

10 Key Points for Scouts & Scouters

1. Our Youth Programme will be launched as agreed in **April 2010**.
2. We fully understand people are anxious to get going but the new programme is **not finished** yet and it will not be before April 2010.
3. **False starts on our Youth Programme will fail**, and the Programme will unfairly get the blame. The work must be allowed to be brought to its conclusion. It has not been possible up to now to complete the work without the decisions of National Council
4. It is really important that it is understood by everyone that Pilot **Material can NOT just be tweaked** by our leaders to come up with a bit of a start for Sept this year - if they feel they have that ability please join our team!
5. Groups are planning to 'hold' young people this year in anticipation for new age ranges that apply next year. The Programme Commissioners are developing **supports for sections** who are doing so, please make use of this material rather than out of date pilot programme material.
6. One Youth Programme website is a vital tool for communication. We have an agreed **communications plan** from now until April '10 with messages each month.
7. A further step of preparation by ALL in SI is to ask do we REALLY use the **Patrol System** currently - Lodge Leader, Sixer or Ri, Patrol Leader, Venture Exec etc., we know there is serious groundwork needed here.
8. Youth involvement of the entire section in **decision making and programme** is another area needing a lot of work in SOME groups. Once again material will be on the website to support this.
9. Scout Groups can use the time between now and April to '**up skill**' **Scouters** - the Adventure Skill areas will not change. The training team have already prepared **comprehensive material** for courses starting in September. Their calendars will be issued shortly.
10. The Implementation and Support Team leader will be appointed over the coming weeks. Their role will be to **fully involve all stakeholders** in ensuring a successful and continued roll out of our One Youth Programme.