



Project Africa Information Sheet (PA Challenge Badge)



PA Challenge Badge

A Berkshire Scouts' international community development programme

Project Africa (the programme)

Project Africa is an international community development programme launched by Berkshire Scouts in 2010 and includes the *PA Challenge Badge* as well as other strands (listed below).

The main theme of *Project Africa* is **young people supporting young people**. The programme is designed to help Berkshire Scouts understand the lives of their peers in African countries. The programme also offers opportunities for Scouts of all ages to contribute directly to the project.

PA Challenge Badge (criteria)

The *PA Challenge Badge* is open to all Sections.



The badge/award is unique to Berkshire Scouts and can only be gained by participation in a number of activities. To achieve the badge/award each person will need to complete at least four of the following *Project Africa* themed activities:

- a cultural activity or learning experience;
- a food related activity;
- a physical activity;
- a creative activity;
- a fundraising activity (to support *Project Africa*);
- take part in at least 3 Africa themed games;
- provide and run an Africa related activity for a group of young people.

Resources to support the above tasks can be downloaded at:

[Global awareness programme resources](#)

The activities being completed for the *PA Challenge Badge* should be appropriate to the section undertaking them, ie: more challenging for the older sections.

Note: the *PA Challenge Badge* can be added to OSM records via the add badge section.

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When completing the *PA Challenge Badge*, don't forget the activities will also support elements of the Scout award/badge schemes, in particular the *Our World* challenge badge and international activity badges and awards in each Section. Explorer Scouts could also structure activities to support the *Platinum* and *Diamond Chief Scouts Awards*.

To obtain the badge/award for your section or Group you will need to advise the *Project Africa* team that you have completed the tasks required for the badge and how many individual badges you will be awarding.

As the *Project Africa* team wish to keep developing the resources available on the website (see GAP below), the team require copies of the programme and resources used to achieve the badge/award as well as some photographs of the young people taking part in the activities (please note the photographs may be used for promotional purposes unless you tell the team otherwise).



Scouts taking part in the PA Challenge Badge

Requests for badges

Please send requests for badges, along with the 'evidence' of completion, to:
projectafrica@berkshirescouts.org.uk

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Other Project Africa strands

PA Global Awareness Programme (GAP)

GAP offers programme resources to support section programmes with an Africa theme as well as directly supporting the *PA Challenge Badge*. The resources can be filtered for the kind of activity as well as size of group taking part in the activities:

[Global awareness programme](#)

Project Africa visits to Uganda (2019; 2015 & 2011)

PA Uganda 2019



(left) refurbishing school classrooms



(right) renovation of two 'Bandas' at the Buwenda Scout Campsite

134 Explorer Scouts and leaders took part in Uganda 2019. Community projects (renovation and construction work) were based at three sites: Buwala and Bituli (both rural primary schools) and the Jinja District Scout camp site at Buwenda. A fourth project site (Bubugo primary school) was operated out of the Buwala site - a short distance away.

Projects at the three primary schools and the District Scout camp site were the main focus of the expedition and work was undertaken to improve the facilities at each location. Work at the primary schools (in partnership with [Soft Power Education](#)) included painting and refurbishment to improve very tired and grubby classrooms. The classrooms were cleaned, sanded and repainted internally and externally. Internal murals were also painted to support teaching and to help brighten the classrooms.

Working alongside local builders, Berkshire Scouts also made bricks by hand and contributed to the start of new 'teacher houses'.

For more details visit:

[Uganda \(Project Africa\)](#)

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PA Uganda 2015



*(left) Berkshire Scouts working on the 3-classroom block at Butagaya
(right) the completed building*

65 Explorer Scouts and leaders travelled to Uganda in 2015 to support two more rural schools and school children. The project schools (Butagaya Primary School and Iwololo Primary School) are located in a poor rural area north of Jinja. This phase of the project was also in partnership with [Soft Power Education](#) (a British charity supporting schools and education in Uganda).

PA Uganda 2011



(left) Berkshire Scouts building the classrooms at Bukeka; (right) completed building

96 Explorer Scouts and leaders made up the first group travelling to Uganda. Projects took place at two rural schools. A 4-classroom block was built at the Buwenda Children's Centre (although the building was first used for housing chickens as part of a project to farm eggs for the school and sale at local markets).

The second project was refurbishing classrooms and building a staff washroom at the Mbale School for the Deaf.

Further information

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