

Make a community app

Design an app that helps people to stay safe and understand energy efficiency

Suitable for Scouts

You will need

- pens
- paper
- computer (optional)

Instructions

1 Discuss with your young people that they will be designing an app that will support people in their community. Ask them to come up with a fun name, icon and slogan that tells people what their app will be used for. They should think creatively about what it will look like, and how to make it attractive and user-friendly.

2 The young people should then design three key pages of the app, either on paper or on a computer: a community map, a safety page and an energy-efficiency page.

3 The community map could include key locations in their local community including: doctors' surgeries, transport stations and routes, community areas such as public parks, theatres and sports centres, places of worship, museums and schools.

4 They should think about special features that this map could include, such as places that members of the community may be able to find out about the Priority Service Register. This is a free service that supports people

with additional needs during a power cut who rely on electricity for things like medical equipment. Go to **fundraising.scouts.org.uk/ukpowernetworks** for more information about it.

5 The safety page should include key messages and advice around electricity for people who live and work in their local community.

6 The energy efficiency page should include ideas on how to save energy in the home or community.

7 Share the young people's apps with UK Power Networks by tweeting pictures of them **@UKPNnews**.

Time needed
40 minutes

Badge



UK Power Networks partners the Scout Local Knowledge Activity Badge

Partner



Outcomes

Young people will get creative to come up with an app that supports people in their local community to understand about safety and energy efficiency.

Taking it further

The young people could take this activity further by creating a sales pitch for their apps. Each group could then put their pitch forward to the rest of the group or a panel.

More information

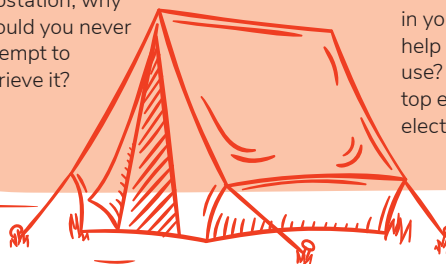
There is useful leader guidance for this activity at: **fundraising.org.uk/ukpowernetworks**.

Things to consider

Safety

When you are planning to go camping you need to do it safely. What would you look out for to decide where to pitch your tent or park your caravan?

Electricity substations are based in residential areas to supply electricity to homes, businesses, schools and more. If you kicked a ball into a substation, why should you never attempt to retrieve it?



Priority Service Register

Thinking about people who might need extra support in a power cut, where in your community do you think you could identify places to promote the Priority Services Register? Who do you think might need extra support?

Energy efficiency

Thinking about your home and places in your community, where could you help save money and reduce energy use? Can you come up with some top energy-saving tips to reduce electricity usage?