

This document applies to young people attending section meetings for sections they are not a member of, for example, leaders children or those completing service sections of badges. For convenience these young people are referred to as Young Helpers.

- Young Helpers helpers must be a member of the Scout Association.
- Young helpers can only attend a section if agreed in advance with GLV and section Lead Volunteer.
- Young Helpers must be recorded in OSM before they visit a section. They are registered as Young Leaders. This ensures that the section leader has full access to medical and contact details etc.
- Young Helpers count as young people in ratios, and leadership numbers must be adjusted appropriately. If a section has young people from different ages, the highest ratio must be met.
- Young helpers must be in uniform if taking an active part in meeting. If they take an active part in the meeting, this must be an instructor or leadership part, they cannot participate.
- If not taking an active part in the meeting, Young Helpers must sit quietly at the desk, for example reading a book, or using a device.
- Young helpers must not show favouritism, and should, as far as possible not be assisting groups with family members (leaders or siblings etc).
- Young Helpers taking an active role are to participate in all ceremonies, for example flag up/down etc. Those not taking an active part are required to be still and silent during these.
- Behaviour of Young Helpers at all times is to be in line with Scouting Values and accepted behaviour for meetings.
- Hikes and nights away, plus leadership activities can be counted towards Young Helpers own badgework, but must be notified by section Lead Volunteer.

Other Young People

- Young people who are not members of the Scouts are not eligible to be Young Helpers.
- Leaders should avoid where possible bringing children who are not members to Scout Section Meetings. Where attendance is unavoidable, Temporary ICE forms must be used, and neither Parent nor Young Person are part of ratio numbers.
- Neither are non-member children covered by insurance, and must not participate in activities in any way (except being present on hikes).
- They are the full responsibility of the parent.
- Standards of behaviour still apply.
- They must still appear on sign in/out sheets, and their attendance should be recorded in the “start of meeting notes” on OSM.