



Areas of Work

Educational Methods

RoverNet3.0 is getting closer

3 – 6 April 2008 in KISC, Switzerland

The ultimate bi-annual event for Rover Commissioners from the whole region takes place at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre, from 3 – 6 April 2008. Come and enjoy the Commissioners' community, the sharing of techniques and tools, the development of better approaches towards Rovers from national levels.

More information can be found in the January edition of the E.S.I. and in the WOSM - Europe Circular Letter 05/01.08 in Europak: www.europak-online.net/

If this event is for you, don't miss the deadline to sign-up, which is 7 March 2008.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Planning Team

Agora – A European Event for Rovers by Rovers

3 – 6 April 2008 in KISC, Switzerland

As you read this, the planning team, consisting of four European Rovers and supported by the European Region, is working hard on delivering the best possible event for two Rovers from each National Scout Association.

Please make sure that your National Scout Association sending two rovers to the event. It will benefit not only the Rovers personally but also their Association in form of two empowered young adults who will have lived a meaningful intercultural experience in beautiful Kandersteg and will hopefully contribute to the well-being of national Rover programmes in future.

The letter by the planning team, official invitation and application form is in Europak: www.europak-online.net/

More information can also be found here: www.rovernet.eu/

Also, check out the Agora promotional video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unLZTtCVW4g>

The Agora Planning Team - Cathy, Catarina, John and Juho



Development and Support

Join the Joint Growth Network

25 – 27 April 2008 in Lisbon, Portugal

For the first time the Growth Network meeting is a Joint event. This gives you the opportunity to share ideas with and learn about best practices from even more people from the Region.

The upcoming Growth Network meeting will cover the following three topics:

- Recruitment
- Communication
- Programme

We welcome you to join the Network and learn more about growth for your association in beautiful Lisbon, Portugal!

If you want to attend the Joint Growth Network meeting, the application form and more detailed information can be found in Europak: www.europak-online.net/

The Tailored Support Unit – a new service offered by the European Region – have you already heard about this?

For the challenges you face, for the problems you have identified in your association, the European Region would like to assist you to find solutions for your problems adapted to the situation.

Even if your need is just to have someone give input at an international seminar; somebody from the European Region can make it more international. They can give an overview of what we are doing, share the experiences across the Region and build the knowledge base of the Region. Beyond that, we can look at facilitating workshops and helping to develop projects and processes to assist in your development.

Just send in a Tailored Support request form and we try to find ways to help! The form is available on our website, at this link:

http://scout.org/en/around_the_world/europe/information_events/resources/circulars

Relationships and Funding

To the attention of the Funding Unit / North-South Network

Note on forthcoming calls of the EU Commission - Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development

The new thematic programme "Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development", introduced in 2007, covers the following three main components:

- Support to development actions, to be implemented by Non-State-Actors (NSA) or Local Authorities (LA), in close cooperation with the local communities and the most vulnerable population groups, aiming at promoting an inclusive and empowered society in partner countries;
- Support to actions in the EU and acceding countries aiming at raising public awareness of development issues and promoting education for development, to mobilise greater support for actions against poverty and fairer relations between developed and developing countries;
- Support to actions aiming at achieving more efficient cooperation, foster synergies and facilitate a structured dialogue in the area of development between civil society networks and local authorities associations from the EU and acceding countries, within their organisations and with Community institutions;

Information on programmes of possible interest for Youth Organisations with deadlines and processes can be found here: <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/cqi/frame12.pl>

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Meeting of the African Union Youth Ministers

12 – 15 February 2008

The meeting of the 2nd Conference of the AU Youth Ministers will address issues related to youth including the launching of the Year of African Youth 2008, the launching of the Second African Youth Initiative and Creativity Award (AYICA 2), the adoption of the Plan of Action to accelerate the ratification and implementation of the African Youth Charter and the adoption of the Consensus Statement from the African Development Forum V on Youth Leadership and Development. For more information, go here: www.africa-union.org/root/au/index/index.htm

The European Office is going green

In the coming months the WSB - European Region (all three offices in Geneva, Brussels and Belgrade) will be reviewing how we can make our work more environmentally friendly. We will be looking at how we can reduce the negative impact and increase the positive environmental awareness aspects of our work and interaction with you – the NSOs. One of the measures we would like to commit to is having the office carbon neutral by 2011. If you have ideas or experience of environmental measures then please let Mike know: mwalker@scout.org

Policy Restrictions to Scouting

More and more laws are restricting Scout activities: camping, sailing, cooking, hiking etc. Legislation outlining health and safety, food safety, land access and more is stopping young people from exploring the opportunities that Scouting offers.

Much of this legislation originates at a EU level. We are very anxious to respond to this, but in order to do this we must have examples. We cannot just go to the EU institutions and say we are having trouble cooking at camps or putting up tents, we need to have concrete examples of what activities are being restricted and, if possible, the actual legislation (ask the government agency) that is doing it.

We can make a difference at a European level, but to do so we really need to hear about your grassroots experience. If you have this experience or would like more information, please contact Mike: mwalker@scout.org

Funding national camps and Jamborees

There are several large camps and Jamborees planned throughout Europe this summer. If you are involved in organising one have you considered seeking funding from the Youth in Action Programme? It might not be able to fund the whole event but there might be certain aspects of the Jamboree that are fundable. In particular, Action 5.1 supports trans-national meetings of young people involved in decision-making.

You should contact your national agency as soon as possible: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth/contacts_en.htm?cs_mid=152

The next deadline is the 1 April 2008. If you need any further information or support, please contact Mike: mwalker@scout.org

Life of the Movement

New Treasurer of the European Scout Foundation

2 February 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland

At the ESF Board meeting in Geneva, Walter Hofstetter, from Switzerland, was elected and nominated as Treasurer of the Foundation. Rene Karla, will continue his duties as Vice Chairman of ESF, while Walter has accepted the responsibility of Treasurer.

The European Scout Foundation's most popular *Friends of Scouting* in Europe programme is now close to 300 Friends strong and still growing!



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The ESF needs your 'Small Projects'

The 'Small Projects' programme is a cornerstone of the ESF work for Central and Eastern Europe, we strongly encourage Scout groups to send their 'Small Project' application forms to the European Scout Foundation.

ESF donors are looking for projects that are about "helping others" such as supporting:

- Less privileged young people
- Disabled people
- Minorities
- Diversity
- Gender Issues
- Recruitment of Scout Leaders

The ESF 'Small Projects' application form can be found on this webpage (called ESF Funding request):

http://scout.org/en/around_the_world/europe/about_scouting/european_scout_foundation

Fill in the 'Small Project' form and send in your application to Mrs. Annemarie Khetib by the 1 March 2008 to this email address: europefoundation@scout.org

We look forward to receiving your 'Small Projects'!

Deputy Director for Internal Services - Full Time

Location: Kandersteg, Switzerland

Duration: 36 months

Start Date: June 16th 2008

Applications by: March 2nd 2008

Successful applicants will be invited for interviews in the period 25-27 March 2008 (or earlier) in Kandersteg.

Read more: Are you up for a big challenge? Think you can manage a team of up to 20 international volunteers?

Would you like to experience living in a small Swiss mountain village? Do you like to work 'hands on' and at the same time think strategically? Do you have experience in, or want to improve your skills in, administration, maintenance and finance? In your free time you can learn/improve your mountaineering, skiing and/or climbing? Are you mad about Scouting or Guiding and do you want the chance to do something exceptional? Come and use your talents for World Scouting and be part of the senior management team of the oldest World Scout Centre (85 years)!

You will be a member of the Senior Management Team of the Kandersteg International Scout Centre. As Deputy Director (also called Internal Services Director) you are directly responsible for the management of the Internal

Services Department and assist with executing the strategic development goals of the Centre, in both the short and long term, as set out by the KISC General Assembly and KISC Association Committee. The post requires a willingness to work according to a flexible schedule.

For more information, job description and application form please see: www.kisc.ch/?tkw=deputydirector



Work in Kandersteg International Scout Centre!

Want to spend three months having the time of your life in the Swiss Alps? Make international friendships that will last a life time? Spend your days having fun... and all for World Scouting??

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

Short Term Staff

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. The next round of applications for Short Term Staff is due on June 15th to begin work on September 13th.

The Autumn Staff will be involved in all aspects of running the Chalet, catering for anything up to 250 guests, maintenance of buildings and campsite as well as running activities for Scouts and Guides from all around the world.

Long Term Staff

Have you been Short Term Staff before? Or want to dedicate more time to World Scouting? Then see if one of our Long Term Positions suits you. The positions range from 9 to 15 months in length and specific details can be found on our website for jobs beginning from September this year. These jobs are in areas ranging from Reception and Programme to Catering.

Deputy Director Position

Also available on our website is details of the position of Deputy Director for Internal Services beginning in June 2008. This position is for 36 months and is part of the Senior Management Team of the Centre who is responsible for the Internal Services Department.

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

www.kisc.ch/?tkw=jobvacancies

ZHP organises Scout camp called "Beyond any frontier"

ZHP (Polish Scout Organisation) invites you to a two-day Scout camp from 7-9 March 2008 in Klodzko near the Wroclaw district. The theme of this event is called "Beyond any frontier" based on the use of Esperanto in Scout activities.

More info about this event can be found here;

www.schmergiel.harc.pl/wiaterna/index.php?id=41 in Polish and in Esperanto.

If interested, please contact the organizers;

junjo@wp.pl or the Scout Esperanto League: www.esperanto.org/skolta

Reminders and Deadlines

'Small Project' for the European Scout Foundation

Ongoing projects in Central and Eastern Europe

Deadline: 1 March 2008

Apply for Deputy Director for Internal Services Position at KISC

June 2008 – May 2011 in Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Switzerland

Deadline: 2 March 2008

Agora and RoverNet3.0

3-6 April 2008 in Kandersteg, Switzerland

Deadline: 7 March 2008

Youth Participation

9-13 April 2008 in Berlin, Germany

Deadline: 10 March 2008

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

Useful Information

Europak: www.europak-online.net

Quote of the month

Peace cannot be secured entirely by commercial interests, military alliances, general disarmament or mutual treaties, unless the spirit for peace is there in the minds and will of the people. This is a matter of education.

Lord Baden Powell

Founder of the Scout Movement (1857-1941)

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