

## Running my first MGR stall!

Earlier this year, my area decided that some recruitment was needed, especially for leaders. After reaching out to other local leaders, I found the ideal event and got things in motion.

The event was really positive, with some friendly faces and curious questions. Here's what we tried, how it went, and what I'd tweak for next time:



Friendship bracelets – A big hit! It worked well having the dish premade with threads set so everyone could get immediately stuck in. I used the SWE template which had the joining link printed on it, so everyone essentially took a leaflet. Picnic blankets were also a great way for people to chill while doing their bracelets.

Camp blanket scavenger hunt – This didn't go quite so well. I feel this was because of positioning them at the back of the gazebo. Next time we're going to try a different set up and bring prizes to help encourage participation.

Pretend campsite – A small, sweet success. While it didn't engage much conversation, quite a few younger children enjoyed sitting inside a tent for the first time. It also helped us be recognisable.

Leaflets – It was good to have quick hand outs available, though a few commented that the national link was difficult to navigate, so I may choose different leaflets next time.

Decorations – We had table cloths, banners, and bunting, which was good to have around.

For the next time, another community event, we've been asked to facilitate a group activity, and we've offered to run some parachute games. We're hoping to get some of our young members involved too.