



Introduction to the You Shape Award: Explorers

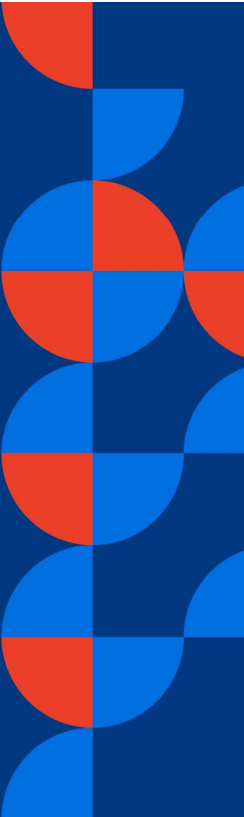
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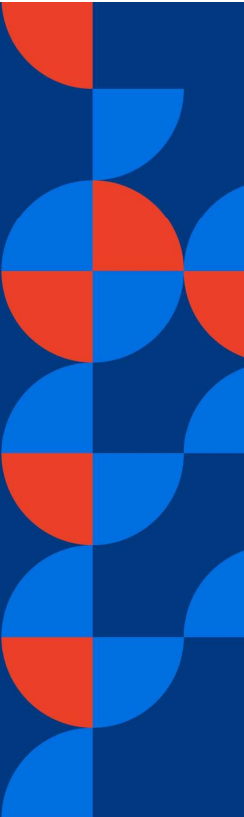


What is the award?

- This award is designed to help Explorers shape their own programme.
 - The aim is to provide more structured guidance when it comes to Youth-Shaped Scouting.
 - There are 4 parts to the award: a central badge, plan, lead and represent.
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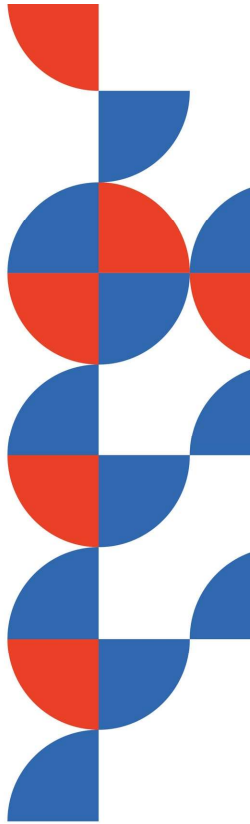


Why is the award special?

- This award is unique because the young person decides how many and which criteria they complete.
 - They also decided when they have completed the badge.
 - This gives the young person completed ownership of their award.
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Central Badge

- Choose one thing you'd like to change or deliver for Explorer Scouts in your District and make it happen.



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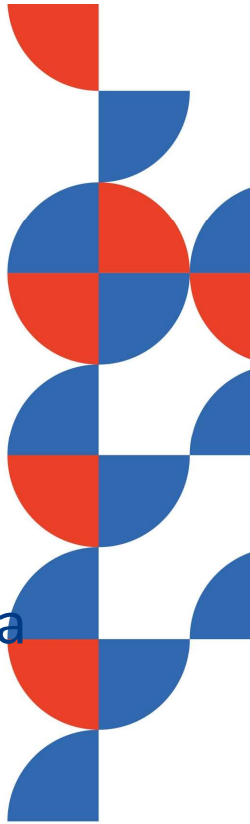
Plan

- Plan a district event.
- Think of a way to help people get better at something outside Scouts and share your idea in a Unit Forum.
- Plan an entire programme to help other Explorers achieve a specific skill, goal, or badge.
- Create an activity that helps young people not in Scouts to learn a Scouts skill.



Lead

- Help a new adult volunteer complete their induction.
- Lead a session for another Explorer Unit.
- Lead a Unit Forum for your Unit.
- Lead a two night camp with no adult volunteers. You'll need a Nights Away Events Passport.



Represent



- Work with a member of your District or County/Area/Region Executive Committee to research and propose something to improve Explorer Scouts in your District or County.
- Identify a group of potential adult volunteers and tell them about the benefits of volunteering with Scouts.
- Take part in a project with Explorers from across your District that uses skills you've learned at Scouts to help people in your community.
- Work with your Group Scout Leader, District Commissioner, or County Commissioner to lobby a decision maker about an issue that affects Scouts.

What Next...?

- Young People: Start thinking about what you would like your You Shape journey to look like and talk to your leader about it.
- Leaders: If you would like more information, visit one of the links below:
 - The Scout website <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/youth-shaped/youshape-award/scouts-youshape-award/>
 - The County website <https://gscouts.org.uk/youth-shaped>
 - Youth Commissioner Contacts <https://gscouts.org.uk/contact/county-contacts>.

