

# COMMUNITY IMPACT

**ACTIVITIES LIST FOR THE STAGED  
ACTIVITY BADGE**



# Community Impact Staged Activity

## Badge - Activities list

The Community Impact staged activity badge gives you the chance to make the world a better place. You will be able to take practical action in the service of others, create positive social change, as well as developing your own skills, knowledge and character.

The below activities have been allocated per section but can be applied to any stage award you choose to achieve.

### Identify Need:

What issues are relevant to the people you are trying to help:

- Identify who in my chosen community will be an expert in the issues and challenges people face
- What sources of research or information are available you could use to identify issues
- Carry out local surveys and questionnaires
- Interview local decision makers- your councillor, Member of Parliament (UK), Assembly Member (Wales), Member of the Scottish Parliament (Scotland), or Member of the Legislative Assembly (Northern Ireland) using [www.theyworkforyou.com](http://www.theyworkforyou.com) or [www.writetothem.com](http://www.writetothem.com)
- Run a section meeting to establish the issues that young people and their friends care about
- Organise a local consultation event inviting key decision makers to meet with our youth members to discuss what issue they feel Scouting should take action on locally.
- Agree the priority issue you will take action on
- A blindfold challenge when completing simple tasks to see how people with sight loss feel and impacts of sight loss

### Plan Action

Consider the following questions, in this order:

- What is the problem they are trying to fix? (e.g. Food poverty - People in our community don't have enough money for food)
- What needs to change to fix that problem? (e.g. More access to free, nutritional food)
- What can we actually do to make that change (e.g. We will run an allotment to grow food for a local food bank)

Once you have decided these

- Involve a group of people who are not involved in Scouting and are passionate about your cause. Work together to plan action that will make things better.
- We are a member of Generation Change, a coalition of organisations committed to increasing the quality and frequency of Community Impact projects undertaken by young people. Many of these organisations deliver programmes locally and would welcome the opportunity to work with local Scouting: <http://www.generationchange.org.uk/>
- Work with other Scout Groups, different sections.

Organise a planning meeting / planning camp with your section and community and start thinking about your strategy and next steps to bring your project to life

- Area – what needs to be done?
- Responsibilities – who is going to do it?
- Scalability – how many people will be helped and can it be expanded?
- Timeline – when will things be done by?
- Allies – who can help you / who do you need help from?
- Resources – what things will you need? Funding – is funding required – how much will be raised?
- Health and safety – risk assessment completed
- Potential challenges – what problems do you foresee?
- Solutions to potential challenges?

## Take action: It's better to spread your time out instead of doing it all in one go.

- Involve others from your section and a group of non-Scouts, preferably from the community you are trying to help. You can find voluntary organisations who might support your community impact project on [www.stepuptoserve.org.uk/](http://www.stepuptoserve.org.uk/)

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### Take Action

#### Beavers

- Hold local stall to raise awareness on an issue prominent in your area on topics such as; help the homeless, stop bullying, disability access
- Make a collection for a local food bank
- Install a water saving device
- Visit a local retirement home to reduce isolation – talking, entertaining residents
- Host a fashion show in your headquarters inviting in your local community. Use recycled clothes – sourced from donations of unwanted clothes – run an awareness campaign around recycling
- Host celebrations for the major festivals which take place each year. Reach out into your local community to build community cohesion
- Collect and donate toys for those in greatest need in your area
- Create a wildlife habitat
- Take part in wildlife surveys, such as the National Jelly fish Survey, Big Garden Bird watch or Bioblitz

#### Cubs

- Hold local stall to raise awareness on an issue prominent in your area on topics such as; help the homeless, stop bullying, disability access, disability access, deprivation, wellbeing and resilience
- Hold an intergenerational evening bringing together young and older isolated community members together – run activities, bingo, music and singing
- Create emergency support packs for those in need – soap and toiletries – refuge centres
- Make a collection for a local food bank
- Install a water saving device
- Support someone diagnosed with Dementia to create a memory box
- Assist on an arts and crafts session for a community group. Help with the preparation and delivery helping to increase the number who can participate and benefit.
- Visit a local retirement home to reduce isolation – talking, entertaining residents
- Host a fashion show in your headquarters inviting in your local community. Use up-cycled clothes – sourced from donations of unwanted clothes – run an awareness campaign around recycling

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- Collect and donate toys for those in greatest need in your area
- Volunteer at a community recycling centre
- Invite local Guide Dogs group to visit the section meeting
- keep a diary of all water used from baths / showers to flushes, toothbrushes and drinking
- learn about your own impact on the environment and what needs to happen individually and collectively for us to live in a more sustainable way

## Scouts

- Hold an activity day to raise awareness on an issue prominent in your area – topics help the homeless, stop bullying, disability access, deprivation, wellbeing and resilience
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- Raise awareness of homelessness with a cardboard city evening. Make links with your local homeless shelter to offer ongoing support
- Take steps to make the local area and community facilities accessible to people with disabilities, sight problems, or dementia
- Create havens at Scout activity centres and campsites by generating a green space where young people can relax and get back to nature thereby improving wellbeing.
- Creating spaces that can be used by particular vulnerable groups.
- Create emergency support packs for those in need – soap and toiletries – refuge centres
- Grow food on an allotment as a group and donate produce grown to a local food bank, use it at an event that brings the community together helping to break down isolation and build community cohesion
- Install a water saving device
- Assist on an arts and crafts session for a community group. Help with the preparation and delivery helping to increase the number who can participate and benefit.
- Become a befriender with another young person needing help. Provide support and encouragement to help the individual learn new skills building confidence and reducing social isolation.
- Start and maintain a pop up library – adding reviews, taking the library around your community, hosting reading events, sourcing book donations
- Host celebrations for the major festivals which take place each year. Reach out into your local community to build community cohesion
- Produce a film or series of photographs showcasing the life of your local community in which local people share their life stories – and invite them into your meeting place for a special event

- Assist with the smooth running of a major local event like a fun run. This could involve helping with the planning, publicity and general build up to the event, as well as supporting the event itself
- Prepare and deliver meals for the isolated and lonely older people
- Volunteer at a community recycling centre
- Run an activity morning for local young carers once a month
- Run a computer buddies project helping older people overcome the fear factor associated with computers and the internet, giving them tips and support to stay online.
- Host a recycling fair
- Adopt a town monument and keep it clean
- Help raise the public awareness of a local charity by becoming its public speaker or promoting its activities through creating promotional material and writing about it in the local newspaper

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- Support young people being bullied by working with local social workers to create a buddying scheme between Explorer Scouts and under 10's.
  - Run a computer buddies project helping older people overcome the fear factor associated with computers and the internet, giving them tips and support to stay online.
  - Help fix a run-down playground
  - Paint a mural or clean up a local park
  - Organise a car-pooling campaign in your neighbourhood to cut down on air pollution
  - Help provide experiences such as life skills courses or adventurous activities for people with special needs
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### Learn and make more change

Run a section meeting building in time for group reflection and feedback (e.g. section forums – Beaver Log Chew, Cub Pack leadership forum, Scout Troop forums, Explorer Scout Forum, Group Council's, District Youth Councils, suggestion boxes.)

- Talk about what you learned with your section about the issue they took action on.
- How have you made people's lives better?
- What could you improve their community Project so that it reaches more people and makes a bigger impact in their chosen community?

Run a section meeting with a focus on personal reflection and feedback

- What have you personally learned about the issue you took action on (increased understanding of food poverty and its impact on people and society)
- What skills have you learned? ( Communicating with others, knowledge of gardening)
- What values, character, and attitude have you developed? ( Greater appreciation of older generation, more likely to volunteer, confidence, resilience, determination, teamwork, honesty, compassion, critical thinking, curiosity, open mindedness)

### Tell the world.

Celebrating the work and inspiring others. Social change happens when others are inspired to take action. Take time to reach and inspire more people to take action on your chosen issue. Help other people to understand why your chosen issue is important. Explain how you made a positive impact and how they can also help.

You can do this through:

- Interacting with local media (print, radio, social media, broadcast)
- Presenting to relevant groups of people ( local business, decision maker and other community groups)
- Interacting with other non-Scouting youth groups (schools, youth clubs and sports teams)
- Speaking to your own family, other Scout groups and sections
- Hold a celebration party to mark a significant milestone during Scout Community Week inviting everyone who took part and members of the community.
- Invite your local councillor, Member of Parliament to attend celebration event and tweet about their experience.