



Join-in badge criteria (v12)



1 Berkshire Scouts Join-in programme

The Berkshire Scouts Join-in programme is provided to support sections in engaging in international aspects of Scouting at weekly section Meetings. The join-in programme also links to recent and forthcoming county international activities as well as other global issues.

2 Criteria for the gaining the Join-in badge



A Join-in badge will be awarded to all individuals within a section providing four different world areas/issues or county international activities (see below) are featured in full evening programmes. For example, a section may deliver an evening programme per month to cover four world areas/issues over a four-month period or more.

The programme can be face-to-face or online, or a blend of both.

Some resources are available from the [Berkshire Scouts Join-in web page](#) to help kick-start your programmes but **it is encouraged that sections also plan and deliver their own international programme content.**

Whilst the younger sections (Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts) are likely to base their international programmes on fun and games, the older sections may want to get involved in world issues such as plastics; clean water; refugees; environment; health; hunger; poverty; sustainability; education; equality; clean energy; climate; etc.

3 International activities (including county events)

[Uganda – Africa](#)

(Theme: international community projects)

Berkshire Scouts have taken part in community projects in Uganda since 2010 and plan to visit again in the future. Deliver a programme based on this great on-going project. Get to know your peers in an African country.

[Project Africa Challenge Badge](#)

(Theme: young people supporting young people)

Taking part in the *Project Africa Challenge Badge* which can be used as one of the four world areas/issues. Lots of programme resources are available from Project Africa web page.



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[24th World Scout Jamboree – USA](#)

(Theme: Unlock a new world)

Although this WSJ was held in 2019 there are still many participants from Berkshire Scouts willing to share their experiences and make an enjoyable evening programme.

[25th World Scout Jamboree – South Korea](#)

(Theme: draw your dream)

This WSJ will take place in 2023 and plans are already underway. It's likely that Berkshire Scouts will be selected early 2022 to take part in the event. In the meantime, discover South East Asia through an exciting evening programme.

[Alps 2022](#)

(Theme: adventure!)

Plans are underway for adventurous activities that will take place in the mountains and waters of the Alps. Use the stunning scenery of the Alps to create an evening programme based on protecting the environment.

[16th World Scout Moot 2022 – Ireland](#)

(Theme: together)

The World Scout Moot provides an opportunity to explore the meaning of 'Moot' and to get to know the 'Emerald Isle'.

[JOTA-JOTI](#)

(Jamboree-on-the-Air & Jamboree-on-the-Internet)

JOTA-JOTI is the world's largest digital Scout event taking place on the internet and over the airways every year in October.

[Race round the World](#)

An 'epic virtual challenge' from The Scout Association to raise funds for Scout Groups hit hardest by Covid-19.



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4 Programme ideas/themes

The table below gives example elements that can be used in your international programme:

Programme ideas for starters	
Beavers	You don't have to travel far and wide to learn about how the world works. Discover a range of exciting cultures and traditions via these links: Beavers My World Challenge Award ; the Beavers Global Issues Activity Badge and the Beavers International Activity Badge .
Cubs	Discover a whole world of cultures and traditions via these links: Cubs Our World Challenge Award ; the Cubs Global Issues Activity Badge ; the Cubs Environmental Conservation Activity Badge ; and the Cubs International Activity Badge .
Scouts	Check out the badge requirements for the World Challenge Award ; the Scouts Global Issues Activity Badge ; and the Scouts International Activity Badge .
Explorer Scouts	Explorer Scouts could address several of the options in the International and Environmental activity lists, eg: offering to run Join-In evenings for younger sections. There's also the Explorer Global Issues Activity Badge ; the Explorers International Activity Badge .
Community	Identify the 'Need' section (requirement 1) of the Community Impact badge. You could build on this introductory evening to set up an activity that gets your section through the whole award.
Games	Use the Berkshire Scout website resources (see 5 below) or other online resources, eg: Global programme ideas from The Scout Association.
Cooking	Cooking is an obvious international activity but go that bit further and explain where the ingredients come from, or how they are farmed, etc. Fair Trade also fits this activity.
Issues	Create a discussion/game around a world issue. For younger sections it can be about 'what's fair, or not fair'. Older sections can think about impact and solutions and perhaps take some kind of action. Check out Scouts for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
Presentations	Invite participants from international activities (this can be before or after the activity), and/or invite external organisations/agencies to explain their international involvement.
Make something!	Eg: pots; weaving; baskets; masks; hats; blankets; flags; crafts; wire toys; necklaces; lanterns; etc. You'll find lots of these resources on the Project Africa global awareness programme web page.
Music & Dance	Select some appropriate music and dance. Dressing up for the occasion will add even more fun. African drums are a way to get lots of people involved!
Nature and the environment	An activity based on animals; the environment; or even natural disasters – especially if there is something topical in the news. Can you help?
Sports	How about a fun Olympic games evening!
Health	Understand health issues that threaten different communities; clean water; air pollution; preventable diseases; etc. The World Health Organisation (WHO) is a useful website.



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Badges & Awards	Visit the Berkshire Scouts website (see 6 below) to look at elements from badges and awards so the section can gain new badges and awards as well as the Join-in badge.
Take part!	Take part in an international activity or event. This can be within Scouting, eg: WINGS 2021 , or with some other international event, eg: a float in a carnival; local fete; etc.
Outdoor activities	
The programme can be outdoors on a special evening or part of a camp or other activity, eg: a chance to build shelters or wigwams; an environmental project; etc.	
Fundraising	
The Join-in programme is also an opportunity to do some fundraising for projects linked to the Berkshire Scouts events, eg: Project Africa , as well sections researching other good causes such as relief charities, etc.	

5 Other resources

The following resources may also help in starting to plan your international programme evenings:

[Project Africa global awareness programme](#)

[The Scout Association global programme ideas](#)

[World Scout Organisation Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#)

[Supporting refugees and displaced children](#)

[Protecting our environment](#)



Plan an evening programme to help with [plastic pollution](#) awareness



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6 Other badges and awards

The Join-in programme also encourages sections to look at the criteria for international badges and awards, as well as top awards, so these awards can be gained alongside the Join-in badge. You will be surprised how easy it is to use weekly programme content to 'tick off' criteria for many badges and top awards! Visit the following links for more information:

[International awards and badges](#)

[Top awards](#)



One of your four international programmes for the *Join-in Challenge Badge* (or activities from the *Project Africa Challenge Badge*) can also be used towards completing the international Scouting part of the [Berkshire Scouts @home Challenge Badge](#).

7 Claiming your join-in badges

To claim your Join-in badges, simply send us some evidence on how your section has met the Join-in criteria – we would love to see your photographs. Note: photographs may be used on the Join-in web page to share ideas with others. Evidence, with number of badges required, should be sent to:

join-in@berkshirescouts.org.uk

8 Project Africa Challenge Badge





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The [PA Challenge Badge](#) remains available to sections and the evening programme used for the Uganda 2019 & Project Africa part of the Join-in programme can be used towards completing the PA Challenge Badge.

9 Further information and enquiries

Please contact:

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