



Polar Award: Scout Group

For Crean Polar Award, Scouts need to “Take an active role in your Group” and “As a member of the Patrol Leaders Council, engage with the Group Council”. These parts of the Awards can be achieved in several ways. This resources has several suggestions to help Scouts meet this requirement.

Talk with your Scouters

At a PLC meeting talk with your Scouters about how you and other Scouts doing their Polar Awards can take an a role in the Group and be involved with the Group Council. They will be able to help you achieve this by supporting you with some of the following ideas, or other ideas you might have.

Group Council Meetings

Each Group Council should include a representative from the Scout Section, separate to the Programme Scouters. This can be you a Scout, or it could be someone who can speak on your behalf. When you are going to Group Council talk with your Scouters about helping you get involved in the meeting, it can be a little daunting at first to speak up at meetings, but once you get used to it, it will be much easier. Here are some things that are important:

- There should be at least two of you scouts attending together to support each others
- You can share the Scout Section Report with your Scouters
- The meetings should be run at a time and a place that you can attend (i.e. not too late).
- If you are uncertain about anything, just ask. Also you should get the agenda of the meeting beforehand, so you can check out the items.
- Before the meeting you should prepare what points you are going to make

Meeting with Group Council Representatives

At other times, it maybe more beneficial to have some members of the Group Council attend a Patrol Leaders’ Council meeting. There you could raise and discuss issues of importance with the representatives, such as the Group Leader and Treasurer. Afterwards, the Group Council could report back on progress made with the issues discussed.

Group Roles

You can also take on, or help with roles in their Group. For example, you could be part of the Quartermaster/Bosun Team since each patrol has a quartermaster and they use the equipment a lot. Also, you could take responsibility for the Group Social Media or a Leave No Trace programme.

