogged down in the details or side-tracked. An agenda will help with this.

Once the team has finished writing the programme, challenge them to go away and to have another look at a couple of sessions each. Is there a way they could make these even better?

Delegate

Build relationships

Set expectations with your section

Have a vision and share it

Grants for training to support adults in Scouting

The Scout Association has one fund to help support some of the training needs that adult volunteers in Scouting might have.

The King George VI Leadership Training Fund Adults undertaking training not related to the achievement of a Wood Badge, but still supporting their Scouting needs can apply to this fund.

The fund was created as *'a fund for projects connected or associated with the training of Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Members of the Scout Network, and potential and actual adults in Scouting upon application by Scout Districts, Counties, Areas, Regions, Countries or Headquarters of The Scout Association.'*

The fund supports:

- the provision of training equipment for adult training
- trainer training modules
- Young Leader training courses
- Executive and other sub-Committee training,
- first response and first aid trainer training
- NRSA Rifle shooting qualifications
- MIDAS training for driving minibuses
- DVLA D1+E training and assessment for minibuses and trailers

Wood Badge training or training that is being used to achieve a Wood Badge module will not be covered.

Training that relates to adventurous activities should be applied for **here**.

Applicants are eligible to apply through their Group, Unit, District or County/Area/Region for one of these purposes in each financial year. We do not make payment to individuals, only to Scout Groups, Districts and Counties/Areas/Regions.

No more than 50% of costs of the course, event or purchase will be agreed as a grant.

This fund uses a pre-agreement and post-payment model; this means that the grant must be applied for an agreed before the event or purchase, but the payment of the grant will be made afterwards following the processing of invoices and/or receipts by the HQ team.

To find out how to apply, and to access our application forms [click here](#).

I have only just found this letter is in my 'Junk' File. My computer must not have recognised Daragh's name. My apologies to Daragh and to readers.

Brian

Wonderful opportunity to help your fellow leaders as an LTM

Colleagues

Every year we help over 8,000 young people in Merseyside enjoy new adventures; to experience the outdoors, interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Working alongside our youth members are over 2,000 adult volunteers, in a huge variety of roles leading our youth sections or supporting those that do.

We have a great opportunity to join the Adult Support team, as a **Local Training Manager** to help our adult volunteers in your District - **Southport**, to develop their skills and experience so that they in turn can deliver a brilliant programme of activities for our young people.

The role will involve:

- Recruiting and managing Training Advisors.
- Ensuring that all adult training records are accurate and up to date.
- Working with the County Training Manager and wider Adult Support team to plan and manage the delivery of learning opportunities in their area of responsibility.
- Play a key role in the development of training opportunities across Team Merseyside

For more information and how to nominate or self-nominate: Please go to the 'vacancies' section on **Merseysidescouts.com**

Alternatively contact me Daragh O'Malley at daragh.omalley@merseysidescouts.com

Many thanks

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