



Activities eNews

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Introduction

Welcome to the 13th edition of Activities eNews. This newsletter goes to all those with activities appointments and will summarise recent communications that have gone to people with specific roles directly. It will also be available on the website at scouts.org.uk/activitiescommunications.

Workshops

The spring 2012 dates and venues for activity assessor and nights away adviser workshops have now been agreed. These continue our series of running these workshops each spring and autumn across the UK. Details are:

Nights away adviser workshop – 10 March 2012, Fordell Firs Activity Centre, Dunfermline

Activity assessor workshop – 11 March 2012, Fordell Firs Activity Centre, Dunfermline

Full details can be found at scouts.org.uk/events?category=Workshops

Recent updates

Full details of all of these updates that have previously been communicated can be found at scouts.org.uk/activitiesupdates.

Paddlesports – Introduction of water types for paddlesports activities and details of the new UKCC qualifications to sit alongside the old BCU qualifications.

Snowsports – Added guidance and a category for cross country skiing for the first time.

Volunteer vacancies

Current volunteer vacancies within the UK Activities team are:

- Deputy Co-ordinator for National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra
- UK Technical Advisers (UKTAs) for various activities

Full details of all national volunteer vacancies, including these, can be found at scouts.org.uk/volunteervacancies.



Events

All activities events can be found at scouts.org.uk/events by using the drop down box to filter for an event type.

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If you have any events that you would like including please send details, including the name, venue, date and web link to activities@scouts.org.uk.



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Supporting assessors

To further support assessors and nights away advisers, many Regions and Counties have organised workshop days/weekends. If you were considering running such an event, there is a national Scout Active Support Unit that can support you. A member of this Unit can work with you in putting together the objectives and programme, attending on the day to help run the workshop etc. Full details on this and how to request support can be found at scouts.org.uk/activitiesworkshops

UK-wide support

Members of the UK Activities team are very happy to visit Regions, Counties or Districts to provide support, run presentations, answer questions etc, for any area of activities. Please [contact us](#) if you wish to make use of this support for an event. However if you wish to just discuss activities rules then please see the section on 'Upcoming reviews' below.

Arrivals and departures

Huw Nicholas has now joined as Head of Activities and International Affairs. Sadly though, we're losing Dorota Górecka who is leaving her role as Programme and Development Adviser to move back to Poland. Dorota will be replaced by Emma Saunders who will be moving from the 6-25 Programme team in January.

Upcoming reviews

There is an ongoing rolling review of the governance of all activities in Scouting. Reviews of the following areas will begin in 2012. As with all other reviews when these start we will communicate directly with all those recorded as having an involvement with the activity:

- Combined water/rock activities (coasteering, canyoning etc)
- Generic water and boat rules
- Bands
- Adult groups in adventurous activities
- International activities
- Generic activities rules (approval, risk assessment etc)
- Banned activities.

Please aim to keep this and all talk of rules separate from, and secondary to, ensuring we are providing activity opportunities for our young people. You can find full details of the review process and progress on current reviews at scouts.org.uk/activitiesreview

And finally...

Thank you for everything you have done to support Scouting in the last year. We hope you have a restful Christmas and a very active new year!