

# Hello!

Your Scout is being invited to participate in a research project being carried out by The Scout Association (TSA) to help inform the next organisational strategy. Please read this information carefully and let us know if you have any questions.

## **What's this all about and why am I being contacted?**

Young people are at the centre of everything we do at Scouts which is why they will be taking a leading role in shaping the next strategy. Our organisational strategy outlines our goals and priorities and the steps we need to take to achieve them. It's like a roadmap that helps guide our decisions and actions over the next few years. We're going to be speaking to young people of all ages from Squirrels to Network to find out about what they think should go into this strategy to ensure they lead the way for the organisation for years to come.

All our conversations, workshops and activities will be focussed on exploring the answers to these questions:

- What is the best thing about Scouts?
- What could make Scout better?
- What do you get out of Scouts?
- What would you like to get out of Scouts in the future?
- What will keep you in Scouts in the future?

## **How is my Scout going to be taking part and what are the advantages and disadvantages of taking part?**

Your Scout will be taking part in fun activities and games providing input related to the topics listed above. These games and activities might be delivered solely by their leaders or with a member of the project team. We'll make sure that Scouts of all ages, abilities and experience are able to feedback their thoughts and opinions and shape the organisation for years to come.

In terms of the benefits of participation in this project, your Scout's involvement will ensure the next strategy has been envisioned, contributed to and developed through a user-centred approach.

In relation to risks, you may be concerned about them being identified and how this may affect your/ their relationship with TSA (The Scout Association). However, participation in this research will have no bearing on your/ their position within TSA. For information about how we ensure confidentiality and manage personal data, please see the "***What personal information will you collect and store and will our participation be anonymous and confidential?***" sections below.

**Will I be paid?**

No, you will not be paid for your involvement in our project.

**Will my Scout be recorded, photographed or filmed?**

No, your Scout will not be recorded, photographed or filmed whilst taking part in this research

**What personal information will you collect and store and will participation be anonymous and confidential?**

We will not ask any young person taking part in these activities for any personal data, all insights and research will be collected anonymously. All arrangements for the session will be made in collaboration with your leaders.

Your participation in the research will be kept confidential to the project team. Any data will be anonymised during data collection. However, there may be limits to this, like if there are serious concerns about your safety or the safety of others, we will work in line with the safeguarding policy outlined on the [Yellow Card](#).

**What are my rights? Do I have to take part?**

Please make your leader aware if you do not wish to take part. If you do decide to take part in our research you are still free to withdraw, modify your consent or withdraw your consent at any time, without giving a reason, by getting in touch with us. However, it may not be possible to remove your data from the project once it has been anonymised. If you have any questions, get in touch with our Programme Delivery Executive, Annie Voller at [annie.voller@scouts.org.uk](mailto:annie.voller@scouts.org.uk).

If you're unhappy with the research, please tell us so that we can sort it out. You will not get into trouble; it helps us keep you safe and improve how we work. You can make a complaint by reaching out to the Programme Delivery Executive, Annie Voller at [annie.voller@scouts.org.uk](mailto:annie.voller@scouts.org.uk).

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**We look forward to meeting you,  
The Programme Team**