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Youth Shaping

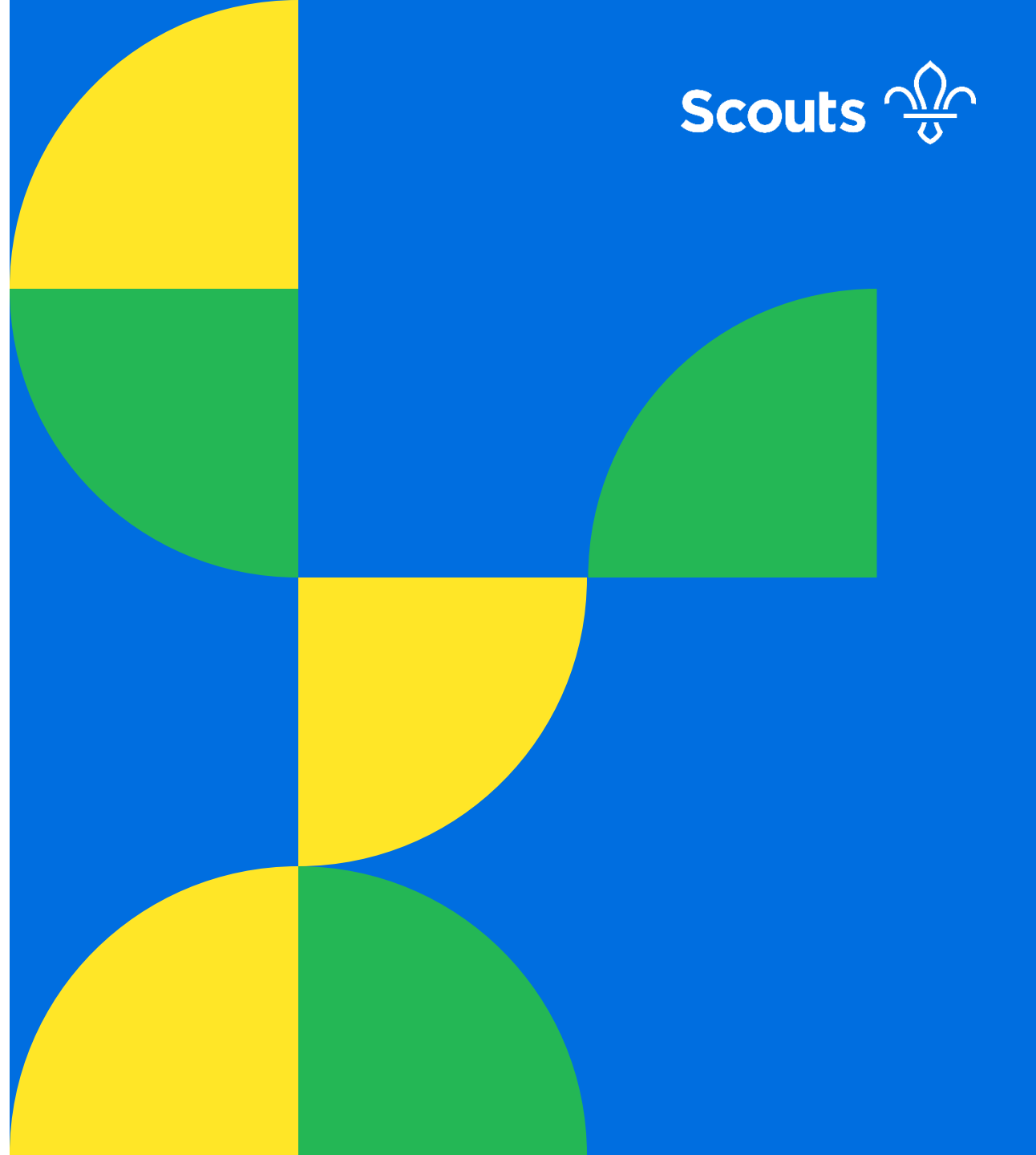
What is Youth Shaping?

- Empowering young people to stand up for what they believe in and lead their peers.
- Putting young people first and giving them the chance to work with their leaders to make a difference in their group, their community, and the wider world.
- Shaping activities, getting involved with governance, creating a culture, and being the face of Scouts.
- Embracing diverse views, new ideas, and opportunities, and building trust between generations.



What Stops Youth Shaping

- “We’ve always done it like this”
- “What have they got to add?”
- “It is more effort than it is worth”
- “Ideas the young people have aren’t realistic”
- “It is all well and good them coming up with the ideas, but we still have to make it happen”



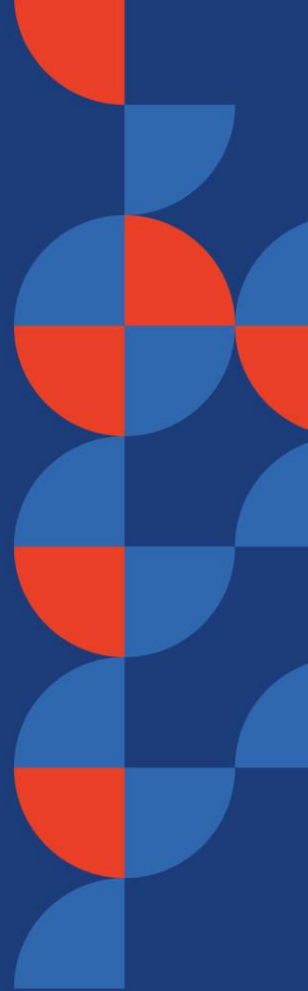
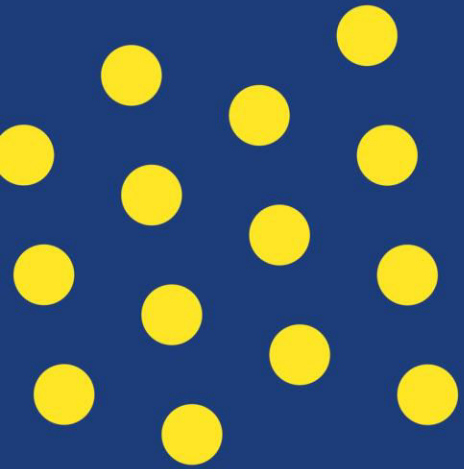
How can we be Youth Shaped?

- Provide the young people with accessible and inclusive opportunities to plan their own programmes.
- Encourage them to take the lead on elements of that programme.
- Empower them to represent their views and ideas so that, ultimately, every decision we make has their best interests at heart.
- Use new and exciting ways to bring out the ideas that every young person has in them





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What is it about?

- Young people learn how to speak up and take the lead
 - Makes it even easier to embed being youth shaped into your programme
 - Helps young people work with their leaders to learn leadership skills that they'll use for the rest of their lives
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