

SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE MOVING ON

SCOUTS

→ EXPLORERS

6 – 12 MONTHS BEFORE MOVING ON...

Keep up the momentum

Ensure older Scouts continue to enjoy a high quality programme that they have helped to plan.



Let Scouts know what they have left to complete for their Chief Scout's Gold Award and are supported in finishing it off.



Make sure Scouts have had the opportunity to develop their skills and confidence, as an Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader or Senior Patrol Leader.

Create opportunities for Scouts to learn more about Explorers

Identify Scouts in the Troop due to move on and in consultation with the District Explorer Scout Commissioner (DESC) decide on a good date for moving on.

REMEMBER Scouts move on anytime from 13.5 to 14.5 years. This flexibility ensures they can move up at a time that is right for them (for example, along with their friends).

TOP TIP As an introduction to Explorers, Scouts could be sent a 13th birthday card, from the DESC or the Explorer Scout Unit, with some information about Explorers. This could include details about where and when the Unit(s) meets.

MILESTONE Scouts have the opportunity to meet Explorer Scouts (including Explorer Scout Young Leaders).

TOP TIP A linking event, for older Scouts (eg 13+) and Explorers is a great way to support the transition.

TOP TIP Explorer Scout Young Leaders could work with leaders to plan and run a linking event, for Mission 4 of their Young Leaders' Scheme training.

Share information about the opportunities in Explorer Scouts, including the Explorer Scout Young Leaders' Scheme and top awards such as the Explorer Belt.

Give Scouts the opportunity to get to know the Explorer Scout Leaders.

TOP TIP The Explorer Scout Young Leaders' Scheme video provides a good introduction to what being an Explorer Scout Young Leader is all about.

TOP TIP Explorers could share their international adventures, for the presentation part of their Explorer Belt, or stories of their expeditions for other top awards.

TOP TIP Explorers could visit Troops to share skills with Scouts. This could be running activities as part of their International, Community and Values list, for their top awards.

REMEMBER

TOP TIP

MILESTONE

1 – 2 MONTHS BEFORE

Help them decide by trying it out

Link Scouts up with Scouts in other Troops who are due to move on.

TOP TIP This could be through a District awards ceremony/ event to celebrate Scouts who have achieved their Chief Scout's Gold Award.

Provide flexible options for Scouts to try out different Units, to see which works best for them.

At this stage Scouts should decide which Unit they want to join.

TOP TIP Communicate with parents/carers, to make sure they understand the process.

REMEMBER The Explorer Scout Young Leaders' Scheme is part of the Explorer Scout section. Some young people will want to focus on the Explorer Scout Young Leaders' Scheme while others will want to focus on other aspects of the Explorer Scout Programme.

MILESTONE Scouts attend both Scouts and Explorers for at least three sessions, as part of their Moving On Award.

1 MONTH BEFORE

See them journey into Explorer Scouts

Let Scouts know where to buy their Explorer Scout shirt from.

MILESTONE Scouts are presented with their Moving On Award.



Scouts can now be invested into their new Explorer Scout Unit, as Explorer Scouts.

REMEMBER Make sure young people are aware of the different versions of the Promise.

Support Explorer Scouts to enjoy a quality Explorer Scout Programme.

REMEMBER If Explorers left Scouts without quite finishing their Chief Scout's Gold Award, they can still complete it in their first term.