

Barlaston & Tittensor Scout Group

Political, Citizenship and Participation Policy

Political Activities

- a. The Scout Group, and the Scout movement in general, is not connected with any political body.
- b. Members of the group in uniform, or individuals when acting as representatives of the Group, must not take part in any party political meetings or activities that endorse any particular political party or candidate.

Citizenship and Participation

- c. The Group, being concerned to help young people prepare for and take a constructive place in society, encourages, through its programme, the development of a positive attitude to the needs of the community.
- d. In pursuance of the Scout Association's Purpose, each Member of the Group shall, within the bounds of age and mental maturity, be encouraged
 - a. to become involved in the processes by which decisions are made within the Association and, to that end, to understand the organisation of the Association
 - b. to become more aware of major social issues at local, national and international level;
 - c. to understand the processes of decision-making by organisations and by government, and to become aware of the individual's role in such processes
- e. It is accepted that this will involve members of the Group with current social issues, some of which are controversial and may therefore have a political dimension. However, individuals representing the Group must not endorse any particular political party or candidate.
- f. If a recognised public authority makes a public request for volunteers to take action to avoid grave public danger or inconvenience, whether it arises from an

industrial dispute or not, our Group lead Volunteer may, with the consent of the District Lead Volunteer, offer the services of Scouts provided that each individual participates voluntarily.

Expressions of Opinions

- g. Members of the Group may not express opinions on matters of policy or on any matter if it will appear that they are speaking or contributing on behalf of the Group or Association when appearing on television, speaking on the radio or writing for or being interviewed by the Press, unless they have previously obtained permission to do so from the Trustee Board and Headquarters respectively.

- h. Members of the Group may not address correspondence on any matters relating to Scouting or as representatives of the Association to any Royal personage, Department of State, Embassy or Legation at home or abroad, to any Scout Association Headquarters abroad, or to the World Scout Bureau, World Scout Committee or World Scout Conference except after consultation with and through Headquarters.