



Areas of Work

Educational Methods

Mapping activities in the area of Adult Resources

To help share information about key issues in the area of Adult Resources, leadership and training, WOSM - European Region and European Region WAGGGS are carrying out of who is doing what in this area.

In the February 2008 issue of Europak we published a simple form. By filling in this form and returning it to us you ensure that information about your NSO/MO strategic issues, activities and resources are shared around Europe. Furthermore, this can provide you with many opportunities for partnerships and joint projects with other associations.

You can find the cover letter at this link:

www.europak-online.net/EP0308/Adult_Resources_letter_E.pdf

Mapping Adult Resources form can be found at this link:

www.europak-online.net/EP0308/AR_Form_E.doc

Unit Meetings within Adult Resources

The Resources Unit

1-3 February in the Ballyhorgan Activity Centre, Northern Ireland

The Resource Unit has been created with the aim to define an approach to producing resources in the Region, supporting different structures within the Region and defining approaches to monitoring, evaluation and capitalisation of work and its promotion within the Region.

The first meeting resulted in producing a very detailed plan of actions for the triennium which include:

- The Inventory and a Repository of materials produced in Scouting in Europe
- A Glossary
- Guidelines and Style sheet for producing materials
- Providing support for producing and exploring e-learning platforms
- Partnerships with other international youth agencies
- To define an approach for monitoring, evaluation and capitalisation of the work

Recognition Unit

8-10 February in Gouda, The Netherlands

The goal of the Recognition Unit is to analyse, initiate, plan, deliver and evaluate work on the Recognition of Training. During their first meeting the Unit defined various tasks in 4 areas of recognition:

1. Self-recognition
2. Internal (organisational) recognition
3. Transferability of learning (competencies)
4. External Recognition

The strongest point is that self - recognition is the key element and starting point for all other areas and that we need to give this aspect more attention.

Training Systems Working Group

22-24 February in Budapest, Hungary

The Group defined the final content of the Training Systems Toolkit, which will be produced in late Spring. This will be a useful tool for all the associations that intend to design or renew their training system. The group also worked on additional tools and support that will be available to associations.

Development and Support

Tailored Support within WOSM – European Region

Tailored Support is a new service of the European Scout Region. Its aim is to support NSAs/NSOs with one or more developmental challenges and those who would like to benefit from additional help by calling on the assistance of experts on particular topics.

If you want to know more about this new service please have a look at this link,

<http://scout.org/en/media/files/europe/tsu> or contact ktauscher@scout.org.

Growth Network Meeting

25-27 April 2008 in Lisbon, Portugal

Please note that next Growth Network Meeting is taking place. We have not yet reached the deadline so, if you are interested just download the invitation letter and application form at this link:

www.europak-online.net/ukeurop0108.html

The three main topics are:

1. Youth Programme and Growth
2. Recruitment and Growth
3. Communication and Growth

We are looking forward to seeing you there to exchange ideas, best practices and just to learn more about membership growth.

If you have any further questions, please contact ktauscher@scout.org.

Relationships and Funding

European Year of Volunteering in 2011

The Regional Development Committee of the European Parliament adopted a report on the "role of volunteering in contributing to economic and social cohesion". This illustrates recognition and the importance of volunteering as a valuable form of social engagement and personal skills enhancement.

This report will soon be put to the plenary of the Parliament. In addition to the report, on Wednesday 9th April, Marian Harkin MEP will launch a written declaration calling on the European institutions to announce 2011 as the European Year on volunteering. These are two processes that will impact on Scouting. You can contribute to them by contacting your national members of the European Parliament and ask them to support both initiatives. Please let us know if you are going to do this or if you would like any support or advice about how – this is a real opportunity to influence a political process in favour of Scouting. Contact Mike: mwalker@scout.org

EU funds for projects with countries outside Europe

The European Commission has published a call for proposals for youth projects with countries outside Europe to be supported by the Youth in Action Programme. This is a good opportunity for NSOs to get support for activities with other regions such as Africa.

The priority theme for 2008 is inter-cultural dialogue. The projects must deal with one of the following subjects:

- Strengthening of civil society, citizenship and democracy
- Fight against racism and xenophobia
- Inter-ethnic and inter-religious dialogue
- Post-conflict resolution and reconstruction
- The active role of women in society
- Minority rights

More information and the call can be found here.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/calls2008/action32/index_en.htm.

But hurry, the deadline for applications is 15 April 2008.

Social Networking and Wikipedia

Is your NSA/NSO aware of the potential and risks associated with web 2.0 Internet technology and web design? Web-based communities and hosted services such as; social-networking sites, wikis, blogs, and folksonomies which aim to facilitate creativity, collaboration, and sharing among users are becoming more and more popular. Rather than look for specific internet site, users increasingly just goggle the topic they are looking for – including Scouts and your NSO.

Are you aware of the internet content that exists about Scouting in your country? How much influence do you have over it? Do you monitor it? Have you experienced this? We would very much to hear your answers and experiences. Contact Mike: mwalker@scout.org

Life of the Movement

Visiting Kandersteg?

Summer 2008

At the European Scout Conference, the Region signed an updated agreement with the Kandersteg International Scout Centre.

The agreement, and those which preceded it, govern the relationships and support between the Region as part of WOSM, the Swiss Scout Movement and the Kandersteg Association. One of the outcomes was an agreement to provide reduced camping places for up to 500 nights per year. The availability and fees charged are subject to availability, not in the peak period and are specifically to support countries in Bands A and B, according to the WOSM fee payment bands. For further information please contact the centre directly: director@kisc.ch

First World Scout Winter Games

28 February – 3 March 2008 at Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC), Switzerland

The three-day event, based in the Swiss Alps, was the first of its kind. There were 9 teams of Scouts from 8 different countries who came together to compete in a number of winter activities. The disciplines included were Cross Country Skiing, Curling, Slalom Racing, Synchronised Skiing and a Triathlon.

Each team had up to 6 participants between 15 and 30 years of age. All participants were experienced skiers or snowboarders. Training workshops were held for Curling and Cross Country skiing before the main events. The workshops were organised by KISC Staff along with staff from the Edelweiss Cross Country Ski School and the Swiss Ski School.

The 9 teams came from Liechtenstein, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. The competition was based on individuals and teams accumulating points in each discipline. The overall winner of the event was the Swedish Team, with Norway in second place, followed by Liechtenstein in third position.

The idea behind the games was to bring together teams from many different countries to compete in a series of winter disciplines and enjoy a fun, Scouting atmosphere at the same time. The event was a huge success with a good level of fun and competitiveness among the teams. There was a great display of International Scouting between all groups and we hope that the event becomes a tradition in the future.

'KISC Extreme Week' at Kandersteg International Scout Centre

23-30 May 2008 in KISC, Switzerland

If you want to experience a week of high adrenalin and adventure while making friends along the way, then join the 'KISC Extreme Week'. Happening during the beginning of May, the week is a perfect way to kick start your summer!

To take part in the week you must:

- Be over 18
- Have a good fitness level
- Be ready to try new activities
- Have CHF 650.- or EUR 430.-

Included in the price is:

- All of your food and shared accommodation in the Old Chalet.
- 6 days of activities (the programme will include one free day where optional activities will be available at an extra cost)

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Katey (IE) at; pda@kisc.ch or +41 33 675 8282.

The Annual Gathering of the Friends of Scouting in Europe

17-19 October 2008 in Hungary

The 10th FOSE Gathering will certainly ensure a high number of Friends participating. Do note this weekend in your calendar.

As every year, FOSE will receive an invitation letter to this event within the coming months. Updates can also be found in future issues of the Euro.Scout.Info. If you would like more detailed information, you can contact Rene Karla at: rene.karla@chello.at

Gathering of the Friends of Scouting in Europe, in Korea

July 2008 on Jeju, Korea

During the World Scout Conference, the FOSE will gather for an informal meeting in Korea. Updates will be made about European activities, the "Small Projects" and all projects within the European Scout Foundation's umbrella.

Furthermore, our Regional Chairman, will highlight some of the results that the Small Projects have made in Central and Eastern Europe. The timing and venue of this FOSE meeting is still to be announced, though FOSE will be informed well in advance.

Ingelsrud Summer Experience in Norway

Spring and summer are right around the corner and the magnificent adventures of summer Scouting will soon be here. The Norwegian Guide and Scout Association invites you and your fellow scouts to the Ingelsrud Guide and Scout Centre. Our always well-prepared camp staff will assist you in capturing the Ingelsrud Summer Experience week 28 to 32 during 2008.

Bring your troop to Ingelsrud for a real Summer Experience! For more information on prices and booking, go to this link: www.ingelsrud.no

Silesia 2008 - Invitation for Participants and the International Service Team (IST)

1-10 August 2008 in Chorzów, Poland

If you still haven't decided where to have your summer adventure this year, the Central European Scout and Guide Jamboree "Silesia 2008" is the perfect offer for you!

The Jamboree is to take place in the heart of Silesia. Guide and Scout associations from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, and Poland cordially invite Guides and Scouts from other countries to participate in the event. One patrol consists of 10 people, including participants aged 10 to 17 years and 1-2 leaders. Guides and Scouts over 18 are most welcome as IST. There will be 3000 of us altogether at Silesia 2008!

Your applications are expected by 15 March 2008. For more information, go to this link: www.silesia2008.zhp.pl



2nd International Seminar on Scouting and Child Labour and Street Children Phenomenon

4-10 April 2008 in the Cairo International Scout Centre (CISC), Egypt

Child Labour is one of the most serious social and economic problems, which is at the same time related to human rights. Statistics show that there are currently 260 million working children all over the world.

The International Program to Eliminate Child Labour (IPEC) now implements nearly 1000 programs at the world level with a view to finding out suitable alternatives to child labour. The Scout Movement has contributed to increasing awareness about the problem on world and regional levels.

Objectives are:

- Supporting the role of Scouting by improving living conditions of working children and their families
- Getting aware and sharing information on the issue of Child Labour at local, national and international levels
- Analysing the various forms of child labour in their country and generalizing the outcomes of such analysis
- Identifying causes and results of the widespread of this phenomenon
- Clarifying how to make the best use of the Scout Method for supporting working children

The Arab Regional Director, Dr. Atif Abdelmageed Abdelrahman, encourages interested NSOs who have success stories and experience in such field, to participate.

For more information, please contact the World Scout Bureau – Arab Regional Office at: arab@scout.org

Reminders and Deadlines

Growth Network Meeting

25-27 April 2008, Lisbon, Portugal

Deadline: 28 March 2008

Eurosea 9

5-11 May 2008 in Larch Hill, Ireland

Deadline: 30 March 2008

Sponsorship for the 38th World Scout Conference and the 10th World Scout Youth Forum

14-18 July 2008 in Jeju Islands, Korea

Deadline: 31 March 2008

European Union funds for projects

countries outside Europe

Deadline: 15 April 2008

Useful Information

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