



Early Years Scouting

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Who are Early Years Scouts?

Early Years are young people aged 4–6 who:

- Master new skills and try new things
- Have fun and go on adventures
- Make new friends
- Are curious about the world around them
- Help others and make a difference, on their own doorsteps and beyond

Every week, they gather in groups to hop, skip and jump their way through lots of different games and activities – achieving anything they set their minds to, and having lots of fun along the way.



The story so far.... pilots in numbers:

27 pilots were opened across England

19 pilots were based on the Scout-led model

4 pilots based on the Partner-led model – two taking place in private day nurseries, one during the normal school day at two reception classes and one as an after-school club

4 based on the family-led model

422 new young people have joined the pilots

260 of the families who joined the pilots were new to Scouting (representing 55% of all those involved)

97 volunteers have been recruited, 56 of whom were new to Scouting (58%)



Portsmouth District Impact Pilots



Building on Southampton & Portsmouth success & learning... opening 5 new sections after Easter to test:

Different types of advertising including social media and partnerships with early years settings and organisations

Changes to the sign up and AAC process to speed up the recruitment and welcoming of new volunteers

Parental & YL involvement as a norm rather than an extra to boost volunteer numbers and spread the load

New welcome process including weekly emails and bite size training that will put less burden on our Training Advisor system

A new approach to training volunteers