

# HOW TO JOIN A UNIFORMED YOUTH GROUP AS A VOLUNTEER

NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE OR KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED



## RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS

Visit [www.youlondon.org.uk](http://www.youlondon.org.uk) to decide which organisation is for you, then click through to that organisation's website to see where your nearest units are.

There are all sorts of roles available from uniformed instructor to non-uniformed support member. There really is something for everyone.



## APPLY ONLINE

You should submit your application online directly to your chosen organisation.

Remember to include your full contact details.

Adult volunteers must have a minimum age of 18. You don't need any previous experience as full training will be given.



## VISIT THE UNIT

Visit your chosen unit if possible for an informal chat or join an online welcome meeting.

This is your opportunity to find out more about what is involved and ask any questions you might have.



## COMPLETE PAPERWORK

Complete any additional paperwork required and apply for an enhanced DBS check.

The organisations will help you with this and cover the cost of the DBS check.



## UNDERGO TRAINING

For all organisations, you will undergo some sort of introductory training, including mandatory safeguarding training.

Once complete, there are numerous opportunities for further training and, in some cases, to gain nationally recognised qualifications.

All potential volunteers will work through this process at their own pace. Sometimes it can take a while for paperwork and DBS checks to be returned, and training courses may only take place on set dates, so please be patient with the process.



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