



ALL ABOUT US

Some information all about joining Scouts!

A summary of what we're all about

We support children and young people aged 7 to 25 with disabilities and additional support needs to access the Scout programme. We're a 'normal' Scout Group – doing the same activities as any other Group, wearing the same uniform and with fun, outdoors and adventure as the key elements of the programme.

Scouts is a worldwide organisation based on a fun programme where young people take part in adventure, learn new skills, gain independence, build confidence and self-esteem and try out new things. You can see some of what we've been up to lately on our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/77thGDS.

Where and when we meet

All our sections meet in different accessible halls around Cathcart and Newlands in the south side of Glasgow on Monday nights. Cubs meet from 6.30pm to 8pm and all the other sections meet from 7pm to 9pm. We don't meet during school holidays.

Who can join – age ranges

We have historically only been open to boys, but we want to change that! Our Cub Pack is now co-educational and by 2019 all our sections will be open to girls as well as boys. So for a summary, the current sections are:

- Cubs are for children aged 7½ to 10½ - **boys and girls**
- Scouts is currently for boys aged 10½ to 14
- Explorers is currently for boys aged 14 to 18
- Network is currently for boys aged 18 to 25

We don't have any sections for children aged less than 7½ at the moment but we are planning to open a younger section soon.

ADVENTURE FOR ALL



Who can join – disabilities

We provide one to one support for all our young people and we cater for a wide range of disabilities and additional support needs. Most of our members have a physical disability (cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy etc) but we also have young people with autism, visual impairment and lots of other things!

Our leaders are trained in epilepsy management, personal care, medication, gastrostomy feeding etc – so we are certainly geared up for young people with more complex support needs.

What support is provided?

We provide a helper for every young person in the Group who will give as much or as little help as is needed. We don't do things for the young people – we assist them to do things for themselves so they get something out of every activity.

Our one to one volunteers are young people aged 14 to 25 which is a really good way of making sure we have a youth focused programme. The leaders who deal with health and safety, personal care etc are all adults who have undergone training (including child protection and first aid) and are members of the PVG scheme.

How do you join?

Get in touch with us – either phone our lead volunteer Michael Shanks (0141 562 4010 or 07880 777 324) or email join@glasgowdisabledscouts.org or best of all visit our website and complete the join form there – www.glasgowdisabledscouts.org/join.

Once we have your details you will go onto a waiting list so we can arrange a time to go round and see you at home. This is a very informal visit just so you can meet us and so we can fully understand the support needs. It isn't an assessment or anything like that – but just a way to make sure we know all about the young person ahead of them joining us.

Once that's done you come down for a three week trial – again not an assessment but just a 'have a go and see if you like it' sort of thing – you don't need to buy a uniform or anything for this period.

