



## Areas of Work

### Educational Methods

#### Lands of Adventure Day 2009

28 February to 1 March 2009, all around Europe



As every year, the big celebration of everyone involved or wishing to be involved in the Lands of Adventure programme – the LoA Day – is scheduled to take place at the border between winter and spring.

This year, all the patrols interested will participate together in an exciting and mysterious Cluedo-type adventure in the weekend 28 February to 1 March 2009. Scout patrols (aged 11-15 ½) from all over Europe will explore together and, maybe, understand Europe a little better, as a rich and diverse continent, without even leaving home.

All the details about the event, as well as registration forms and various supporting resources are, as always, available at [www.loaday.landsofadvventure.eu](http://www.loaday.landsofadvventure.eu).

Good hunting to all!

#### Agora 2009 - Creating... Yourself, Your Team, The World!

23-26 April 2009 in KISC, Switzerland



"Agora". This word can cause some feeling of uncertainty, doubt or even strangeness.

However, this word has a very powerful meaning for us, in European Scouting: Empowering Young People!

Agora is an event run for Rovers by Rovers. This event allows young people from all over Europe to get together, exchange ideas and ideals, different cultures and knowledge and, most important of all, it makes young people not only do things, but be together! That's what Scouting is about, right? It is a movement for young people, which allows youth to grow in a "melting pot" of people and experiences, always learning ("learn by doing"), living and sharing.

In "Agora", Rovers are called to talk and reflect on lots of different issues. This year, the theme is: Creating... Yourself. Your Team, The World! Each NSA can apply for two Rovers and can contribute to a real network of youth in a growing and healthy environment... because the main goal is: Empowering Young People!

The event will run from 23 to 26 April 2009 in Kandersteg. The Agora invitation letter and application form can be found here:

[http://scout.org/en/around\\_the\\_world/europe/information\\_events/resources/circulars](http://scout.org/en/around_the_world/europe/information_events/resources/circulars)

For more information please contact WSB – European Regional Office, [rstinghe@scout.org](mailto:rstinghe@scout.org).

### Development and Support

#### Implementation of Tailored Support

Tailored Support Implementation for Albania, Montenegro, Croatia, FYRO Macedonia and Bulgaria started in January 2009.

As a first step of implementation, meetings with NSO representatives took place. The main goal of these meetings was to prepare an implementation plan for each NSO, with specific steps and deadlines.

Each of the Tailored Support projects has a set of actions depending on the specific needs of the NSO, such as:

- Workshops for leaders
- Assistance in development and implementation of youth programme
- Assistance in establishment of sustainable office operations
- Training in fundraising
- Implementation of membership database systems

All actions will be planned and implemented as collaborative work of the members of Core Groups and Units of the European Scout Region. Most of these Tailored Support actions in the countries mentioned above will be implemented throughout the Spring and Summer of 2009.

More information on the process of Tailored Support, as well as possibilities for applying can be found at; [http://www.scout.org/en/spotlight/europe/tailored\\_support](http://www.scout.org/en/spotlight/europe/tailored_support) or by contacting Jordan Bajraktarov; [jbajraktarov@scout.org](mailto:jbajraktarov@scout.org) or Katrin Tauscher [ktauscher@scout.org](mailto:ktauscher@scout.org).

### Relationships and Funding



#### Funding Info – Are you aware that some of your activities could be easily funded?

Youth in Action (YiA) is a Programme set up by the European Union aiming at funding activities for young people. It promotes mobility within and beyond the EU's borders, non-formal education activities and intercultural dialogue.

But concretely, how does it work?

The YiA in order to achieve its objectives foresees different possible activities. Some examples:

Would you like to organise an exchange with Scouts from other countries?

Action 1.1 or 3.1 of the YiA Programme can give you a hand, funding the 70% of the travel cost and the costs of the exchange!

Do you think that the sending or hosting a young volunteer for some months could be useful and learning experience for your organisation or one young Scout leader?

Have a look at the Action 2 of the YiA Programme, the European Voluntary Service!

Do you feel the need to share experiences or good practice with others from different countries?

Actions 3.1 or 4.3 of the YiA can give you the necessary financial support (50% of the overall costs of the meeting) to organise a training course, seminar or to build partnership meetings!

I want to know more about this programme: where should I look for it?

First of all you should download the YiA Programme Guide and go through it to look for the Action that meets your needs. Link: [http://ec.europa.eu/youth/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.htm)

How to apply?

In order to get financial support you need to fill an application form according to the Action requirements and operation.

Who should I contact to apply?

These funds are available through the National 'Youth in Action' Agency of your country. The list of all the National Agencies is available at the end of the YiA Programme Guide.

When to apply?

There are 5 possible deadlines per year to be submitted to the YIA National Agencies:

Projects starting between	Application deadlines 2009
1 May and 30 September	1 February
1 July and 30 November	1 April
1 September and 31 January	1 June
1 December and 30 April	1 September
1 February and 31 July	1 November

AS YOU CAN SEE THE NEXT DEADLINE IS THE **1 FEBRUARY**, SO HURRY UP AND START LOOKING FOR FUNDING!

If you are interested to receive more info on funding possibilities, or to receive specific support, don't hesitate to contact the fundraising officer, Nicoló at the WSB – European Regional Office [npranzini@scout.org](mailto:npranzini@scout.org).

**Influencing European Regulations and Policies, Empowering Volunteering!**

The Conference Resolution [ESC 15/2007](#) called the European Scout Region to take action to ensure the recognition of Scout practices by public authorities and to influence restrictive policies and regulations that hinder Scout activities. The approach on the issue Restrictive Regulations and Policies is based on a two-fold strategy: on identifying European policies and regulations leading to national legislation that are detrimental to Scouting, and where possible, bring these policies to the attention of the European institutions. Moreover a series of campaigning activities at the national and European level took place in order to proactively influence the recognition and understanding of the nature and value of voluntary youth work organised within Scouting.

The following actions will provide an opportunity to raise the role of volunteering and the impact of restrictive practices to the attention of European decision makers:

- Dialogue with the European Commission: share your examples. In order to do this we need examples of problems with regulations that you are facing.
- European Parliament elections: tell your story to the future MEPs. The European Parliament will be renewed and the new Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) will be elected in the European elections in 4-7 June 2009.

- 2011 European Year of Volunteers: get your Government on board

Please go ahead and read the Circular N°02/01.09 for more information and details:

[http://scout.org/en/around\\_the\\_world/europe/information\\_events/resources/circulars](http://scout.org/en/around_the_world/europe/information_events/resources/circulars)

**Mark your diary: 29 April 2009 - First European Day on "Solidarity and Cooperation between Generations"**

Demographic ageing is strongly affecting the relationships among generations and the way European societies function. The demographic change brings new challenges, which require a new assessment and reworking of several economic and social policies within society. Solidarity between younger and older generations is thus the key to answering those challenges.

On 28-29 April 2008, the Slovenian Presidency together with European NGOs, including the European Youth Forum, organised an EU Presidency meeting on "Intergenerational Solidarity for Cohesive and Sustainable Societies". The conference focused on seeking to reinforce social links between generations as well as to initiate a shift in policy-making to promote greater solidarity between generations.

Following the successful outcomes of the conference, the Slovenian EU Presidency decided to launch 29 April as the "European Day on Solidarity and Cooperation between Generations" to raise awareness about the need to promote greater intergenerational solidarity. Scouting is one of the few movements that is experiencing intergenerational dialogue, putting together young people and older people to develop and grow.

*To make the "European Day on Solidarity and Cooperation between Generations" a success, we all need to get involved and cooperate! JOIN THE CAMPAIGN*

The aim of the current awareness raising campaign is to attract the attention of politicians on European, National, Regional and local levels who should work together with civil society groups on how to rethink and redefine the concept of solidarity between the generations, and on how to support civil society initiatives on intergenerational cooperation.

What you can do to mark the European Day 2009:

- Cooperate with each other in planning actions at grass root level as well as policy debates to mark the European Day
- Send us ([amasson@scout.org](mailto:amasson@scout.org)) any kind of information about positive actions and good practice examples of intergenerational cooperation. This information would be extremely useful to build up a press pack for the media.

Please have a look at this link for more information:

<http://www.age-platform.org/EN/spip.php?article680>

## Life of the Movement

**KISC organises 'Supporters' Weekend**

29-31 May 2009 at KISC, Switzerland

The aim of the 'Supporters' Weekend is to bring together our current and future supporters to show them more about the Centre and work together to promote the Centre in the future! We also hope to have fun and learn from each other, while having the chance to meet new

people with similar interests.

We hope that after the weekend we can improve our actual network of Supporters that will help promote KISC in their own countries. This weekend is for new and old supporters to come together, learn how to do this, exchange ideas and create plans for how to raise awareness of KISC in the future.

If you would like to attend the "Supporters" Weekend, please go to this link to download the Invitation and Registration Form:

<http://www.kisc.ch/index.php?uid=275&search=supporter+s+weekend> If you have more questions regarding this event, please contact the PR and Marketing Assistant at KISC, [pr@kisc.ch](mailto:pr@kisc.ch).

## Reminders and Deadlines

### **6th Forum on Youth Programme and Adult Resources**

18-22 March 2009 in Óbidos, Portugal

**Extended deadline: 13 February 2009**

### **Roverway 2009 – cheaper Registration costs**

20-28 July 2009 in Iceland

**Deadline: 1 February 2009**

### **North-South Network Meeting,**

20 – 22 March 2009 in Athens, Greece

**Deadline: 14 February 2009**

### **Agora 2009**

23-26 April 2009 in KISC, Switzerland

**Deadline: 27 March 2009**

## Useful Information

- **Europak**

[www.europak-online.net](http://www.europak-online.net)

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