

Requirements for Scouts.

In order to achieve the award a Scout will need to complete all of the following items. The themes of the award for Scouts are People and Powers.

- 1. Know who your local councillors, AM & MP are and how to contact them. Arrange to meet one of them to understand how the relevant organisation works and what their particular responsibilities are.**

This could take the form of a visit to the council chambers, AM's/ MP's surgery, Houses of Parliament / Welsh Assembly etc. Alternatively a visit from a councillor / AM / MP to a troop night might be arranged. It is important that the young people are involved in discussions and it might be advisable to prepare some appropriate questions with the Scouts prior to the event taking place.

- 2. Investigate one of the responsibilities of the Local Council, Welsh Assembly or Westminster Parliament & give feedback to other Scouts.**

Examples include: Education; Waste & Recycling; Roads; Crime; Law Making or similar. Feedback can be given in a variety of formats: Computer presentation; Sketch; Talk; Display or similar. The Welsh Assembly Government website has lots of information and the Local Authority website will probably detail most of the services they provide. This should be a different body to the one used in part 1.

- 3. Take an active part in two Scout Forums.**

Examples: Troop Forum; Patrol Forum; District Scout Forum; Area Scout Forum; Wales Scout Forum. The emphasis should be on the young person taking an active role in the relevant forum.

- 4. Complete one of the recipes from the Democracy Cookbook.**

Leaders Notes;

Child protection guidelines must be considered when making contact and holding visits. Local MP's, AM's and Councillors should be happy to see young people but please remember they are busy people and will need advance warning if you wish to visit.

Fulfilling the requirements of the Democracy Challenge will also satisfy part 1 of the Community Challenge.

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