

Requirements for Explorer Scouts.

In order to achieve the award an Explorer Scout will need to complete one item from each of the following headings. The themes of the award for Explorer Scouts are Places, People, Powers and Processes.

1. Places: Looking at where democracy happens.

- a) Visit a local council office, a Welsh Assembly building or similar. Have an appreciation for the departments that are monitored and controlled from the building and the function that the departments have in providing a public service.
- b) Observe from a public area a meeting of a parish council, local council, the Welsh Assembly or Parliament. Discuss your visit within your Unit, looking at topics such as the format of the meeting, the behaviour of those taking part and how decisions were made.

2. People: Looking at some of the people involved.

- a) Know who your local councillors, AM & MP are and how to contact them.
- b) Invite several members of local or national government (MP, AM, local councillors etc) to an Explorer Scout meeting to broadly discuss their role and to specifically discuss issues affecting young people today (this could be in a BBC Question Time format).

3. Powers: Looking at the powers of some of the institutions.

- a) Understand the powers of the European Parliament and the impact they have on the UK.
- b) Understand how powers are devolved from the UK Parliament to Regional and Local government.

4. Process: Looking at the processes used in the delivery of democracy at various levels of government.

- a) Discuss how elections are organised and the rules that surround them with a Returning Officer or other suitable person.
- b) Participate in an election for a Unit position.
- c) Within your Unit, or at an Area Forum, debate the benefits of UK wide vs. Devolved government.

5. Forums: Looking to encourage youth participation in the running of ALL sections in Wales.

- a) Attend your Unit / Area Forums and take responsibility for organising an activity proposed at the forum.
- b) Represent your Unit, District or Area at a District, Area or Wales Explorer Scout Forum.
- d) Represent Scouting at a Youth Forum / Funky Dragon or similar.

6. Complete one of the recipes from the Democracy Cookbook.

Leaders Notes;

The five sections of this award should easily fit into the Community programme zone when compiling a normal balanced programme and can be achieved through visits and discussion. The award aims to provide opportunities for activity, leadership, commitment, personal development and fun.

Unfortunately the requirements of this award don't map directly into any of the Explorer awards, although there is always some scope within the Environment and Values activities for the Chief Scout awards.

The Democracy Cookbook is available as a PDF document by clicking on the following link
http://www.scoutscymru.org.uk/sites/default/files/democracy_cookbook.pdf