

# South London Scouts in FOCUS



November 2022

Welcome to this edition of South London Scouts in focus. Our very occasional, news and update for all leaders, managers, and supporters across our amazing scout county.

## Want to advertise your hall for hire?

Each month the county office receives dozens of requests for information about the private hiring of scout premises owned and managed by our scout groups and districts across the county.

To help manage these, and provide a better reference point, we are planning to create a page on our website that provides details of the facilities available for hire (private and/or scouting), across the county which provides information on venues and their enquiry contact details.

If you would like your venue included on this page please [click here](#) to provide us with the information you would like to include.



## Recruiting more adults



Taking place at the South London Scout Centre  
Grange Lane, Dulwich, London, SE21 7HL

Need to grow your team?

We are pleased to be running this interactive workshop which will help you understand why people volunteer, how you can use these to motivate people to join your team, and how to design a successful recruitment plan that you can put into action.

**If your serious about recruiting more people for your team this workshop is for you.**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023**

To book your place visit <https://form.iotform.com/SLScouts/adult-recruitment>

## South London Scout Centre...



Scouting across South London is strong and growing and needs a modern, flagship facility that meets the needs of modern-day scouting at all levels.

Our facilities at The Fort have served us well but the time has come to look to the future and provide better facilities for our volunteers to enhance their capacity to bring new ideas and events for our members in a warm, safe atmosphere during inclement weather, dark winter nights, and long summer evenings.

**We have recently renewed our lease with Dulwich Estates and over the coming years we will be undertaking an exciting project of major development of the centre, including, new facilities with areas and services just for our use, and areas for public hire.**

Our long-term aim is to develop the centre from the existing facilities, which has some outdated, but very well kept, accommodation and facilities to a centre providing a high-quality facility for local, national and international scouting and external community organisations

Our centre is situated in fantastic local woodland and is just 15 minutes from the centre of London. We plan to develop the centre to ensure it continues to be a prime location as an overnight venue, with beautiful camping areas and amazing indoor facilities that include modern adaptable bedrooms, a large hall, catering kitchen, and modern toilets and wash rooms.

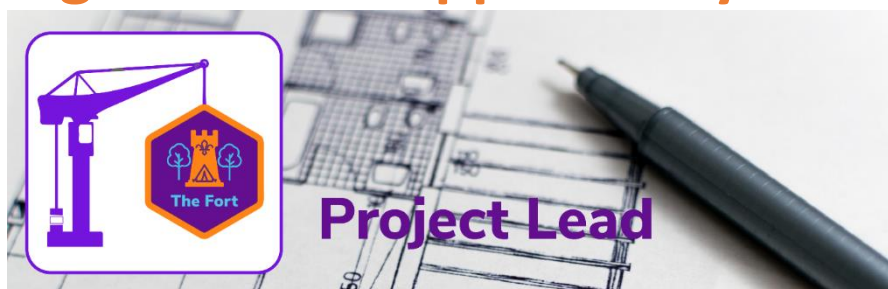
This will help ensure that The Fort is the number one choice for scouting colleagues, community groups and other youth groups, from across the country and world, when they visit the capital.

**Find out more about our plans and how you can get involved at:**

**[www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/the-fort-development](http://www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/the-fort-development)**

## Opportunities to get involved...

# Looking for a new opportunity in 2023..?



**South London Scout Centre Development Team Lead**

The South London Scout Centre – known by most as The Fort, is our county centre and campsite in Dulwich. It is loved and used by our groups and units across our county, by other scouts, guides and youth organisations across the country and the world, and by members of other organisations, families, and friends in our local community and far and wide.

We have recently renewed our lease with Dulwich Estates and over the coming years we will be undertaking an exciting project of major development of the centre, including, new facilities with areas and services just for our use, and areas for public hire.

Our location in Dulwich provides an excellent environment for young people and adults to thrive, learn, share and belong. Our open spaces suits many of our scouting activities but at present some of our building facilities are not adequate. With development of modern office and team facilities and a new accommodation building, bigger and better events for all our members can be achieved.

Our overall aim is to modernise the South London Scout Centre to provide well thought out, and relevant facilities which enables maximum use of our accommodation and campsite. Facilities that our users want to use all year round. A centre that is the number one choice for scouting colleagues, community groups and other youth groups, from across the country and around the world, when they visit the capital.

### **We're building an amazing new team!**

To drive our plans forward we need to build a team to take responsibility for the overall delivery of our redevelopment project.

A team that can:

- lead on fundraising
- negotiate with the Southwark Council and Dulwich Estates
- manage risks
- design our new modern facilities
- manage contractors
- publicise and share our plans

To put all this in place we need someone (or a couple of people), to take the lead. As the project manager you will help us build an amazing team and take responsibility for leading the project so that the team delivers the different aspects of this exciting project, so that we can provide first class facilities for scouting and the local community for the next 50 years.

visit [www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/the-fort-team](http://www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/the-fort-team) to find out about the different opportunities to get involved and the weekend. day-to-day or in a way that really suits you.



We are launching an exciting new centre team to help manage and run The Fort and ensure that it is well maintained and welcoming for all our visitors and users, so they have an enjoyable and memorable time.

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**Get your scouting growing!**

**Badges to help promote the amazing things you do and help retain your members as they move to the next section.**



**Ongoing learning for all**



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Safety, Safeguarding and First Aid training are mandatory ongoing learning for all our leaders, managers and supporters and needs to be completed every three years.

You can check when your ongoing learning is due for renewal by looking at your training record on Compass or by speaking to your Training Adviser/Local Training Manager, or simply speak to your Group Scout Leader or District Explorer Scout Commissioner, or volunteer line manager.

You can access the online safety and safeguarding learning and book onto our first response courses at:

[www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/ongoinglearning](http://www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/ongoinglearning)



**South London Scouts Learning Academy**

think differently question everything

We've published our 2023 learning programme and there's lots of new opportunities available to help you develop your understanding and skills.

View and register for our learning opportunities at [www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/training-academy](http://www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/training-academy)



**With wonderful facilities and easy access to local transport connections, the South London Scout Centre is a great way to explore central London.**



Great transport links



15 minutes from the centre of London



Camping for large groups



Indoor accommodation (for up to 50 people)



Traditional camping

[www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/fort-where-it-all-happens](http://www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/fort-where-it-all-happens)

## Tools to help you run a successful group or unit



For lots more support, tools, resouces and guidance visit the members area of our website at: [www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/members-area](http://www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/members-area)



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