

# THE #YOUSHAPE PLEDGE

## WHAT IS THE #YOUSHAPE PLEDGE?

Being Youth Shaped is all about young people and adults working in partnership together. We think there is no better way to do this than to declaring it for everyone to see, by creating a pledge that both leaders and young people can sign up to.

The pledge is broken down into five areas that join up to create the basis of a Youth Shaped section. The areas are: **LISTEN, ACT, PARTNER, EMPOWER** and **RECOGNISE**.

It's then easy to check that each area is being achieved, and to show that your section really is shaped by young people in partnership with adults

## HOW CAN MY SECTION TAKE PART?

By committing to the #YouShape pledge, your section will be awarded their bronze level #YouShape certificate. This can be printed off, signed by everyone in the section, and proudly displayed. If your section continues to build on their partnerships to become even more Youth-Shaped, you can go on to earn the silver and gold levels, awarded by your Local Youth Commissioner.

Ideas for fun and simple Youth Shaped activities, to fit with each area of the #YouShape pledge, can be found in the #YouShape Month Activity Inspiration Handbook. Try them with your section, and adapt them to suit the needs of your young people.

## HOW CAN MY SECTION ACHIEVE THE SILVER AND GOLD LEVELS?

The silver and gold levels of the #YouShape pledge require your section to work in partnership with your Local Youth Commissioner, to explore how everyone can further develop a Youth Shaped ethos.

The following is a list of guidelines (page 2) for the standards you can use as a base for your silver and gold level section.

You could use these guidelines to begin your discussion with your Local Youth Commissioner, ADC or GSL or to make plans for changes in your section.

## SILVER LEVEL

## GOLD LEVEL

<b>LISTEN</b>	Log Chews, Sixers' meetings and/or Patrol Leaders' Council are established and held on a regular basis.	Forums for all young people are established, to discuss bigger topics and events. Young people are represented at Section Leaders' meetings, and/or Group Executive Committee meetings.
<b>ACT</b>	'You said, we did' feedback system established, to show young people the outcome of their choices.	'You said, we did' feedback given on a regular basis. Young people are able to think of examples of ideas they had being listened to and delivered on.
<b>PARTNER</b>	Programme and activity ideas are taken to Log Chews, Sixer meetings and Patrol Leaders' Council for discussion.	All Programme and activity ideas are discussed and treated with respect. Leaders incorporate them into the Programme where possible. At least one session each term is completely Youth Shaped.
<b>EMPOWER</b>	Sections take part in Wear Their Necker.	Lodge friends, Sixers and Patrol Leaders are established and successful. Young Leaders are a core part of the team. Young People are empowered to represent their sections at district level.
<b>RECOGNISE</b>	Young people wear a #YouShape badge on their uniform. Some young people leave the section with the Teamwork Challenge Award and Team Leader Challenge Award.	Lodge friends, Sixers and Patrol Leaders wear stripes on their uniform. The majority of young people leave the section with the Teamwork Challenge Award and Team Leader Challenge Award. Youth Shaped ideas and news are shared at Group, District and County levels.

## BEGINNING YOUR JOURNEY

Start your Youth Shaped journey by printing off the bronze level pledge, and begin working with your section to bring it to life. Though Youth Shaped Scouting is something to work on all year round, we celebrate it each year with #YouShape Month in February. New resources for you to use and adapt, including the Activity Inspiration Handbook and information about the new

**Wear Their Necker** project is also available.

Keep an eye on social media and **Scouts.org.uk** for the release dates.

We always want to hear about your Youth Shaped work, so please share your pictures and news with us by using #YouShape on social media, or emailing **youshape@scouts.org.uk**.

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