# Warrington West Youth Forum



### Introduction

#### Who are we?

In simple terms, we are the Warrington West Youth Forum Team.

Let us expand a bit... The Youth Forum is a group of young people who meet every few months. We are aiming to have 2 representatives from all scout and explorer groups in Warrington West.

#### What do we do?

We discuss opinions of the scouting program, ideas for future adventures and activities, and have an opportunity to input our voices into the important decisions in scouts.

#### Why are we important?

The Youth Forum is a safe space for young people to express their concerns and suggest their ideas for making our community and scouting experience better!

This group gives young people the opportunity to shape scouting to their best suiting. It gives them the chance to have their voice heard, and allows the district to hear their feedback, through us leaders forming an open communication channel.

#### **Announcements**

- The next youth forum meeting will be Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, at District Headquarters, Warrington. Details and invites have been sent out.
- Please make sure to talk to others in your group to get ideas for what ideas they have for making scouts better. E.g., more camps, more days out, more hikes etc...
- If you have not already, please update your personal details and permissions on OSM.
- Leaders: If you do not have any representatives for your group, or you would like to change your representatives, please contact us.



## What have we been up to?

On our meeting on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, we had our Christmas do! The group welcomed a few new faces and enjoyed bowling and laser tag, with a few arcade games at the end. This social event is one of the first steps taken to make our group more active, and the youth representatives chose what we did. We had a blast and made friends with our newbies joining us. Many pictures were taken, and they will be posted on the Warrington West Youth Forum Facebook Page.

We then continued to brainstorm some ideas for the future of the Youth Forum, considering many suggestions on how to get our name out there and educate more people about who we are and what we do.

To end our meeting, the representatives sprouted many proposals for our future meetings and begin planning activities that we could run as a group. We also snapped a fantastic group picture before leaving.



In the next meeting, we will be discussing more ideas for getting our name out there and showing everyone what we do as a group. We will also be using the meeting as an opportunity to discuss topics that will be spoken about in the upcoming County Youth Forum. We will be planning the 'fun day' so make sure to bring your thinking caps!

It would be appreciated if the representatives could discuss with their groups to get some more ideas for scouts and explorers, and get some feedback on their current scouting experience, so that we can discuss it at the next meeting.



#### Youth Forum Ideas

The youth representatives have produced many amazing ideas for our future, one in particular has been set in the works already. The 'fun day' (actual title to be decided) is now in planning processes in the district and we will be discussing this at future meetings. Keep an eye out for details being released...

## What is to come?

As the leaders of the youth forum, we will organize the ideas and take a deeper look into the possibility of them happening, we will also discuss the ideas with the district team and see what we can make possible. We are currently planning a Youth Forum Led 'Fun Day' for the district to engage in scouting activities and some exciting skill gaining projects.



## A few pictures from the Christmas do!





































