



# Understanding the PLC

Scouter's Edition

**Terra Nova: Patrol Involvement:** Understand the implications for the Patrol Leaders' Council for individuals and the Patrol.

This resource helps Scouts doing their Terra Nova Crean Award understand how the Patrol Leaders' Council relates to the Patrols and the Scouts.



Each Scout is completing their own scouting journey through the Crean Awards. A scout is a member of a team called a patrol, in which they have a specific job. In their patrol, scouts run a programme to help them achieve their Crean Awards. The PLC organise the overall programme, runs the troop, and decides on progress in badgework. The PLC coordinates the programme which is run in patrols by scouts. **Scouters help support this system by facilitating all scouts in their roles and progressing in their Crean Awards.**





## The PLC and Running Programme

A programme cycle is a series of activities and meetings run over a month or two around a core theme. Scouts decide and organise their own programme based on a series of adventures, working in their Patrols while being supported by the Scouters. Each programme cycle involves three phases: Plan, Do, Review.

Scouts, Patrols, and the PLC all have specific roles to play in a programme cycle. There are Patrol meetings (these can be part of your troop meetings) and PLC meetings (separate to weekly meetings) which help plan, do, review the programme and assess the progress and effort of each scout.

### Order of Programme Cycle:

1. Patrol Meeting - Plan & Review: Each scout contributes to the review of the previous programme cycle and helps generate ideas for Patrol/Troop activities for the next cycle.
2. PLC – Plan Review: The PLs bring the ideas and opinions from the patrols to help review and plan the troop programme. This should be a detailed programme based around the ideas from the patrol meetings.
3. Patrol Meeting – Assessment: With their PLs and APLs, scouts assess their own progress in their Crean Awards and other badge work, and can plan what do next. **Scouters may need to assist, especially when assessing Adventure Skills**
4. PLC – Assessment: The PLs bring these assessments to PLC who award Scouts their badges. PLs and APLs can assess their own progress with Scouters, at these meetings. **Scouters can offer advice and guidance.**
5. Note: there are activities and meetings happening throughout the programme cycle in between these meetings.
6. New Programme Cycle begins. Patrol Meeting - Plan & Review.





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Scouts and Patrols contribute ideas, which are developed into programme by the PLC. The patrols then run this programme which helps Scouts progress in their Crean Awards. After assessing progress with PLs/APLs, the PLC can then award badges to Scouts for their involvement and efforts.

