



Introduction

Educational Methods



RoverWay 2009 - Open up and head up north!

20-28 July 2009 in Iceland

We are getting closer and closer to our 3rd RoverWay hosted by The Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association – only 4 months to go!

The latest news from RoverWay is about the total number of participants and staff: at the moment, all together we are 2'974 from 30 different European countries*. Of these, 2'526 are participants and 412 from different IST groupings (tribe leaders, planning team, other Icelandic staff and European staff). As in previous RoverWays, Rovers from other regions will take part: this time from Hong Kong, USA and Canada.

* Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Romania, Bulgaria, Montenegro

Still, some countries are missing, but the good news is that it is still possible to register: the organisers will accept registrations both for participants (but with late registration fee and until end of March) and for IST. The Icelandic organisers would especially like to have representation from countries that do not have any participant or IST so far.

For those already registered the important news is that soon, at latest by the end of March, the organisers will publish the Tribes and Journeys allocated and will open the chat for the Journeys.

More information about RoverWay 2009 can be found on its website: www.roverway.is

RoverWay is also present on Facebook: Facebook users can also check out RoverWay groups from different countries, associations and contingents. RoverWay Chat on Facebook will open on 20 March 2009.

Monitoring - Evaluation - Capitalisation

16-18 January 2009

The Resources Unit held a meeting to define an approach to monitoring, evaluation and capitalisation to maximise our results and better transfer the experiences we get from our work into organisational learning. The meeting resulted in a good exchange of ideas. Plans were made to analyse the theories available and produce another Euro.Scout.Doc that shall serve as a starting point for the work at National and Regional level.

Issues tackled included:

- How to turn big theories into very simple, practical and easy to use models
- How to make something that is practical to use now, and have results later
- How to integrate the "long-term effect" into planning of everything we do
- How to gain balance between "quick-wins" and "long-term impact"
- Individual learning and organisational learning
- How to turn controlling into supporting

The results are expected before this summer. Should you be interested in contributing to this work, please contact Milutin Milošević, Director of Adult Resources on milutin@scout.org.



Quality workshop tested

7 March 2009 in Belgium

Following the initial work on a model workshop on quality, a test workshop was organised in *Scoutsen and Guidsen Vlaanderen*. Several leaders holding key management responsibilities met and discussed issues such as:

- Definition of quality
- Tools and techniques to use
- Process thinking
- Customers - both internal and external (what they want)
- Contribution that individuals and departments make to delivering quality
- Moments of truth and others...

The main lesson learned is that the clients/customers are important and the reference for all our thinking about quality.

It was an interesting experience both for people managing the association and those working on the model in the Region.

Development and Support

Join the Growth network!

8 – 10 May 2009 in Houens Odde, Denmark

The Growth Network is an excellent opportunity to learn from other associations' success stories and best practices as well as to share your ideas and plans related to growth.

One way of handling growth topics is to use the six growth factors identified in the Action for Growth resource www.scout.org/en/media/files/europe/action_for_growth_report. This time, the network will focus on three topics: Youth Programme, Communication & PR and Recruitment. Gender issues will be looked at as a transversal topic in the sessions. The planning team would like to include themes in the programme suggested by the participants. For example, if you find some specific area of youth programme to be very interesting and crucial for growth, let the planning team know about your thoughts!

Are you working with growth issues or one of the specific topics of the network meeting in your National Scout Association? Join the network and get in contact with other Guides and Scouts dealing with the same agenda. We would especially like to encourage associations not yet involved in the network to send participants to the meeting. In this way, we can get a broader view of growth actions and plans in the region and share ideas from all corners of Europe.

You can find the invitation and application form of the network meeting in Europak www.europak-online.net/en/europak, the deadline for registration is 7 April 2009. For more information, contact Katrin Tauscher at ktauscher@scout.org.



RAP and Fundraising Workshop

7-8 March 2009 in Niksic, Montenegro

Tomaz Strajnar from ZTS, Slovenia ran a workshop to introduce RAP with members of the Association of Scouts of Montenegro (SICG). The main topics that were covered during the workshop were:

- The Scout Method
- The 8 steps of RAP
- Educational activities & personal progress

Parallel to this, a fundraising workshop took place, facilitated by Tadej Pugelj from ZTS, Slovenia. Some of the topics of this workshop were:

- Why do we need money?

- Who can finance us?
- Project plan
- Sustainability of the organisation

Workshop on Growth & Development

8 March 2009 in Trogir, Croatia

A Workshop was facilitated by Jordan Bajraktarov on Growth and Development as a Tailored Support to the Scout Association of Croatia, in the framework of the annual Meeting of Adult Leaders.

More information on the process of Tailored Support, as well as possibilities for applying can be found here www.scout.org/en/spotlight/europe/tailored_support. If you would like to know more, contact Jordan Bajraktarov jbajraktarov@scout.org or Katrin Tauscher ktauscher@scout.org.

Relationships and Funding



2011: We will celebrate volunteers!

Following many months of lobbying, we are advised that the proposal of civil society to have 2011 designated the European Year of Volunteering has been accepted by the President of the European Commission. This in itself is recognition of the fundamentally important role played by volunteers in society, through the civil society groupings of which WOSM is a part. Congratulations to all those NSOs who actively participated in the campaign by contacting their MEPs.

We should all be very proud and ready for action to make this year happen. Scouts are pushing to make sure that this year will happen at the local level and for volunteers. We believe that two main moments should be celebrated during this year: **Celebrate the current 100 million volunteers across Europe** and **Open our organisations to more volunteers**.

We would ask you to start reflecting on this year, on ideas and actions to be taking place but also to start contacting other voluntary based organisations to get organised at the local, regional and national level. You can, for example, use the organisations present in the Alliance. This is a crucial step in order to ensure good preparations, good implementation and good monitoring of the year.

The Alliance includes the European Volunteer Centre (CEV), the Social Platform, the World Organization of the Scout Movement (European Region), the Red Cross/European Union Office, the European Youth Forum (YFJ), the older peoples platform AGE, Caritas Europa, volonteuropé (CSV), Solidar, the Confederation of European Senior Expert Services (CESES), ENGAGE

business network, EURAG, Johanniter International, the European Association of Voluntary Service Organisations (AVSO), the European Non-Governmental Sports Organizations (ENGSO and ENGSO Youth), Youth Action for Peace (YAP), the Euclid Network and Eurodiaconia.

For any questions, don't hesitate to contact the Brussels Office - amasson@scout.org.

Funding Info – How to get funds for Rovers activities

The Youth in Action Programme (YiA) of the European Commission offers some opportunities for groups of Rovers that would like to get funds for their activities. The following funding lines are a good way to receive financial support but at the same time a good chance for Rovers to discover and get in touch with the European Institutions. Some examples...

Do you want to meet and camp with Rovers from different countries?

Check Actions 1.1 or 3.1 – Youth exchanges!

Youth Exchanges allow one or more groups of young people to be hosted by a group from another country in order to participate together in a joint programme of activities. These projects must involve the active participation of young people and are designed to allow them to discover and become aware of different social and cultural realities, to learn from each other and reinforce their feeling of being European citizens.

Your group has a great idea but doesn't know how to make it real?

Check Action 1.2 - Youth Initiatives!

A Youth Initiative is a project initiated, set up and carried out by young people themselves. It gives young people the chance to try out ideas through initiatives which give them an opportunity to be directly and actively involved in planning and carrying out projects. Participation in a Youth Initiative is an important non-formal learning experience. It also provides young people with an opportunity to consider themselves as European citizens and to feel that they are contributing to the construction of Europe.

A Youth Initiative can be:

- National: designed at local, regional or national level and developed by a single group in its country of residence
- Trans-national: a networking of youth initiatives jointly carried out by two or more groups from different countries.

Do you want to participate and contribute in the democratic life of your community?

Check Action 1.3 Youth Democracy Project!

A Youth Democracy Project is developed between at least two European countries, allowing the pooling of ideas, experiences and methodologies from projects or activities at local, regional, national or European level, in order to improve young people's participation in democratic life. Some examples of activities implemented within a Youth Democracy Project are:

- Consultations by and of young people, with a view to find out their needs and wishes on matters relating to participation in democratic life
- Information events or seminars or debates for young people centred around the mechanisms of representative democracy at all levels, including the functioning of the EU institutions and EU policies

- Meetings between young people and decision-makers or experts in the field of participation in democratic life and democratic institutions
- Events simulating the functioning of the democratic institutions and the roles of decision-makers

A single Rover group could be an eligible partner for any project as an *informal group of young people* (Reminder: in the case of an informal group, one of the members of the group assumes the role of representative and takes responsibility on behalf of the group); of course one NSO/NSA could be partner as well.

For more detailed information please go on the Youth in Action website: <http://ec.europa.eu/youth/> and download the Programme Guide. If you are interested to receive more info on these or other funding possibilities, don't hesitate to contact the Funding Officer, Nicoló Pranzini at the WSB – European Regional Office npranzini@scout.org.

Take part in the First African University on Youth and Development!

12 - 19 June 2009 in Tarrafal, Cape Verde

The first African University on Youth and Development will take place as a result of a number of years of work in different areas of cooperation between Europe and Africa in the youth field but also the Africa Europe Youth Summit process facilitated in 2007. Last but not least, in 2009, the Youth-Partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Commission includes a Euro-African dimension that will be implemented by the North-South Centre.

Encouraged by the success of the previous Africa Europe Training Courses (2002 - Tarrafal, Cape Verde; 2004 - Mollina, Spain; 2005 and 2008 - Coimbra, Portugal; 2006 - Almada, Portugal) and the demand for capacity building opportunities for youth leaders expressed in the Africa Europe Youth Summit (Lisbon 4-7 December 2007), the North-South Centre will run a Europe-Africa course for the 6th time. The course will be organised in cooperation with the European Youth Forum and the Pan African Youth Union. Both young leaders from Europe and Africa can apply.

To be a participant, you must apply before the deadline, which is 7 April 2009.

The invitation is available here:

www.youthforum.org/Downloads/Courier/2009/march/Pax_call_6th_Africa_Europe_TC.pdf

The application form is available here:

www.youthforum.org/Downloads/Courier/2009/march/Pax_Application_form_6th_Africa-Europe_TC.doc

To be a trainer, the deadline is 31 March 2009. The

invitation is available here:

www.youthforum.org/Downloads/Courier/2009/march/Traininers%20call%20%206th%20Africa%20Europe%20Traininers%20Course.pdf

To be a trainer, the application form is available here:

www.youthforum.org/Downloads/Courier/2009/march/Traininers%20application%20form%206th%20AETC.doc

For more information you can also contact Alix Masson, amasson@scout.org.

Life of the Movement

Centenary celebrations in Malta

Malta's Sliema Scout Group (Bernard's Own) celebrates their Scouting centenary. Rover Scout Joseph Falzon was awarded the Silver Cross for Gallantry for heroic acts. The group has mounted a photographic exhibition to mark the 100th anniversary since its foundation.

Set up in 1909 and registered in 1910, the Sliema Scout Group is the oldest surviving Scout group outside the UK and has survived two World wars.

During World War I, its Scouts served as "look outs" on the coast, dispatch riders and hospital attendants, whilst during World War II, they also served as air raid wardens.

A lot of its history has been captured on film and a selection of the pictures have been enlarged to be displayed at the exhibition, together with the scout group's logbooks and a range of items collected or given to the scout group over the years.

The exhibition was held recently at the government school in Depiro Street, Sliema, and was opened to the public in general who were given a first hand opportunity to see what past and present Scouting is all about.



The Ingelsrud Experience

We offer a wide range of activities at and around the Guide and Scout Centre. The facilities include a camp site with a toilet building, drinking water, indoor accommodation, a lake for swimming and canoeing, possibilities to order food from our local grocer, and of course the great Ingelsrud Experience.

The Ingelsrud Guide and Scout Centre is located nearby a small town called Skotterud in Hedmark county close to the Swedish border. The best time to visit the centre is from early June until late August. The campsite and buildings are available for rent the rest of the year as well, with or without staff.



Why not combine your Ingelsrud Summer Experience with Utopia, the national Guide and Scout jamboree in Åndalsnes from 4 - 11 July? We'll provide transportation from Åndalsnes to Ingelsrud. Have a look at the jamboree website www.landsleir.no.

Reminders and Deadlines

Agora 2009

23-26 April 2009 in KISC, Switzerland

Deadline: 27 March 2009

Swap Shop

18-22 June 2009 in the Netherlands

Deadline: 30 March 2009

Funding Opportunities

All around Europe

Deadline: 1 April 2009

Europe Eurasia Meeting

24-26 April 2009 in Kiev, Ukraine

Extended deadline: 8 April 2009

8th Euro-Arab Meeting

6-10 May 2009 in Kristianstad, Sweden

Deadline: 7 April 2009

Growth Network Meeting

8-10 May 2009 in Houens Odde, Denmark

Deadline: 7 April 2009

First African University on Youth and Development

12 - 19 June 2009 in Tarrafal, Cape Verde

Deadline: 7 April 2009

Recruitment Network Meeting

4-7 May 2009, Slovenia

Deadline: 17 April 2009

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