

Royal Greenwich Scouts

Changemaker Challenge

*Supporting today's young people to
build brighter tomorrows*

Squirrels



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“Scouts are the change makers – they’re not afraid to take a deep breath and speak up”

- Tim Peake

The Royal Greenwich Changemakers Challenge will run until the end of 2024!

It'll be about raising awareness of decision makers locally and also influencing a range of decision makers, from councillors, mayors, MPs and candidates

The challenge will cover the following points:

Understand - Squirrels will build an understanding about what decisions they can make as well as people who can make decisions

Manifesto - Squirrels will look at different points similar to those included in the Scout manifesto, look into whether they agree or disagree in a fun game

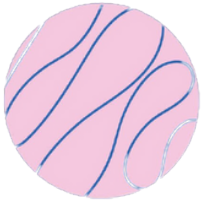
Advocate - Squirrels discuss with their leadership team what they enjoy about Squirrels and what could be even better

Represent - Based on what could it be even better about Squirrels, they will then share these ideas with local decision-makers in a fun way

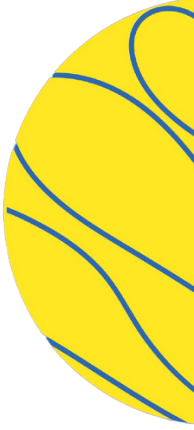


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Understand



To achieve this part of the award you'll need to complete one of the below activities



1

Using the resources of 'people with power' have a discussion with squirrels about who has power and what decisions they can make

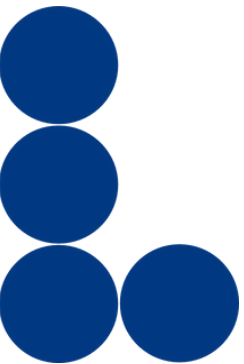


2

Read the book "The Election" by Eleanor Levenson and Marek Jagucki. There's also a YouTube video where the book is read aloud

3

Take part in another activity that shares the ideas of democracy and putting people in power



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Manifesto

To achieve this part of the award you'll need to complete one of the below activities



1

Using the list of asks, the Squirrel version, play a game with a parachute with the Squirrels running under the parachute if they agree with the statement. Can you think of any of your own to include as well?

2

Read the manifesto points to the Squirrels, can they think of any ideas of their own? Discuss this and then get them to show off their manifesto ask. This could be by decorating a biscuit, drawing a poster or another creative way





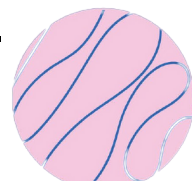
Advocate

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1

Have a discussion with Squirrels about what they enjoy every week. Find out what could make squirrels even better.



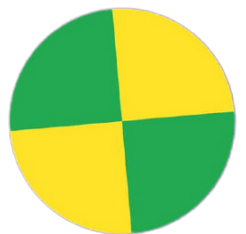
2

Take part in a vote with Squirrels, this could be getting them to vote with balls in a bucket on what game they want to play or what badge they want to take part in next.



3

Take part in another Plan YouShape activity on the Scout Website





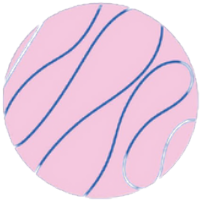
Represent



This section is all about Squirrels representing themselves to local decision makers, to complete this part you'll need to complete one section from the below.

1

Create a poster sharing what you enjoy about Squirrels and what you've been up to, and what a local decision maker could do to improve it



2

Make a song or record a video about what you've been doing at Squirrels and what you enjoy, and what a local decision maker could do to improve it



3

Create a storybook showing what you get up to every week, what you enjoy, and what you could ask a local decision maker to improve about Squirrels

Find out who the local decision makers are, you may want to pass these onto councillors, Mayors or MPs



‘Having my voice heard means I know that what I say matters and I can make a difference’

Bella, Scouts Youth Advocate

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What is the Changemakers Challenge?

Designed by Royal Greenwich's District Youth Lead, Joseph, the Changemakers Challenge acts as a tool to promote the Scout Manifesto and empower young people to be active citizens!

Joseph developed the challenge, as part of his Scouts Of The World Award, with the aim of improving young people's understanding of the world around them, the role they play in democracy and the power of youth voice. The challenge also aims to leave a lasting legacy on young people and knowing that they can make a difference no matter their age!





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