



Report
on the involvement of
International Catholic Conference of Scouting
at the
World Scout Jamboree 2007
Held in:
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Introduction:

In September 2006, at its meeting held in St Johns Seminary, Wonerish, Guildford, Surrey, UK. the Steering Committee of ICCS decided to actively participate in the World Scout Jamboree 2007.

In the past, the ICCS has always had a limited presence at Jamborees, however as the 2007 event was focussed on celebrating the Centenary of Scouting it was decided to have a greater than usual presence and the following activities were agreed to be the areas of involvement:

1. Hylands Abbey
2. Liturgical Activities
3. The Sanctuary
4. Day Visitors Activities
5. Information Stand at the World Scout Centre.
6. Sunrise Day inter-religious ceremonies

1. Hylands Abbey:

The aim of Hylands Abbey was to reveal and support the spiritual and religious dimension of Scouting and to bring to mind that part of the Scout Law that deals with Duty to God.

The objectives of the 'Abbey' activity are to help young people:

- Identify ways of developing their relationship with God
- Recognise the benefit of having a personal relationship with God
- State Scouting values, demonstrate their commitment to them and accept them as a code of conduct for life
- Discover how faith and beliefs impact on individual lives
- Articulate their own faith / belief
- Respect the faith and belief of others

Target Group:

The primary target group were the participants of the Jamboree.

The programme was aimed at providing activities that addressed the needs of Scouts who:

- Were seeking to deepen a fundamentally religious response through their Scouting;
- Already have a religious interest; or who
- Did not have access to or were part of a religious tradition.

Hylands Abbey' was based on the monastic settlement of monks in the Middle Ages and along with 11 other faiths and belief groups formed part of the Faith and Belief Zone at the World Jamboree 2007.

Hylands Abbey was open to receive visitors for 8 days: from Sunday 29th July to Monday the 6th of August 2007 from 9.30 am each morning to 5.30pm in the afternoon.

The Abbey Church and much of the tentage surrounding workshops was constructed from 'Jurte' black tents supplied by Antonius Kiwall and the Jurte Team from the DPSG, and supplemented with tents supplied by the DPSG's national campsite at Westernone.

The Abbey Church:

The Abbey Church, originally designated as a quiet place and a place to have mass in the evening went through a transformation during the course of the Jamboree. Such was the demand by people and groups to use the Church that on one day alone we had 4 masses, 1 investiture and a christening. The Abbey was also used on both Sundays during the Jamboree by the Church of England to hold their communion service.

The daily attendance at the 5.30 evening mass, originally intended for those members of staff who wished to attend, increased from 6 people on the first evening to upwards of 150 people towards the end of camp.

The Blessed Sacrament was exposed every day and there was a constant stream of people who came to pray or just sit quietly in the presence of the Lord.

Workshops:

The operating environment of Hylands Abbey consisted of :

- The Cathedral – the Abbey Church
- The Chapter House – main reception area
- The Cloisters – 6 workshop areas
- The Campanile – the bell tower
- The Sanctuary – a place of peace, quiet and reflection
- The Refectory – staff dining area
- Charnel House – the first aid station
- The Crypt – the stores.

There was a total of 6 workshop / activities for participants and they were:

1. Easter Triduum Cloister:

This activity consisted of activities based on the Easter Triduum that is the baking of Bread, the casting of candles and making of crucifixes with the figure of our Lord fashioned in rope.

The bees wax and wick used in the manufacture of the candles was gratefully donated by Rathbourne Candles Ltd. Dublin

2. Ambulatory Cloister

The purpose of this activity was to provide the opportunity to participants to discover their inner faith, as part of their 'Duty to God'.

The ambulatory cloister consisted of a series of pictures of 'People of Faith' and they were: Mother Theresa, Pope John Paul II, Mahatma Gandhi, Archbishop Oscar Romero, St Thomas, Hildegard von Bingen, Jeanne d'Arc, Sophie Scholl, St Francis of Assisi - accompanying each picture was a caption in 3 languages, with a short description of the life the person had led.

The materials for this workshop were donated by the DPSG.

3. Stained Glass Cloister:

This cloister allowed the participants to create a transparent 'stained glass panel' which they could take away when finished.

The 'panel' was in the form of an A5 acetate sheet – by using a selection of templates participants were able to trace the outline of a 'stained glass window' and colour the shapes using special paint for use on glass.

4. The Scriptorium Cloister:

The scriptorium cloister was sponsored by Trinity College Library Dublin. Participants were able to view a short DVD film produced by TCD demonstrating how the "illuminated" pages of the Book of Kells were designed.

The participant then had the opportunity of designing their own "illuminated" personalised book marker consisting of the first letter of their name to a medieval design.

5. Bookbinding Cloister:

This activity was also sponsored by Trinity College Library Dublin. Participants were able to view a DVD film (also produced by TCD) showing how manuscripts are bound and how damaged books are restored.

They then had the opportunity of binding a small note book (size B5) consisting of specially 'treated paper' used in restoration by the restorers in TCD and enclosed in a cover stamped with the Hyland Abbey logo – incidentally, the 'treated paper' is designed to have a life span of 300 years!

These books proved to be very popular with the participants and were subsequently used by them to collect stamps of the various programme activities.

6. Taizé Cloister: Meditative singing:

This cloister provided participants with the opportunity to find out about the work of the Taize community and to learn to sing 'Taize' chants that are focussed on the glory of God. The chants are short songs, repeated again and again and had the effect of giving this activity a meditative character. Using just a few words they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind of those present.

Because of the nature of this workshop it was staged at different periods during the day, as part of the daily programme for participants and in the evenings for Adults leaders and IST Staff.

We are especially thankful to the Taize community for their generous donation of fabric, materials and DVD music cassettes.

Participants:

We planned for a through-put of 300 participants per day or 3,000 people in the course of the week - however, between participants, IST staff on their day off and Day Visitors and based on the amount of materials purchased and used, is estimated that between 800 to 1,000 people per day attended and participated in the workshops, resulting in us catering to over 10,000 people during the course of the Jamboree.

No count was made people who just visited the site and / or the Abbey Church!

2. Liturgical Activities

The following were the liturgical activities which were carried out during the Jamboree:

Wednesday 1st August – Sun Rise Day –

Following the Sun Rise ceremony celebrating the 100th birthday of Scouting, mass was held on the Main Arena Stage. This Mass was celebrated in English with the chief celebrant being Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor.

This mass formed part of the 'Sun Rise Day' activities and it is estimated around 8,000 people attend the Mass – resulting in it being one of the biggest youth Masses held in the UK in living memory. Music for the mass was provided by Rick Robson and members of his group.

Vestments and altar cloths for the major masses was gratefully provided by Paul Moynihan (SAUK)

Sunday Masses

On each of the Sundays during the camp 5 major masses were celebrated.

A mass was held for the IST staff on the Adult sub camp at 7.00 am.

In the evening two masses were celebrated on sub-camp hub stages and each commenced at 7.00 pm – the evening masses were concelebrated in German, French Spanish and Italian.

There was an estimated attendance at each of the sub-camp masses of approximately 3,000 participants.

The set up of the altars for both the Arena mass and the sub-camp hubs was carried out by Antonius Kiwall and the members of the DPSG Jurta Team.

Daily Mass

As mentioned previously, a daily mass was held at 5.30 pm each evening in 'Hylands Abbey' church for those who wish to attend. As the week progressed attendance at this mass increased to the point where the Abbey Church was filled to capacity.

Contingent Masses

In addition to the national contingents of Poland, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Argentina, Chile etc. quite a number of groups choose to celebrate mass in our Abbey.

Many contingents and groups who celebrated mass at the Jamboree apparently made no prior arrangements or preparations to do so in their planning before coming to the Jamboree. For some reason it was assumed that we (ICCS) would provide not only the location but also the vestments, chalices and communion host – one contingent even asked for the 'flowers' to decorate the altar!

We did not envisage having to 'support' the offering of these masses and were only able to do so through the kind intervention of the DPSG and their surplus of supplies from World Youth Day 2006.

3. The Sanctuary

The Sanctuary which formed part of Hylands Abbey was designed to have two purposes - during the day it served as a special area of peace and tranquillity where Leaders retreated to meet, take sustenance (tea & coffee) and catch up on the outside world (daily newspapers).

And in the evening, it was proposed it would serve as a forum for discussion, with music and light refreshments being served. However, due to circumstance beyond anyone's control this latter activity was not possible.

4. Day Visitors Activities

It is estimated that during the course of the Jamboree approximately 80,000 Day Visitors visited the site. Along with the other activity providers in the Faith and Belief Zone we provided activities to visitors in the form of fabricating crucifixes with a sisal figure of the Lord and Kiro coasters which the visitors took away.

5. Scout Exhibitors Stand at the World Scout Centre

This stand was located at the World Scout Exhibitors and had the function of providing information of ICCS World and its Regions.

The main purpose of the World ICCS Stand was to present its relationship with the Catholic Church, World Scout Bureau, and the ICCS Regions. It also served as a '*drop in*' Information Centre and was well attended by visitors.

From a regional perspective there was display / presentational material, films, videos, posters, etc., on developmental events / activities that have been, are or are planned in each of the ICCS Regions.

Materials provided by the Euro-Med Region consisted of information on:

- New Horizons – Portugal 2005 / Slovenia 2007
- The Living Stones Italy – 2004 / Italy - 2005 / Portugal - 2006 / France 2007
- Rover Way – Italy 2006
- World Youth Day – Cologne 2005

And from the Inter-Americas Region:

- A presentation on Chaco's war between Bolivia and Paraguay in 1932-1935 and the motivation of Scouts of both Associations to try building new relationships and new links between the young people of both countries.

And the Asia Pacific Region:

- Details of World Youth Day in Australia 2008
- And the practical making of rosary beads with the assistance of leaders from Thailand.

6 Sunrise Day Inter religious ceremony – (part of the Sunrise Day Ceremony)

The primary aim of the inter-religious 'section' at the Sunrise Ceremony on August 1st was to show the world that the family of Scouting consists of people with different faith and belief backgrounds and that we can all work together to make a better world.

The Sunrise ceremony was carried out in five phases:

Phase 1	In which the sun rises on stage and the ceremony officially opens
Phase 2	In which we video link to Brownsea Island and remake our promise together
Phase 3	In which we watched a presentation about the development of scouting into that of being an international youth movement
Phase 4	An inter religious section to promote understanding between participants
Phase 5	A celebration of our 100 th anniversary

The inter-religious ceremony.

The purpose of the inter-religious ceremony was to enhance the principle of different faiths working together.

Each faith community presented a 1 minute presentation on the theme of 'Creating a Better World'.

Our (ICCS) presentation was based on the Peace Light from Bethlehem and was carried out by team of young people from Austria, Germany, France and Portugal .

These young people were participants at the jamboree and gave of their time to attend 3 rehearsals to practice their contribution.

Images of Catholics in Scouting doing activities associated with the particular faith were projected during our presentation – the purpose of which was to help to reinforce that which was being represented.

Between each of the faith contributions a specialist singing group sang 'You Are My Brother' from Hosanna Rock

The inter-religious ceremony finished with a short meditation activity and the signing of the special Sun Rise Day neckerchiefs.

Team ICCS

While it was originally envisaged that we would need 25 staff to operate the base, in the end we attracted a staggering 67 people who wanted to work with us, they represented 19 country associations of various religious backgrounds.

Summary and Conclusion:

The next World Jamboree will be held in 2011 in Sweden and it has been suggested that ICCS should have an equal if not stronger involvement in that event.

An evaluation questionnaire was circulated to the members of Team ICCS who assisted at the Jamboree in Hylands Park and a number of responses were received with the following observations:

- We should be involved in Sweden
- We should continue with the theme of the ICCS Abbey
- We should continue to provide workshops in some form or other
- We should consider providing liturgical support – with perhaps charging a fee for the service provided !
- We should consider the separation of the Abbey from the workshops
- We should consider having a 'Tabernacle' stand – serving tea, coffee, food? - with what ever income generated being used for development of ICCS in say the African Region.
- The secretariat of World ICCS should consider the establishment of a special task force working group, with the purpose of planning the ICCS involvement in such events as; World Youth Day, Regional Jamborees, World Jamborees, World Scout Conferences and Regional Scout Conferences, etc., etc.

Thanks:

I am honoured to have been associated with this event and I would like to take this opportunity to express a sincere word of thanks to all members of Team ICCS for their commitment in making our involvement at the Jamboree a very memorable experience for those who came in contact with us.

The above activities could not have taken place without the dedication and involvement of a great number of people – some of whom never got the chance to attend the Jamboree but whose contribution made it possible for us to be there – their efforts are very much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to thank: all the donors who supported this project, providing the materials and equipment that allowed us to run the workshops, and the good people who through hard work and perseverance found our donors and perhaps in doing so, used up every ounce of good will they had!

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Members of Team ICCS:

The following people formed part of ICCS Team at the Jamboree:

Ref:	Name:	Activity	Country
1.	Baldur Hermans	ICCS - World	Germany
2.	Fr. Bob Guglielmone	Scout Exhibitors Stand	USA
3.	Gebhard Transier	Scout Exhibitors Stand	Germany
4.	Fr. Caesar Matovu	Scout Exhibitors Stand	Uganda
5.	Fr. Leo LeBlanc	ICCS - Regions	USA
6.	Gordon Stiefel	Scout Exhibitors Stand	USA
7.	Fr. Victor Adjamagbo	Scout Exhibitors Stand	Togo
8.	Hubert Douampo	Scout Exhibitors Stand	Uganda
9.	Rev. Fr.Vivat Praesiri	Scout Exhibitors Stand	Thailand
10.	Rev. Sr.Viphada Santhiti	Scout Exhibitors Stand	Thailand
11.	Rev. Sr.Prayongsri Yaemsuntorn	Scout Exhibitors Stand	Thailand
12.	Rev. Sr.Kanchana Sudprasert	Scout Exhibitors Stand	Thailand
13.	Ms.Amporn Sudprasert	Scout Exhibitors Stand	Thailand
14.	Ms.Nantiya Mangmee	Scout Exhibitors Stand	Thailand
15.	Ms.Methinee Angkunlertbaramee	Scout Exhibitors Stand	Thailand
16.	Fr. John Seddon	Liturgical Activities	UK
17.	Paul Moynihan	Liturgical Activities	UK
18.	Fr. Jonathan How	Liturgical Activities	UK
19.	Fr. Guido Huegen	Hylands Abbey	Germany
20.	Silvia Caniglia	Hylands Abbey	Italy
21.	Sr. Nathalie Durand.	Hylands Abbey (Taize)	France
22.	Sr. Rosario Pereira	Hylands Abbey (Taize)	France
23.	Lise Gheeraert	Hylands Abbey (Taize)	France
24.	Uta Theisen	Hylands Abbey (Taize)	Germany
25.	Christoph Kubina	Hylands Abbey (Taize)	Germany
26.	Annette Westerwalbesloh	Hylands Abbey (Taize)	Germany
27.	Gerard Garahan	Hylands Abbey	Ireland
28.	Warich Nathtigoon	Hylands Abbey	Thailand
29.	Pichaya Takulsa	Hylands Abbey	Thailand
30.	Sr. Orawan Chanchalor	Hylands Abbey	Thailand
31.	Antonius Kiwall	Hylands Abbey	Germany
32.	Roman Michulitz	Hylands Abbey	Germany
33.	Mario Keller	Hylands Abbey	Germany
34.	Achim Köhler	Hylands Abbey	Germany
35.	Pedro Duarte Silva	Hylands Abbey	Portugal
36.	Pornsawat Lertvitayavivat	Hylands Abbey	Thailand
37.	Puntharee Israngkul Na Ayudthaya	Hylands Abbey	Thailand
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Ref:	Name:	Activity	Country
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40.	Natsra Tricharoenpibal	Hylands Abbey	Thailand
41.	Mananya Pawarodom	Hylands Abbey	Thailand
42.	Athadang Somsirithum	Hylands Abbey	Thailand
43.	Kenneth Kully	Hylands Abbey	Canada
44.	Fr. Charles Prince	Hylands Abbey	South Africa
45.	Crista Vitikainen	Hylands Abbey	Finland
46.	Fred Gervat	Hylands Abbey	USA
47.	Rodolfo B Tamain	Hylands Abbey	Philippines
48.	Anne-Laure	Hylands Abbey	Switzerland
49.	Romaine Theler	Hylands Abbey	Switzerland
50.	Maria Odete J.D. Patrocinio	Hylands Abbey	Angola
51.	Fernanda Maria H.Gabriel	Hylands Abbey	Angola
52.	Ulf Keutmann	Hylands Abbey	Germany
53.	Kerstin Glaab	Hylands Abbey	Germany
54.	Kevin Murphy	Hylands Abbey	Ireland
55.	Anne Murphy	Hylands Abbey	Ireland
56.	Seamus Murphy	Hylands Abbey	Ireland
57.	Fr. Jean Pascal Diame	Hylands Abbey	Taiwan
58.	Linda Kay Vandenberg White	Hylands Abbey	USA
59.	Algelica	Hylands Abbey	Switzerland
60.	Gloria Diaz	Hylands Abbey	Philippines
61.	Alexander Fischhold	The Sanctuary	Germany
62.	Tobias Iringer	The Sanctuary	Germany
63.	Margaret Mc Dowall	Day visitors and Sun Rise Day	UK
64.	Jim McDowell	Day visitors and Sun Rise Day	UK
65.	Zaranya Jaranyanond	Day visitors and Sun Rise Day	Thailand
66.	Jarinya Phewlieng	Day visitors and Sun Rise Day	Thailand
67.	Gerry Glynn	ICCS activities co-ordinator	Ireland

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	Fr. Jonathan How	FAB zone co-ordinator
	Roberta Vincini / Roberto Ballarini	Liaison with FAB
	Phil Pearson	Sun Rise Day co-ordinator
	Lesley Green	Day Visitors - liaison
	Chris McCann / John May	World Scout Centre – Scout Exhibitors Area