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Dark Horse Venture

The Dark Horse Venture is a registered charity, founded in 1988. It is a national scheme for mature people over 55 or, if you are a Trefoil Guild member, over 50.

It exists to help people:

- discover hidden talents
- develop new interests
- stimulate fresh ideas
- open new avenues after retirement
- help prevent loneliness and isolation

There are four activity categories in which you can participate, and any activity you can think of is bound to fit into one of these:

- Giving and Sharing
- Learning and Doing
- Exploring and Exercising
- Generations Working Together

Over 5,000 people have enrolled with the Venture. Trefoil Guild members form the largest group from a single organisation to embrace the Dark Horse Venture activities.

There is no limit to the number of Certificates that can be gained. However, for those who achieve a Certificate from any three different categories out of the four, a Gold Seal Certificate is awarded.

For further information contact your County or Country/Region Dark Horse Venture Adviser or:

The Dark Horse Venture
St Mary's Millennium Centre
Meadow Lane
West Derby
Liverpool L12 5EA
Tel: 0151 256 8866

The Discovery Award

The Discovery Award was founded in 1987 in Dundee. It is open to anyone aged 50 and over, regardless of state of health or ability.

By its challenge you:

- discover new strengths and hidden talents
- try new interests; rediscover old
- meet new and interesting people
- have the satisfaction of doing something for others as well as yourself
- experience the joy of unexpected achievement

The Award is non-competitive; you progress at your own pace and within your own capabilities, whilst enjoying yourself at the same time.

There are three levels:

- 1 Bronze
- 2 Silver
- 3 Gold

Each level has four sections, has an agreed time scale and its own certificate and Badge.

The sections are:

- 1 Service in the Community
- 2 Recreational pursuit
- 3 A hobby or interest
- 4 Journey of Discovery (which need not be a physical journey)

Throughout the Country groups have been formed including several Trefoil Guilds, together with members of Girlguiding UK. There are coordinators to assist with any help that is required.

For further information and membership application form contact:

The Discovery Award England

St Marys Hall
Wollaton Hall Drive
Wollaton Park
Nottingham
NG8 1AF

OR If you live in Scotland

The Discovery Award Scotland
The Ancrum Outdoor Education Centre
10 Ancrum Road
Dundee
DD2 2HZ

The National Council of Women of Great Britain

The National Council of Women (NCW) is non-party-political and non-sectarian, attracting active support from almost 50 organisations. The Trefoil Guild is an affiliated member of NCW, with the opportunity of bringing its views to bear on many subjects affecting women's lives.

The objectives of the NCW are:

- to interest and educate women in local, regional and international affairs, and to encourage them to take an active part in public life
- to remove discrimination and promote the equality of women in society
- to represent their views at the highest possible level
- to work for international understanding and peace

More than a century ago, NCW began campaigning to improve conditions for women workers, and over the years it has been at the forefront of social change, always ready to address new issues. NCW's efforts brought about the acceptance of women as members of the police force, the passing of laws regarding equal pay and equal opportunities for women, improved child care and consumer and environmental protection. NCW has worked continuously for an improvement in women's health care. Prime objectives remain the complete removal of sex discrimination and greater participation by women in public life.

Trefoil Guild members are welcomed at all events and membership is open to women of all ages.

Further details on all NCW activities are available from the Trefoil Guild's representative via the Trefoil Guild Office.

Or contact the NCW direct:

Email: ncwgb@danburystreet.freeserve.co.uk

Tel: 01325 367375

The Scout Fellowship

The Scout Fellowship is the counterpart of the Trefoil Guild in The Scout Association. Its objectives are similar to those of the Trefoil Guild. Membership is open to any person over the age of 18 years who supports the aims of Scouting. Full membership is available to any person who makes the Scout Promise. Such a member may choose to wear uniform. Anyone who does not make the Scout Promise may become an associate member but does not wear uniform.

All members of The Scout Fellowship are members of The Scout Association, pay a membership subscription to Scout Headquarters and benefit from the services offered to the Movement as a whole.

The Scout Fellowship functions as part of a Scout Group, District or County/Area. The organisation is extremely flexible. In many cases, members form smaller groups, bringing together those of similar age, with particular interests or for particular service projects. The all important link with the District or County/Area is maintained through the appointment of an Assistant District or County/Area Commissioner (Scout Fellowship).

Members of The Scout Fellowship are there to support Scouting but also find many opportunities to help the community beyond Scouting and enjoy a social life in the Scouting spirit. Cooperation between the Trefoil Guild and The Scout Fellowship is encouraged at all levels.

The Scout Fellowship address is:

Programme and Training Department
Gilwell Park
Bury Road
Chingford
London E4 7EW

Tel: 020 8524 5246
Fax: 020 8498 5329

The Adult Scout Alliance

The Adult Scout Alliance is an organisation formed by members from The Scout Association or BP Guilds who wish to be members of ISGF.

The ASA and The Trefoil Guild communicate and cooperate with each other regarding ISGF projects and activities.

Friends of Guiding

Friends of Guiding are groups of parents, relatives and friends of members, Trefoil Guild members or Girlguiding UK members themselves, who support the aims of guiding by actively working to help their local units, District or Division or other area Leaders or Commissioners by fundraising, providing resources for events or establishing contacts with other local organisations.

Friends of Guiding groups:

- are self supporting
- complement local Guilds

Every District and/or Division is encouraged to have a Friends of Guiding group. Friends of Guiding may wear a Friends of Guiding badge.