

## **Network**

**Five youth sections?** Yes! Network is the fifth and final youth section and has been around since the late 90's.

Joining Network is, from my personal experience, a great way to start exploring the world. Whether that is by attending some of the national Network camps such as the Network gathering in Cumbria or Revolution on the Isle of Wight, or The World Scout Moot, Portugal in 2025.

The age range for Network is 18 – 25 and is open to anyone, you don't have to be a leader or have previously been an explorer.

### **Going to University in September?**

A lot of universities have Network units attached to their student unions, often as part of SSAGA (Student Scout and Guide Association). This gives you the chance to continue your scouting adventures while at university. You can also be a member of Network in Malvern at the same time.

### **People say something about Top Awards?**

Being in Network allows you to finish off any of the top awards that you didn't complete during Explorers, such as Chief Scouts Diamond. You also have the opportunity to complete the Queens Scout award, the highest award a youth member can earn, and the Scouts of the World award.

Being part of Network also means you can complete the Explorer Belt Challenge, which is open to youth members aged 16- 25, and is the challenge of hiking as part of a small team for 10 days through a foreign country, immersing yourself in the culture of that country during the time and is a real once in a lifetime experience. Previous explorer belts that were run locally have included Austria, Poland and Peru.

**Interested in Network?** If you are then please feel free to contact me or your GSL who can put you in contact with me. Thanks,

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