

**CATVOG SCOUT**



**NETWORK**

# **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION PACK**

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## Introduction



Network – an inclusive blend of people aged 18-25 who have a passion to develop and grow through a self structured programme of activities. Whether you have any experience within Scouting as an older Explorer Scout, an adult leader or if you are completely new to this experience, your skills and personality as an individual will only compliment those of our existing members.

Meeting as regularly as your personal time allows, you have the opportunity to engage in a wide range of situations that are both stimulating and fun, making new friends and discovering how, through working together and following a simple commitment to some really great values you can become a better person than the one you were yesterday.

We use nationally recognised schemes such as the Queen Scout and Duke of Edinburgh's Award to provide some structure to our planning and have found that in using these as markers of our achievements we are able to see and measure our personal growth.

Network is supported by a small team of very experienced people with each of us being responsible for part of what we do, either with an organisational role or perhaps coming up with a creative way of doing something new.

This pack has been designed to give you all the info you need to become a member. If you think there is something that could be improved or is missing, please let us know so we can change things...

## Useful Contacts

If you ever need to ask a question or don't know who to turn to, this page is for you! But also check out our website as that should be able to answer most of the questions you have.

Here are the contacts that you can turn to in the Area.

Network Commissioner	Martin King	<a href="mailto:network@catvog.org">network@catvog.org</a>
Leadership Team	Nic Shepherd Sophie Silver	<a href="mailto:network@catvog.org">network@catvog.org</a>
Network Administrator	Gareth Johns	<a href="mailto:network.admin@catvog.org">network.admin@catvog.org</a>
Area Commissioner for CATVOG	Sue Ryan	<a href="mailto:ac@catvog.org">ac@catvog.org</a>
Area Commissioner for Explorer Scouts	Julian Jordan	<a href="mailto:explorers@catvog.org">explorers@catvog.org</a>
Duke of Edinburgh Adviser	Ruth Shorter	<a href="mailto:dofe@catvog.org">dofe@catvog.org</a>
Area Office	The Hub CATVOG Scouts Maitland Street Gabalfa Cardiff CF14 3JU	<a href="mailto:office@catvog.org">office@catvog.org</a> Tel: 029 20210119 Fax: 029 20210119
Area Website		<a href="http://www.catvog.org">http://www.catvog.org</a>

## Explorers, what's next?

It's a strange time for Explorers; some can't wait to move on to Network, some find it hard. So here are a few common questions and answers.

**Q - I'm almost too old for Explorers, what should I do to become a Networker?**

**A -** First of all finish reading this welcome pack, complete the registration form at the back and send it to us. We will then shortly be in contact with you.

**Q - Why should I join when I'm off to University in September?**

**A -** Unlike other Scout Sections the Network meet all year round and through the summer holidays meaning when you come back home, you can take part in the Network activities taking place. By also joining we can put you in touch with the other 240+ Networks there are in the UK so you can continue to be in Scouting while away from home.

**Q - I'm going to be working or studying so won't have much time for Scouting!**

**A -** That's no worry as most members of the Network either study full time, or work evenings and weekends. Because our programme is run by the members for the members we cater for this and coordinate the planning of events so you always have a chance of attending some of our events.

## Where do we meet?

The Network have their own room situated in the Area Headquarters 'The Hub' on Maitland Street in Cardiff. Due to the nature of our programme, we tend to meet at the location of the activity, for example if we go bowling we usually meet at the bowling centre. Quite often if the activity is taking place away from the city centre, we normally meet up at a central point to share transport.

Network also run 'SYNT' (See You on Network Tuesday) nights, this is a social evening held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month upstairs in Central Bar, Windsor Place, Cardiff (down the side of Barclays bank on Queen St). These evening aren't just for Network members, anyone 17 ½ + even if they are not in Scouting are welcome to attend.

## CRB & Capitation



Network is an adult section which makes things easier to organise and get on with having fun and self development. But we all have responsibilities within the Scouting movement. Here are a few of the important issues that every Network member must understand.

### What is and when and how do I pay capitation?

Capitation is paid to headquarters and covers you insurance wise whilst being a member of the association.

If you already pay capitation within any section or Scout group then you are covered. If you are only involved in Network or are a new to Scouting then you will need to pay capitation. The exact amount changes every year.

Capitation is normally due in March every year and the Network Administrator will be in contact when it is due with the details.

**CRB, what is it?** Every adult in Scouting over 18 needs to be checked by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB). The CRB - an executive agency of the home office, is set up to help organisations make safer recruitment decisions and to identify individuals who may be unsuitable for certain work, especially that involving contact with children.




The CRB is free to adults in Scouting, but must be successfully completed to enable you to go camping and attend activities.

For further information see <http://www.crb.gov.uk/>

## Membership Fee

On joining or 1st September each year if an existing member. £10 this fee covers general admin (postage, printing, purchase of badges etc), seed funding for events (for example if we need deposits for camps, halls, transport etc).

For all Invested members of the Network, a welcome pack will be presented to you; this includes all of the items below.

			
Necker	World Membership Badge	Dragons & Network name tape	Network Record Pack
			Coming soon...
Area Badge	Investiture Certificate	Network Keyring	Network Membership Card

## Merchandise

Network in CATVOG formed in 2002 and soon established its own identity with the Network dragon and Web logo which is used for our merchandise and promotional material.

Clothing is made to order:



Embroidered Hoodie with Screen printed back

Price = £20 (approx)

We are currently looking at other merchandise so keep an eye out....

# The Award Scheme

## Scouting Awards in the Scout Network

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## Membership Badge



The Membership Award is only completed by young people joining from outside the Movement. Explorer Scouts complete the Moving-On Award from the Explorer Scout Section.

To gain the Membership Award, the following requirements need to be completed.

- Describe the various options available locally to become a member of the Scout Network.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the Scout Promise and Law
- Demonstrate an understanding of local, national and international Scouting.
- Make the Scout Promise and accept the Scout Law.

Young people gain the Membership Award only once in the Scout Network, no matter how many local Networks they join. The location for making the Promise should be decided by the young person with help from other Members. The Promise should be made in front of other members of the Scout Network, but the location should be appropriate and memorable. Young people should make the Promise between six and twelve weeks of joining. If they have been an Explorer Scout, they will probably be ready much sooner.

## Moving on Award for Explorer Scouts



The requirements for the Moving-On Award are:

- Discuss with your Explorer Scout Leader the options available locally to be a member of the Scout Network.
- Talk to a member of a local Scout Network about joining the Section.
- Describe the options available locally for becoming a member of the Scout Network.
- Make the Scout Promise and accept the Scout Law.

## The Chief Scout's Platinum Award



To gain this Award the following requirements must be completed:

- Be a member of the Scout Network or Explorer Scouts for at least six months.
- Complete six nights away as an Explorer Scout or member of the Scout Network of which four must be camping.
- Complete two activities from the International, Environment and Values list. The two activities should come from different areas.
- Hold the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award, or complete the four Platinum Scout Challenges, which are:
  - take up a Skill for three months, and show progress and lasting interest. The skill can be an existing interest or something entirely new.
  - take up a Physical Activity for three months, completing an agreed programme of taking part and achievement.
  - provide Service to an individual or the community for three months. Briefing and training should be given in order to gain the necessary skills. This can include helping with another Section as a Young Leader.
  - complete a two day and one night expedition in rural country by foot, cycle, horse, canoe, boat or dinghy. The expedition should involve careful preparation, training, responsibility and review.

Members must undertake an extra three months in any of the Skills, Physical Recreation or Service Challenges.

## The Chief Scout's Diamond Award



To gain this Award the following requirements must be completed:

- Be a member of Explorer Scouts or the Scout Network or both for at least 12 months. This can include any time counted for the Chief Scout's Platinum Award.
- Complete 12 nights away as an Explorer Scout or member of the Scout Network, of which eight must be camping. This may include the nights counted for the Chief Scout's Platinum Award.
- Complete two activities from the list of International, Environment and Values activities. These should be different activities from the Chief Scout's Platinum Award and not from the same area.
- Hold the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award, or complete the four Diamond Challenges, which are:
  - take up a Skill for three or six months, and show progress and lasting interest. The skill can be an existing interest or something entirely new.
  - take up a Physical Activity for three or six months, completing an agreed programme of taking part and achievement.
  - provide Service to an individual or the community for six months. Briefing and training should be given in order to gain the necessary skills. This may include helping with another Section as a Young Leader.
  - complete a three day and two night expedition in rural or open country by foot, cycle, horse, canoe, boat or dinghy. The expedition should involve careful preparation, training, responsibility and review.

All Members should complete six months in either the Physical Activity or the Skill.

Members who have not completed the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award or the Chief Scout's Platinum Award must undertake an extra six months in either the Service Challenge or the longer of the Skills or Physical Recreation Challenge.

## The Queen's Scout Award



To gain this Award the following requirements must be completed:

- Be a member of Explorer Scouts or the Scout Network or both for at least 18 months. This can include any time counted for the Chief Scout's Platinum or Diamond Awards.
- Complete 18 nights away as an Explorer Scout or member of the Scout Network, of which 12 must be camping. This may include any nights counted for the Chief Scout's Platinum or Diamond Awards.
- Complete two activities from the list of International, Environment and Values activities. These should be different activities from the Chief Scout's Platinum and Diamond Awards and not from the same area.
- Hold the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, or complete the five Queen's Scout Award Challenges, which are:
  - take up a Skill for 6 or 12 months, and show progress and lasting interest. The skill can be an existing interest or something entirely new
  - take up a Physical Activity for 6 or 12 months, completing an agreed programme of taking part and achievement
  - provide Service to an individual or the community for 12 months. Briefing and training should be given in order to gain the necessary skills. This may include helping with another Section as a Young Leader
  - complete a four day and three night expedition in open or adventurous country by foot, cycle, horse, canoe, boat or dinghy. The expedition should involve careful preparation, training, responsibility and review
  - complete a five day and four night residential project in an unfamiliar environment with people who are not known. This project should be environmental work, activity based, service to others or personal training
  - following completion of the first four elements of the Award make a presentation, to a suitable audience, of your achievements so far in working towards the Queen's Scout Award.

All Members should complete twelve months in either the Physical Activity or the Skill  
Members of the Scout Network who are not holders of the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award or the Chief Scout's Diamond Award must complete an extra six months in either the Service or the longer of the Skills or Physical Recreation Challenge.

## International, Environment and Values Activities list

Area 1: International	Area 2: Environment	Area 3: Values
Complete your Explorer Belt.	Complete your Group Environment Badge.	Complete your Group Faith Badge.
Complete your International Friendship Award.	Assist some Cub Scouts or Scouts in gaining their Global Conservation Activity Badge.	Take a regular part in activities at your place of worship
Take an active part in a project with an overseas aid organisation, such as UNESCO	Take an active part in an environmental project with another organisation.	Take an active part in a project examining your own faith, for example a retreat.
Take an active part in a camp in another country, for instance, a Jamboree or Moot.	Take an active part in an environmental project in your local community.	Take an active part in a project examining a faith other than your own.
Take an active part in an International Camp in the United Kingdom.	Choose a current environmental issue to research, and then present your findings to your Unit.	Plan and carry out an act of worship for your Unit or another group in Scouting.
Take part in a project at a campsite abroad, for example, as part of a Euro-Steps project or Camp America.	Complete an environmental project and make a formal report of your findings.	Choose a current issue to research, such as health or crime, and then present your findings to your Unit.
Complete the Passport for Europe with your Unit.	Complete an environmental impact assessment of an activity the Unit is undertaking and act on your findings.	Assist some Cub Scouts or Scouts in gaining their Faith Activity Badge.
Organise a series of programmes for your Unit on an international theme.	Organise a series of programmes for another Section on an international theme.	Organise a series of programmes for your Unit on a values theme.
Organise a series of programmes for your Unit on an environmental theme.	Organise a series of programmes for another Section on an environmental theme.	Organise a series of programmes for another Section on a values theme.
Complete any activity of a similar nature agreed beforehand with your leadership team	Complete any activity of a similar nature agreed beforehand with your leadership team.	Complete any activity of a similar nature agreed beforehand with your leadership team.

**Notes:** Although there is only one list of activities for the three Awards, the level of skill and commitment required should be linked to the age and experience of the Scout. An activity can also count for this requirement if it is being completed for another requirement of the Award. For example, completing an environmental project during the Queen's Scout Award expedition would also count for this requirement.

## The Explorer Belt



The Explorer Belt is the challenge of a lifetime, which is open to members of the Scout Network. It is a chance to take part in a ten-day expedition that brings a real understanding of a different country, its people and way of life.

The Explorer belt is sometimes described as 'the antidote to the package holiday'. It is designed to help young people develop a real understanding of another country by travelling through that country, completing surprise projects, working as a small team and meeting local people.

To complete the Explorer Belt, a member of the Scout Network must:

- Be over 16 years old
- Plan and train for an international expedition as part of a small team
- Travel to another country and travel through that country over ten days
- Complete a self selected major project
- Complete about ten smaller projects
- Keep a notebook or diary during the expedition
- Take part in a debriefing after the expedition
- Make a presentation about the expedition

**Members of Network recently gained their Explorer Belt Awards by completing expeditions in Canada and Serbia.**

## Group Awards



A further option to help your Balanced Programme are the three Partnership Awards. A partner may be within Scouting, including Scout Network(s) or an appropriate external organisation.

Examples would include:

- A Beaver Scout Colony, Cub Scout Pack, Scout Troop, Explorer Scout Unit and a Scout Network working together
- A Beaver Scout Colony, Cub Scout Pack and a Scout Troop working together
- Four Explorer Scout Units working together
- A Scout Troop with a local British Trust for Conservation Volunteers
- A Scout Network working with a local authority or Scout Fellowship.

# Network Programme

APRIL - DECEMBER 2008

## CATVOG Scout Network.

Over 17 yr old Explorers and 18-25 yr old Leaders are invited to **ALL** the events.

Any over 25 yr old leaders/Fellowship etc are invited to items marked **\*\* as larger numbers are needed for some events to run.**

Date	Event	Where	Details
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Barry Fete Prep	The Hub, Maitland Street 7:30pm	Preparing for the fete and sorting the logistics.
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sun Run	Cheltenham	For All Members of The Scouting and GirlGuiding Aged 15 and over
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Barry Scout & Guide Fete	Romilly Park, Barry	We run the Bar! An opportunity to boost Network funds
8 <sup>th</sup> July	SYNT **	Central Bar 7.30pm	Network Social. A change to meet up for a few drinks and some food.
25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> July	NCP Service weekend**	Jubilee Campsite 5:30pm Fri – 4pm Sun	Site Service to count towards the Environment badge.
7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Bowling Evening	Mega Bowl - Newport Road	A social evening for current and prospective members
12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	SYNT **	Central Bar 7.30pm	Network Social. A change to meet up for a few drinks and some food.
29 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	NCP Service weekend**	Jubilee Campsite 5:30pm Fri – 4pm Sun	Site Service to count towards the Environment badge.
9 <sup>th</sup> Sep	SYNT **	Central Bar 7.30pm	Network Social. A change to meet up for a few drinks and some food.
5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Gilwell Reunion	Gilwell Park, Essex	Annual reunion for Scouts 18+s
12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Intense, Bristol	Bristol	Another national event but a bit more local.
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Climbing Evening	WICC	A chance to have a bit of adventure at the Welsh indoor climbing centre.
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Grimesys Big Adventure	TBA	TBA
26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	NCP Service weekend**	Jubilee Campsite 5:30pm Fri – 4pm Sun	Site Service to count towards the Environment badge.
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Awards Evening	7:30pm @ the Hub	Plan your awards for the next year.
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	SYNT **	Central Bar 7.30pm	Network Social. A change to meet up for a few drinks and some food.
24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	NCP Service weekend**	Jubilee Campsite 5:30pm Fri – 4pm Sun	Site Service to count towards the Environment badge.
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Skittles Evening **	Penarth 7pm	A social evening for everyone in Penarth and vale
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	SYNT **	Central Bar 7.30pm	Network Social. A change to meet up for a few drinks and some food.
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Awards Evening	Barry - TBC	Work towards one of the Network awards or even gain a Cub badge!
28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	NCP Service weekend**	Jubilee Campsite 5:30pm Fri – 4pm Sun	Site Service to count towards the Environment badge.
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Scout Post 2008 – First swap	The Hub, Maitland St	Sort post and earn money!
7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Scout Post 2008 - Sort	The Hub, Maitland St	Sort post and earn money!
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Annual Network Christmas Curry	Bay of Bengal, City Road, Roath, 7:30pm	Our annual event. A chance to catch up with network friends before the Christmas break
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Scout Post – Delivery	Adamsdown / Splott	Get out and about in Cardiff, visiting some interesting places and deliver post!
27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	NCP Service weekend**	Jubilee Campsite 5:30pm Fri – 4pm Sun	Site Service to count towards the Environment badge.

# further details for the events are on the forum <http://www.catvog.org/forum/>

## Your Checklist for becoming a member

- Fill in the attached form! Send to the address on the form
- Complete a CRB form, available from Gareth at [network.admin@catvog.org](mailto:network.admin@catvog.org)
- Pay capitation if required and membership fee to the treasurer [network@catvog.org](mailto:network@catvog.org)
- Log on to <http://network.catvog.org> and find out what's happening
- Sign up to our forum @ <http://www.catvog.org/forum/profile.php?mode=register>
- Sign up to our events mailing list @ <http://list.catvog.org/list/?p=subscribe&id=3>
- Turn up to 6 events and be invested into the Network, and receive your Moving on Award if coming from Explorers.
- Meet new people and start having Fun!



Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan

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# Look out for our NEW Website coming soon!



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## Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Area Scout Network



### Registration form 2008 – 2009

#### Personal Details

First Name	<input type="text"/>	Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Surname	<input type="text"/>	Home Telephone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>	Mobile Telephone	<input type="text"/>

#### Home

Address	<input type="text"/>
Post Code	<input type="text"/>

#### Term Time

Address	<input type="text"/>
Post Code	<input type="text"/>

#### Scouting

Been in Scouting Before	Yes / No		
Joining from Explorers	Yes / No	If yes which Group / Unit	<input type="text"/>

Warrant	Yes / No
Award Held	Venture / Diamond / Platinum / Queens
DofE Award	Bronze / Silver / Gold

Please return this form via email to [network.admin@catvog.org](mailto:network.admin@catvog.org) or via snail mail to:

**Network.Admin**  
**The Hub**  
**CATVOG Scouts**  
**Maitland Street**  
**Gabalfa**  
**Cardiff**  
**CF14 3JU**

We will then be in contact with you to arrange a CRB check to be carried out and invite you along to our events.



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