

Inspiration boards

You will need:

- internet access
- a free Pinterest or Pearltrees account

Instructions:

1. If you haven't already, sign up for a free Pinterest or Pearltrees account, and encourage other Network members to do the same.
2. Once everyone is signed up and signed in, set up a group board and invite everyone to contribute so that they can see each other's pins and share inspiration. This is much like a physical mood board, except that it's digitised and fully collaborative.
3. Browse Pinterest or Pearltrees for five activities you are interested in, pinning them to the shared group board. This is an especially useful way to share ideas remotely, if you can't regularly meet up in person.
4. Make everybody's ideas a reality by discussing how each idea could be implemented into the programme.
5. Check in regularly to see how everyone is getting on.

Word play

You will need:

- imagination

Instructions:

1. Gather in a circle with other Network members.
2. Ask one player to go first by naming a word which is related to any of the potential programme themes they would like to try.
3. Then, ask the next person in the circle to say the first word that comes into their head. Continue around the circle for a few rounds, pausing to reflect on the words that come up.
4. See if you can come up with a project or event idea based on these. Are there any recurring words or themes?

Get it sorted

You will need:

- logic
- paper
- pens

Instructions:

1. Set aside some time to chat about your next project/event as a group. In that time, try to answer the following questions.
2. **Aim** – What is the goal or purpose of the project/event?
3. **Where?** – Where is the project/event going to take place?
4. **Who?** – Who will be in the project team and what skills can they all bring?
5. **What?** – What are you going to be doing?
6. **When?** – What timescales work for this project/event? Will you need one hour? One day? A year?
7. **How?** – What do you need to make this event happen? Who do you need to contact? How are you going to fund it? Do you need to organise any training or gain any permits beforehand?
8. Once you have answers to these questions, speak to your District Scout Network Commissioner or Programme Coordinators for advice and support. For more advice on project and event planning, you can also refer to the FAQ section of the UK Scout Network website.

Shout about it

You will need:

- a smartphone/computer
- a YouTube account (optional)

Instructions:

1. Vlogging is a great way to shout about what you're doing in Scout Network. It not only showcases how great your own project/event is, but also inspires others to plan their own projects/events, and helps to promote the Movement to a wider audience.

2. When you are running your project/event, simply record short videos of what you are up to.
3. Edit the videos as you go, and post them on your social media channels, remembering to tag @Scouts in your posts.

Speedy Scouting

You will need:

- chairs
- tables

Instructions:

1. Evaluation doesn't have to be as boring as you might think. You could run an evaluation session as a speed meeting session, set up like speed dating.
2. Arrange to meet up with other Network members.
3. At the venue, set up a row of tables and chairs.
4. Then, ask members to sit in two rows facing each other. They will each have five minutes to discuss with the person sitting opposite them.

In that time, ask them to each list three elements of the programme that went well this year, three things that didn't go so well, and three things they would like to improve in the future.

5. Once they have done this with one partner, one row of members will move up to the next seat, so that everyone is sitting in front of a new person.
6. Repeat the process until everyone has shared their ideas. Once you have all spoken to one another, gather together as a group and discuss the key points.

Next steps

Network members can aim to work more collaboratively with other Network members across their District, County and nationally. The planning and team building exercises in this pack will help to achieve this.