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| Who is a Young Leader?  How old is a Young Leader? | Explorer Scouts can become a Young Leader (YL) in the Beaver, Cub or Scout Sections (POR rule 4.37a.). All Explorer Scout Young Leaders are members of the Young Leader Explorer Unit (4.37d) and **must not** have unsupervised access to youth members (4.37c). The lower age flexibility (13.5-14) for Explorer Scouts also applies to Young Leaders, so young people who have moved to Explorers under this can also become Young Leaders. Young Leaders do not need a DBS. **Note**: There is no flexibility on the upper age of 18 - all members must move into Scout Network or, if appropriate, apply for an adult volunteer role via the standard appointments process. At 18, an individual is legally an adult and cannot be in a Youth Section. |
| Who is the ESL (YL)? | The Explorer Scout Leader (YL) is responsible for the Young Leaders in the District and all Young Leaders **must** be registered with the ESL (YL). |
| Can a YL help with their former Scout Troop? | Yes, but there should be a minimum break of twelve months. This will ensure that they are seen as part of the Leadership Team rather than as an older Scout. |
| How many Young Leaders are recommended per section? | It is recommended there are no more than 3 Young Leaders per Section, to allow them to develop and complete their Missions successfully. Some flexibility may be agreed depending on the numbers of young people and adults in the section. |
| What about Adult/Young People ratios? | Young Leaders **must not** be counted in ensuring correct ratios of adults to young people. Equally Young Leaders do not need to be included in the ratios themselves, (See POR 3.7, 3.8 & 3.9) appropriate to Section. They are the responsibility of the Leader in charge. |
| What support is available for Section Leaders? | There is information on the Scout website and a Fact Sheet for Section Leaders. Please remember to include Young Leaders in planning meetings and support them in acting in a leadership role within your Section. It is also important to support them in completion of their Missions to gain their Belt Buckle (FS103965/6). |
| Who is responsible for Young Leader membership fees (capitation)? | If the Young Leader is a member of an Explorer Unit, they will pay subscriptions to that Unit, be included in the Unit’s Census Return and their membership/capitation will be paid from their subscriptions paid to that Unit. If they are an Explorer Young Leader only then the Group will pay the membership (capitation) fee to the District. The Young Leaders will be declared on the Group’s Census Return in the relevant Sections. |
| Which Uniform? | Young Leaders should wear the Explorer Scout uniform (except those only doing DOE service). |
| Be clear on sleeping accommodation. | Young Leaders **must** have their own accommodation; separate from both the young people in the Section and the adult Leaders when attending residential experiences (see Orange Card). |
| What Training do Young Leaders undertake? | There is a Young Leader Training Scheme comprising of 11 Modules. **All Young Leaders must be issued with an Orange Card** and **must** complete a Module A within 3 months of starting (POR 4.37b). Volunteers completing DOE service must complete additional training dependent on the level of Award. |
| What Awards can Young Leaders achieve? | Young Leaders will receive a Module A badge after attending the Module A training. There is also a Module A woggle that can be purchased. An additional badge is awarded on completion of each Mission which are sewn around the Module A badge.  On completion of all 11 Modules and 4 Missions they are awarded the Young Leader Belt Buckle. If the Young Leader moves into an adult Leadership role at age18 they can wear the Young Leader Recognition badge on their adult uniform. |
| Duke of Edinburgh Service Only | BRONZE – 3 months involvement\* |
|  | SILVER – 6 months involvement |
|  | GOLD – 12 months involvement |
|  | \* at Bronze Level participants may choose to add the additional 3 months to this Section. |
|  | For direct entrants, selecting the service section to undertake their additional time requirements, six months must be added to the Silver and Gold Award requirements. |
|  | Involvement is to be measured in full months with an expectation of an average of at least one hour per week. There is flexibility as to how the hours are deployed within the total time span as long as there is regular involvement throughout. |
| Please note where MUST is used in this guidance - this in accordance with the POR. |  |