

FACT SHEET #9

Community Development Badge

Contribute to Community Development through improving your community both practically and culturally.



THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BADGE

The Community Development Badge is worn on the right sleeve above the St George Award progress badge diamond.

The Crew awards the Community Development Badge after completion of the badge's requirements.

THE TWO PROJECT BADGES

To be awarded the Baden-Powell Scout Award a Rover Scout must complete the St George Award and two project badges, the **Community Development Badge** and the other being the Personal Growth Badge (see Factsheet #10).

THE REQUIREMENT OF THE BADGE

Carryout a **significant and worthy project that benefits the community** locally, nationally or internationally.

Projects should contribute to an improvement in the community, both practically and culturally.

WHAT IS A PROJECT?

A project is commonly understood to mean a planned enterprise designed to achieve an aim. Your projects in the Baden-Powell Scout Award follow this concept.

A project should include the following steps:

Come up with and develop your idea – in consultation with your Crew and the BPSA Support Team, create a project plan, timeline and/or mark out your primary goals drawn from your initial idea. There is a wide range of projects that you could undertake to achieve your Community Development Badge. It is therefore very important that you discuss in detail your proposal with your Crew and if you need it the BPSA Support Team prior to commencing the project.

You may choose a project from any of the areas of personal growth – spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional or social – aimed at developing your community.



For the Community Development Badge you should consider what the *end result* looks like, the *resources* you require, how much *time* you will need and *tasks that need to be completed* along the way.

Pitch your project idea – your idea will then need to be presented to and agreed on by your Crew. The Crew should consider whether this project is an appropriate challenge to you as an individual.

Undertake your project – undertake the project in accordance with your project plan. Remember that good project management includes reviewing and modifying your project if required. You should record your progress along the way to help you put together your final report. This report does not have to be written.

Wrap up your project – in ending your project you should make sure that the work you have begun is finalised. Check that you've completed all the tasks you set out to do.

Present your report – present your final project report to your Crew and your BPSA Support Team and reflect upon how you have grown and developed personally. See *RSAS Fact Sheet #11* on reporting requirements.

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SOME PROJECT IDEAS

- Incorporate a system of environmentally sustainable living into an organisation or workplace. For example water storage capture, renewable energy or recycling
- Work with a community to support the improvement of a significant issue e.g. health, education and community facilities
- Rehabilitate an area of land drawing on the local community to do so
- Start a young mothers' group in your local community
- Start and coach a sporting team to encourage community members to be active
- Renovating a community building
- Running a program for St Vincent De Paul

The *Rover Award Scheme Handbook* contains further details regarding the Community Development Badge and how it applies to Rover Scouts.

For more information contact the Baden-Powell Scout Award Support Team in your Branch.

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