



Welcome

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Areas of Work

As you will be aware from Circular 07/06-07, the European Scout Committee has organised much of its work into three Areas of Work. In this and future issues of Euro.Scout.Info, we will aim to provide you with updates on what is happening in each Area of Work.

To help in the realisation of the Regional Scout Plan, the Open Call has been issued for the various Groups and Units that are required. Details are in Circular 08/06-07 and we're looking forward to receiving a large number of applications by Monday, 13 August 2007. Please encourage people to apply... on time if possible, as meetings of several Groups and Units are scheduled for September and October.

The Circular 08/06-07 and more info can be found here: http://www.scout.org/en/around_the_world/europe/information_events/news/open_call_announced

Educational Methods

5th Lands of Adventure (LoA) Ambassadors Meeting

5 - 7 October 2007 in Dublin, Ireland

The 5th Lands of Adventure Ambassadors Meeting this year will be in Dublin, Ireland from 5 - 7 October. For some sessions during the meeting the Ambassadors will be split into two working groups, one for new ambassadors and those who have recently been introduced to LoA and another group for ambassadors who have already established LoA in their associations. There will also be sessions where all the ambassadors will work together on new aspects of LoA.

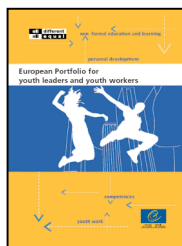
During last year's meeting the LoA Day project was developed. As a result of this a group of Ambassadors were involved in delivering the LoA Day project on the 10 March 2007. In a similar way, it is planned that another project will be developed during this year's meeting and a group established to deliver this project over the following 12 months.

The official invitation and the application form will be available on the web site in a few days.

If you have any questions please contact: europe@scout.org

European Portfolio

The Council of Europe lead, during the last two years, a project called the European Portfolio for Youth Leaders and Youth Workers. The aim is putting the recognition of non-formal learning into the spotlight through giving youth leaders a tool to track their competences via a self-assessment and progression scheme. As the result is a complex and voluminous workbook, we see this as an inspiration for further development in your own Scout association.



Later in 2007, the Adult Resource Core Group will publish a Euro.Scout.Doc further exploring this topic of a personal development plan and its recognition. The European Portfolio is downloadable at:

http://www.coe.int/t/e/cultural_co%2Doperation/youth/1._news/Portofolio_en.pdf

Adult Resources Core Group

The outgoing Adult Resources Core Group met in Belgrade, Serbia, over the weekend of 6 - 8 July. The group undertook a review of the work done over the last three years, looking at what went well and what difficulties occurred. Zorica Skakun from the Educational Methods Team also participated in the meeting, as did Mark Knippenberg, previously Director, Adult Resources. It is hoped that the review will be of use to the future Adult Resources Group and to the Educational Methods Team more generally.

Development and Support

Growth Network Meeting

5 - 7 October 2007 in Berlin, Germany

During the last triennium the European Scout Committee gave strong emphasis to the issue of growth. As a result, the 'Long-Term Growth Project' was developed to address the need to study and evaluate the different aspects of growth and development in Scouting to come up with ideas on how improve the situation.

The 'Action for Growth' resource and report were well received at the 19th European Scout Conference. The next step will be the creation of a Growth Network, which is the primary reason for this meeting. NSAs across Europe will follow-up on the critically important issues of growth and development.

For more information about this event, please read the Growth Network Invitation letter: http://www.europak-online.net/EP0707/GrowthNM_Invite_E.pdf

Young Leaders Workshop

14 - 17 June 2007 in Ohrid, Macedonia

The Young Leaders Workshop took place in the framework of HAJDE project from 14-17 June 2007 at the Ohrid Scout Centre, Macedonia. 30 participants from most of the SEE countries participated in this workshop.

The aim of the workshop was to help offer models on recruiting, training and support, and the mobility of young leaders in NSOs. During the workshop participants exchanged experiences regarding recruitment, as well as training and support of young leaders in the organization. They also discussed different ways to satisfy the needs of young leaders and how to identify them.

At the end of the workshop it was agreed that participants will start work on a development model for recruitment, training and support of young leaders that will be used in all SEE organizations. This work will be done by the participants who attended the workshop, with technical support of the WSB-ERO, Belgrade.

Relationships and Funding

European Parliament

On Wednesday, 4 July we had our sixth meeting of European Scouting with members of the European Parliament.

The message of the meeting was: Scouting has a particular commitment to reaching out to marginalised and disadvantaged young people. This is particularly true in our centenary year as demonstrated by *Gifts for Peace* projects.

This was a well-timed meeting as the EU Commission is about to publish a communication on youth policy tackling a broad range of issues from employment to health. The lunch meeting on the 4 July provided us with the opportunity to stress the valuable role Scouting plays in local communities. Our relationship with the European Parliament is ongoing, so if you would like to know how you can get involved, please contact Mike, mwalker@scout.org

DVD - Scout Jamboree 2007

Initial Television in the UK is putting together a commemorative DVD for the World Jamboree. One part of the film is going to focus on the good work that Scouts do to create a better world. They are looking for footage of Scouts from across the world doing community work (relief work, disaster zones, local communities etc.) either at home or abroad.

If you have any footage of this kind of activity then please call Andy Cadman on +44 208 222 4898.

Network Meeting for Guide and Scout Representatives

19 – 21 October 2007 in Vilnius, Lithuania

This is a not to be missed opportunity. The meeting is about:

- Gathering ideas and exchanging experiences of representing Guiding and Scouting in national youth platforms;
- Promoting the agenda of Scout/Guide organisations in National Youth Councils (NYCs);
- Building networks, finding topic specific partners;
- Sharing differing working methods of NYCs;
- Increasing understanding of Guiding and Scouting in NYCs and the external world;
- Understanding the role of Guiding and Scouting in the development of youth policy at national and European level, and the links between European and national issues.

The participants for the meeting should be external representatives of their national Scout/Guide association, e.g. to a National Youth Council (NYC).

There is no age limit for taking part in the event but it is recommend that associations follow the European Youth Forum's age limit and select participants under 35. We would particularly welcome participants from associations who have not previously participated in a Network Meeting.

The programme will commence on Friday, 19 October at 16.00 sharp and end at 13.00 on Sunday 21 October. If you are interested, please contact Mike, mwalker@scout.org

Life of the Movement

Around Europe...

Scouting's Sunrise

August 2007: Share your photos

World Scouting and Pikeo have developed a special partnership to share photos from around the world on 1st August 2007, Scouting's Sunrise. It can provide a unique way of bringing this worldwide gathering to life in pictures, portraying each participant's point of view, with no territorial constraints.

Pikeo is a free photo sharing website and an online community platform, available in English, French and Spanish and powered by Orange. Registered users can share their photos with either the community of users or only their friends and family, and they can also add comments. Visitors will discover photos using a search engine or a map of the world with geo-tagged pictures, and by following a network of contacts, tags, and personal spaces.

You can find out more information on www.scout.org or visit the site www.pikeo.com/wosm

We need your help to:

1. Share this information with Scouts at all levels of your NSO, using all possible communication channels including:
 - Magazines
 - Newsletters (including e-newsletters)
 - Emails
 - Circulars
2. Promote the Pikeo partnership on your NSO website. Provide a link on your site to the following address: www.scout.org. We can provide you with graphics and images for you to use.

The site is fun and easy to use for Scouts of all ages. We will also be running a great photo competition for the best Sunrise photos following the theme: "One world, many views" which can offer a great incentive for participating. Visit www.pikeo.com to find out how to use this great tool and to subscribe.

Pikeo will enable everyone present at Scouting's Sunrise to relive this day and discover multiple gatherings all over the world.

KanderJam – the alpine link to the World Jamboree

KanderJam is a ten-day event that will run on the same dates as the World Jamboree at Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Switzerland.

The highlight of KanderJam will be celebrating Scouting's Sunrise on August 1st. Early in the morning nearly 2,500 Scouts will hike to Oeschinensee, a valley high above Kandersteg with a glacial lake surrounded by the Alps.

For more info, go to: <http://www.kanderjam.kisc.ch/en/>

Short term staff at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre

Want to spend three months having the time of your life in the Swiss Alps?



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 15th September to begin work on 9th December 2007.

The Winter Staff will be involved in all aspects of running the Chalet and catering for anything up to 250 guests, as well as running Ski Weeks and Winter Activities for Scouts and Guides from all around the world.

Annual Gathering – Friends of Scouting in Europe

19 – 21 October 2007 in Belgrade, Serbia

The 9th Annual Gathering of the Friends of Scouting in Europe (FOSE) will take place this year in Serbia. The meeting point will be Belgrade from where excursions are planned to Novi Sad, the capital of Vojvodina, and other interesting places around central Serbia.

Around 50 FOSE will gather for a long weekend of friendship, tourism and Scouting. For more detailed information, please contact; rene.karla@chello.at or the Regional office in Geneva at: europe@scout.org

Around the world...

International Centenary COMDECA, Bangladesh

We are pleased to inform you that, to commemorate the 100 years of Scouting, Bangladesh Scouts is organizing the 'International Centenary COMDECA' (Community Development Camp) at Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. The purpose of the camp is to make young people understand community needs and to enhance the image of Scouting among population at large.

For more information please contact Mr Nazrul Islam, Executive Secretary of the Bangladesh Scouts.

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Link to Invitation letter:

http://scout.org/en/media/files/asia_pacific/resource_centre/circular/2007_circulars/circular_14

Reminders and Deadlines

Open Call - Area of Work

We look forward to receiving many applications!

Deadline: 13 August 2007

Growth Network Meeting

5 – 7 October 2007 in Berlin, Germany

Deadline: 3 September 2007

Autumn Short Term Staff at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre

Deadline: 15 September 2007

Partnerships for Development and Growth Fund

Deadline: 10 September 2007, 17:00 CET

Network Meeting for Guide and Scout Representatives to National Youth Councils and the European Youth Platforms

19 – 21 October 2007 in Vilnius, Lithuania

Deadline: 30 September 2007

Useful Information

- **Europak**

<http://www.europak-online.net/ukeurop.html>

- **Euro.Scout.Info**

http://www.scout.org/en/around_the_world/europe/information_events/resource_centre/euro_scout_info

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