

# Be a podcaster

Young people will explore the expanding world of podcasting by planning, recording, editing and sharing an episode

## Did you know?

Podcasts are a growing industry. Around 7.1 million people in the UK listen to them each week – up 24% between 2018 and 2019. (Ofcom)



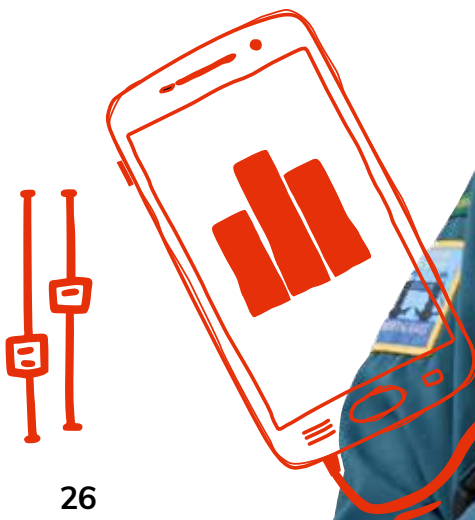
## Questions to ask yourself first...

- 1** What is my podcast about and what is it not about?
- 2** How can I make my topic clear and interesting?
- 3** How will I grab the interest of my listeners right away?
- 4** What do I want my audience to remember afterwards?



## Online Safety

Supervise young people when they're online and give them advice about staying safe. For more guidance go to [scouts.org.uk/staysafe](https://scouts.org.uk/staysafe) and [nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](https://nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety). For guidance on bullying go to [nspcc.org.uk/bullying](https://nspcc.org.uk/bullying). If you've got concerns about a young person's welfare (including online experiences), go to [archive.scouts.org.uk/media/996788/Yellow-Card.pdf](https://archive.scouts.org.uk/media/996788/Yellow-Card.pdf).





## Suitable for Scouts and Explorers

### You will need

- paper
- pens or pencils
- computer or laptop with internet access
- smartphone or voice recorder
- headphones
- free audio editing software like Audacity ([audacityteam.org](http://audacityteam.org))

### Instructions

**1** Have a discussion with your group to find out what they know about podcasts and if they listen to them. What is a podcast? What are they

about? Where can you listen to them? What makes you want to listen to them? What have they noticed about the podcasts they like? Eg is their format scripted, storytelling, factual, interview or conversational? You could listen to a few excerpts of different podcasts, using our list in the spring 2019 issue of Scouting magazine: [scouts.org.uk/springtermmagazine](http://scouts.org.uk/springtermmagazine).

**2** Share with the group that they are going to have the opportunity to record their own podcasts about an aspect of aviation. Split everyone into small teams: they will work together to create their podcasts.

**3** Explore ideas for what the podcasts could be about. Topics

and formats could include: talking about different types of aircraft, what impact the weather has on flight, interviewing somebody who has flown an aircraft, or a time you visited an air museum and what you learned.

**4** In the teams, support everyone to plan, record and edit their podcasts by using the information and links provided on this page.

**5** Share your podcasts with others by publishing them on the website of your group, district or county for everyone to enjoy!

### Top tips for making a podcast

- Practise recording your first name and the name of your section, asking questions and recording someone responding, while wearing headphones to make sure the sound is coming through.
- Upload the recordings to a computer or laptop and familiarise yourself with using editing and mixing software. There are lots of tutorials online (see below).
- Have a list of any sounds you want to record, as well as the interview, such as the sound of aeroplanes or an airport.

### Time needed 90 minutes over several sessions

#### Badge



RAF partners the Air Activities Staged Activity Badge

#### Partner



#### Outcomes

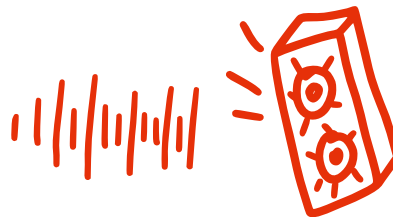
Young people will explore the increasingly popular medium of podcasts. They will discover different formats and learn about an aspect of air activities by gaining the new skills needed to help them to make their own.

#### More information

The Royal Air Force (RAF) is passionate about equipping young people with the skills they need to soar. With the Air Activities Staged Activity Badges, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers can explore the secrets and science of flight. To learn more go to [scouts.org.uk/supporters/RAF](http://scouts.org.uk/supporters/RAF).

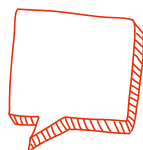
### What's a podcast?

A podcast is an audio series of content that can include news, storytelling and many other things. When you subscribe using your mobile device, new episodes are downloaded automatically.



### Where to find more help and advice for making podcasts:

- [bit.ly/soundpractice](http://bit.ly/soundpractice)
- [yr.media/diy/diy-toolkit-how-to-make-a-podcast/](http://yr.media/diy/diy-toolkit-how-to-make-a-podcast/)
- [buzzsprout.com/how-to-make-a-podcast](http://buzzsprout.com/how-to-make-a-podcast)



### Zoom in

Learn more about the wonders of aviation with the RAF's podcasts about their aerobatic team, The Red Arrows. Head to [bbc.co.uk/sounds](http://bbc.co.uk/sounds) and search 'Red Arrows'. Users need to register and sign in and must be over 13 years old. If under 13, a parent or guardian must give permission on their behalf.