



Introduction

Partnerships Fund

Following the European Scout Committee meeting 12 - 14 October, we advise an important extension to the Partnerships for Development and Growth Fund.

The committee is conscious that a new way of applying for funding can take a little more time to be understood. 10 applications have been received and will be considered.

The application process is extended so that Associations can still consult with their Committee Contact and put together an initial proposal. The new deadline for project submissions is 30 November 2007. Please note that new applications for the Partnership Fund must have already been discussed with the Committee Contact prior to them being submitted.

The initial forms and guidance were distributed in the July/August 07 issue of Europak.

Please do not miss out on this potential funding. Make the contacts and work with the Region to help us all to grow and benefit.

Areas of Work

Educational Methods

Training Commissioners met to share and plan for the future

The Training Commissioners Network Meeting was successfully held from 13 - 16 September 2007 in the Glodowka Scout Centre, Poland. The aim was to provide space for sharing experiences and establishing partnerships between National Training Commissioners.

The meeting was an opportunity for National Training Commissioners and others working on training to get to know each other, exchange and learn from each others and get information about the developments in this area at national, European and World level. This was the first event of this kind for a long time and was very successful in meeting its aims.

19 participants from 12 countries participated in this opportunity and created with the planning team an open and empowering atmosphere. Sharing and needs of the national Associations were in the forefront of the work and many ideas were identified and offered to others and to the Region.

The main questions and tasks addressed during the event were:

- Be a better Training Commissioner
- Meeting people and sharing
- Better training
- Recognition
- European and national plans

There is a general consensus that a repeat meeting is needed every two or three years.

Training notes and presentations and outcomes from the meeting are posted in special folder on the Adult Resources Network on the Community Zero (<http://www.communityzero.com/arn>).

Work in Kandersteg International Scout Centre

Would you like to spend three months or more having the time of your life in the Swiss Alps? You will make international friendships that will last a lifetime, spend your days having fun and all for World Scouting!

Then why not become one of the Staff Team at Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC)? The Staff are a team of international volunteers, Scouts and Guides, who run the Centre in Switzerland. Working in KISC is an amazing experience. It is a chance to explore the Alps and make life long friends; and all while having fun!

Short Term Staff at KISC

Every 3 months a new group of Scouts arrive at the Centre as strangers and leave, 3 months later, as friends. These volunteers are known as Short Term Staff (STS) and work in every area of the Centre, helping where needed. We are currently looking for applications for our Spring and Summer 2008 seasons.

The Spring Staff applications are due on 15 December 2007 to begin work on 9 March 2008. In Spring, we do a lot of maintenance work as well as preparing our campsite for the summer season ahead. The Staff are involved in this work as well as all aspects of running the Chalet, including house, catering and shop.

Summer Staff need to have their applications in by 15 February 2008 and begin working on 7 June 2008. Our Summer Staff are involved in all general operations of the Centre and Campsite and also run a wide range of guided activities, from hiking and climbing to environmental activities for Scouts and Guides from all around the world.

Administration Assistant at KISC

We are currently looking for an Administration Assistant to come and work at KISC. The position is for 12 months and starts on December 9th 2007. For this position it is preferable that you have administration experience and that you are a native / fluent German speaker. You will be responsible for assisting the Management Team in all aspects of administration, including dealing with finances and suppliers. Specific job details can be found on our website.

For details of all positions, Short and Long Term, please visit our website:

www.kisc.ch/?tkw=jobvacancies

KISC Supporters' weekend

The weekend is aimed at current Ambassadors, Supporters, and Members of the Kandersteg International Scout Centre and, also, future Supporters!

During the weekend, KISC Supporters will come together, meet each other and exchange ideas. A number of workshops will be held to help develop the Support Network that KISC has.

Groups will produce promotional plans and presentations, which will help to further the image and name of KISC and promote the Centre.

For more information please contact pr@kisc.ch.

World Scout Winter Games - a sporting weekend at KISC in the Alps

Scout teams from different countries will take part in different winter sport competitions, such as skiing, cross country skiing, curling and much more! It is a fun competition where participants will also get the chance to possibly try some new winter sports.

You must apply for this event through your International Commissioner, who will make reservations for their country team and select participants.

For more information see:

<http://www.kisc.ch/?tkw=wintergames>

Development and Support

Growth Network develops an appetite

Following on from the Long Term Project on Growth, the first meeting of the Growth Network took place in Berlin, Germany, over the weekend of 5 to 7 October. 26 people from a wide variety of associations were present, including a small number who had been previously involved with the Long Term Project on Growth.

Following the call for the European Scout Committee to create more opportunities to network and exchange ideas, the format for this first meeting was very simple. Using the 6 growth factors, as identified in the Action for Growth report, participants exchanged their own experiences, positive and negative, during a number of sessions.

The evaluation of the weekend identified that the space to discuss problems and successes was highly valued and the last session on Sunday explored how the Growth Network might be taken forward in the future.

It is anticipated that following talks with our colleagues in WAGGGS, that there will be the possibility that the next meeting of the Growth Network will take place in April 2008, and will be broadened out to become a joint initiative of WAGGGS and WOSM as one possible way of fulfilling the recommendation on Growth from the 12th European Guide and Scout Conference.

Relationships and Funding

Small Projects from the European Scout Foundation (ESF)

The ESF offers a high number of quality projects (max €3,000) "for sale".

There is an incoming flow of small projects from our colleagues in Central and Eastern Europe to the ESF. The projects are "hands on" activities where economic support is needed. All "small projects" are endorsed by the International Commissioner and checked by our Regional Director to make sure they support the development of Scouting. We want to ensure there is effective reporting following the conclusion of the project.

For more info contact the Regions Home page, http://www.scout.org/en/around_the_world/europe/about_scouting/funding or the "project bank manager" Blaise Bachmann at, bbachmann@scout.org.

Job offer, Director of Administration and Finance

The World Scout Bureau – European Regional Office is at present looking for a new Director of Administration and Finance. Full details about this job are on scout.org: www.scout.org/en/our_organisation/job_opportunities

Committee Contacts

Contact visit to Estonia

During his visit to Tallinn for the Baltic/Nordic Sub Regional Event 5-7 October, Paolo Fiora, the committee contact for Estonia, took the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Estonia Scout Association.

Contact visit to Belgium

Prior to the meeting of the European Scout Committee that took place in Brussels over the weekend of 12 – 14 October, Zorica Skakun, the Committee Contact for Belgium, met with representatives from the Belgian Federation. The visit was conducted in cooperation with Lara Toner, the WAGGGS Country Contact for Belgium.

Life of the Movement

Irish National Jamboree 2008

Jamboree 2008 will celebrate the Centenary of Scouting in Ireland. Scouts from many different countries and cultures have already expressed an interest in the camp. These international scouts and the scouts from all Ireland will join in the fun, challenge and adventure, making it a truly Irish Celebration.

The Jamboree programme will include organised activities but will involve Scouts in designing their own programmes to be run on and off site. Scouts will camp in open fields with a mixture of nationalities.

The Jamboree site will consist of:

- 6 Sub Camps
- A Cub Camp
- A Venture Scout Sub Camp
- A Staff Sub Camp
- A Staff Family Sub Camp

The Cost of the Jamboree will include all ceremonies (Opening, Closing & International Day), activities on and off site, food for the duration of the Jamboree, Camp Materials (including Camp neckerchief and Badge) and transport to activities.

A gathering of Scouts of all kinds is always a special experience: making new friends, the village atmosphere, the spectacle and the Jamboree activities.

If you are interested in joining in the adventure then just contact, info@jamboree2008.ie or online at, <http://www.jamboree2008.ie/register/group.html>.

Swiss National Jamboree during summer 2008

The Swiss National Jamboree is organised once every 12-14 years, a very rare event. The organisers expect over 23,000 participants.

The name of the event - Contura - is a mixture of words of all four Swiss official languages and expresses the basic values of the Scout Movement.

The location of the Jamboree is between two lakes (Lake Zürich and Lake Walensee), near the river Linth, surrounded by green hills and the Alps. It's a very good location for water activities and hiking. For Scouts from abroad there is the possibility of home hospitality with Swiss Scouts. Registration for foreign groups is possible till the end of 2007.

A great part of the Swiss National Jamboree's website is available in English as well as German, French and Italian, and the site contains all the important information for guests from abroad.

All information about attending the Swiss National Jamboree in 2008 can be found at:
<http://www.contura08.ch/en>

Reminders and Deadlines

Meeting for Senior Staff in NSOs/MOs

27-28 November 2007 in Geneva, Switzerland

Deadline: 30 October 2007 at 15h00

3rd International Gathering for Scouting and Humanitarian Action

17-23 January 2008 in United Arab Emirates

Deadline: 31 October 2007

Tunza International Children's Conference

17-21 June 2008 in Stavanger, Norway

Deadline: 31 October 2007

Job offer, Director of Administration and Finance

Starting on 1 December 2007

Deadline: 15 November 2007

Supporters' Weekend in KISC

11-13 January 2008

Deadline: 15 November 2007

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New deadline: 30 November 2007

World Scout Winter Games at KISC

28 February – 3 March 2008

Deadline: 30 November 2007

Administration Assistant Position at KISC

During the next 12 months

Deadline: 9 December 2007

Spring Short Term Staff at KISC

During spring 2008

Deadline: 15 December 2007

Useful Information

Europak: <http://www.europak-online.net>

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