

# District Youth Commissioner

## Outline

A District Youth Commissioner has overall responsibility for Youth Shaped Scouting in their District. They work in partnership with the District Commissioner to ensure that young people from 6 – 25 years are involved and engaged in the decisions that shape their Scouting experience. We will also be looking for Deputy District Youth Commissioners this role will work alongside the District Youth Commissioner to ensure that the youth shaped objectives can be met and will be open to applications from anyone aged 14-25.

This will involve working with both adults and young people to ensure that young members feel empowered to offer their opinions and are listened to by adult members of Scouting. You will ensure there is an effective partnership between these two parties in Scouting.

You'll need to be comfortable presenting your views within an adult meeting environment as well as inspiring young people to engage in the decision making process at Scouting events.

## Time Commitment

The time required for the role is flexible, however you would be expected to attend regular District meetings. There is also a requirement to implement and lead a framework for youth involvement in decision making. The regularity of meetings would be up to you however a good guideline for a District Youth Forum is to meet at least once a term. In addition there will be meetings with the Berkshire County Youth Commissioner Team.

## Requirements

District Youth Commissioner must be 18 - 25 years old.

Deputy District Youth Commissioners/Team can be 14 – 25 years old.

Be able to inspire young people to take an active role in developing the future of Scouting.

Encourage adult members to provide Youth Shaped Scouting.

To be persuasive when presenting the views of young people in the District.

Must complete a DBS check (DYC only)

Successful completion of the appointments process; application, approval and appointment.

Must complete relevant training (DYC only)

## Responsibilities

- Implementation and use of a framework such as a District Youth Forum or any other means to ensure that young people's voices are heard.
- Attend various District level meetings to represent the views of young people in the District.
- A member of the District Executive
- Provide support to adult members to allow them to carry out youth shaped Scouting, this may involve both programme ideas and developing their general understanding.
- Meet with young people across the District to get an understanding of their views.
- Attend events across the District to promote Youth Shaped Scouting in the District.

- Work with the County Youth Commissioner Team and other District Youth Commissioners in Berkshire to ensure an effective message is portrayed.
- Grow the team as you see fit and manage any further additions to the District Youth Team.