



Community Impact Staged Activity Badge – Step Forward Resource

Dear Scout Leader,

I am delighted to present this excellent Step Forward resource developed by our local partner Habitat for Humanity Ireland to meet the requirements of the Community Impact Staged Activity Badges and many other Scout awards. The resource can also be used to meet some requirements of our Top Awards as shown on page 5 which is pleasing.

Habitat for Humanity Ireland is an excellent local charity that aims to eradicate poverty housing and to give everyone a decent place to live because home is the start of living in dignity and safety. I would like to thank Habitat's Chief Executive Jenny Williams for obtaining the funding for this resource and for being so supportive of ScoutsNI over the years which is appreciated. My thanks also go to Programme Coordinator Victoria Trimble for developing such an excellent resource for Scout Sections to use in their programmes.

As you know, The Scout Association's Skills for Life strategy aims to prepare more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We talked about growing, being more inclusive, being shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities. Our A Million Hands campaign aims to mobilise members in support of a selection of themes chosen by our young people. As well as using the national partners, I recommend this resource to help your young people to learn about poverty housing and how to make a difference here in Northern Ireland as well as further afield as follows:

Stage 1 – Squirrel and Beaver Scouts

Stage 2 – Cub Scouts

Stage 3 – Scouts

Stage 4 – Explorer Scouts and Scout Network

Please use this resource in your programme as soon as you can. Project Lead David Scott helped to develop this resource for Belfast County originally and now for every Section in Northern Ireland. He is an enthusiastic advocate for Habitat for Humanity's work and he tells me that our young people will enjoy learning more about the charity and its work. Many thanks to David for leading on this project.

Yours in Scouting,

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