

County Programme Team

This team description is for Counties without Districts.

Purpose

The County Programme Team oversees and supports every section in the County to deliver safe and quality programmes for young people. To help do this, they bring Section Team volunteers together with activity experts. This also includes promoting and supporting Top Awards, and supporting Section programmes when activities or events are best done at County scale.

Who's in the team

- Programme Team Leaders
- Programme Team Members
- International Visitors (Scotland only) - The role enables those international visitors to Scotland to obtain a criminal record check (Scouts PVG disclosure) in order to be able to carry out a regulated role in Scotland.

Other volunteers are automatically members of this team because of their roles in Scouts:

- Team Leaders of any County Programme Team [sub-teams](#). For example, Top Awards Team, Events Team or Climbing Team.

Programme Team Members don't need to support a specific Section. Constructing the team in a more flexible way will attract more volunteers, utilise people's skills and make sure there are enough people in the team.

Tasks for the whole team

- Help Sections across the County work together.

Allocated tasks

Help Sections in the County improve their programmes:

- Support volunteers to share and make programme changes, such as new badges and activities.
- Promote, support and celebrate all Sections with [Top Awards](#), [Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#), [Young Leaders](#), and [YouShape Awards](#) so Section Teams have the chance to create amazing experiences.
- Support all Sections to deliver projects where all young people can have a positive impact in the community.
- Work with Team Leaders, Team Members, campsites and activity centres to make nights away events happen.
- Help volunteers gain their [Nights Away Permits](#).
- Keep an eye out for any learning that'll help Section Teams deliver a fantastic programme for all. The Volunteering Development Team can then give volunteers opportunities to develop and learn new skills.

Help Section Teams access expert advice and support:

Make sure:

- There are skilled people to support Sections' programmes (in areas where volunteers may not be experts themselves).
- Sections can access adventurous activities, either through permit holders or external providers.

Organise programme networking opportunities:

- Encourage Section Teams to share good practice across the County by creating opportunities to network.

Make sure Sections are set up to deliver quality programmes:

- Check volunteers across the County can easily do their assessments for activity permits.
- Help volunteers access training to get the skills for an activity permit or to become an assessor.
- Check there are enough assessors to cover activities in the permit scheme for volunteers across the County.
- Check the County Programme Team meets the 'Minimum Standards' and 'Good Practice' areas in the '[Activity Permit Scheme - Self-Moderation](#).'

Approve County activities and permits (when shared by the Lead Volunteer):

- [Visits abroad](#)
- [Adventurous Activity Permits](#)
- [Nights Away Permits](#)

Set up events in the County:

- Organise County events when Section Teams decide they're needed, and make sure they're [inclusive](#) and [accessible](#) to all.
- Set up networking and peer support at County scale so 14-24 and Section Teams can share best practice across the County.
- Create the leadership team for County-wide international trips, and encourage international trips and activities for Sections.

Other responsibilities

There are a number of [accreditations](#) which can be given to share specific responsibilities.

We expect that members of this team will take part in [regulated activity](#).