



## Project Africa Information Sheet (PA Challenge Badge)



### PA Challenge Badge

*A Berkshire Scouts' international community development programme*

#### Project Africa (the programme)

*Project Africa* is an international community development programme launched by Berkshire Scouts in 2010 and includes the *PA Challenge Badge* as well as other strands (listed below).

The main theme of *Project Africa* is ***young people supporting young people***. The programme is designed to help Berkshire Scouts understand the lives of their peers in African countries. The programme also offers opportunities for Scouts of all ages to contribute directly to the project.

#### PA Challenge Badge (criteria)

The *PA Challenge Badge* is open to all Sections.



The badge/award is unique to Berkshire Scouts and can only be gained by participation in a number of activities. To achieve the badge/award each person will need to have completed at least 5 of the following *Project Africa* themed activities:

- a cultural activity or learning experience;
- a food related activity;
- a physical activity;
- a creative activity;
- a fundraising activity (to support *Project Africa*);
- take part in at least 3 Africa themed games;
- provide and run an Africa related activity for a group of young people.

Resources to support the above tasks can be downloaded at:

[www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/gap.php](http://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/gap.php)

The activities being completed for the *PA Challenge Badge* should be appropriate to the Section undertaking them, ie: more challenging for the older sections.

Note: the *PA Challenge Badge* can be added to OSM records via the add badge section.

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When completing the *PA Challenge Badge*, don't forget the activities will also support elements of the Scout award/badge schemes, in particular the *Our World* challenge badge and the *International* activity badge in each Section. Explorer Scouts could also structure activities to support the *Platinum* and *Diamond Chief Scouts Awards*.

To obtain the badge/award for your section or Group you will need to advise the *Project Africa* team that you have completed the tasks required for the badge and how many individual badges you will be awarding.

As the *Project Africa* team would like to keep developing the resources available on the website (see GAP below), the team require copies of the programme and resources used to achieve the badge/award as well as some photographs of the young people taking part in the activities (please note the photographs may be used for promotional purposes unless you tell the team otherwise).



Photographs showing Beaver Scouts taking part in the PA Challenge Badge

Please send requests for badges, along with the above 'evidence' of completion, to:  
[projectafrica@berkshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:projectafrica@berkshirescouts.org.uk)

### Other Project Africa strands

#### *PA Global Awareness Programme (GAP)*

GAP offers programme resources to support section programmes with an Africa theme as well as directly supporting the *PA Challenge Badge*. The resources can be filtered for the kind of activity as well as size of group taking part in the activities. Download resources at:

[www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/gap.php](http://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/gap.php)

#### *PA Uganda 2011*

Just under 90 Scouts and leaders travelled to Uganda in the summer of 2011 to take part in the programme by working at two special schools. Classrooms and other facilities were built at the Bukeka Children's Centre in Mityana and building and refurbishment work took place at the Kavule School for the Deaf. See the full story at:

[www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/projectafricaucp.php](http://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/projectafricaucp.php)

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(left) Berkshire Scouts building the classrooms at Bukeka; (right) completed building

### **Uganda 2015**

Berkshire Scouts (65 Scouts and leaders) returned to Uganda in 2015 to continue supporting schools and school children. The project schools (Butagaya Primary School and Iwololo Primary School) are located in a poor rural area north of Jinja. This phase of the project is in partnership with *Soft Power Education* (a British charity supporting schools and education in Uganda). More information about Uganda 2015 and *Soft Power Education* can be found at:

[www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/uganda2015.php](http://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/uganda2015.php)

[www.softpowereducation.com](http://www.softpowereducation.com)



(left) Berkshire Scouts working on the 3-classroom block at Butagaya  
(right) the completed building

Donations to support the ongoing work at the above school projects can be made via:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/berkshirescoutsuganda2015>

### **General information**

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