

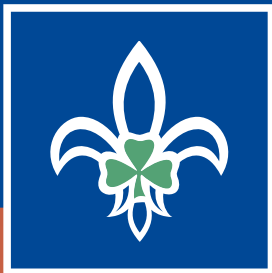


# Inside out

April 2013



**All Systems go For National Council  
Community Celebrations Week Launched  
Crean Challenge report by a Scout who took part  
Details on the Summer SNS!  
And lots lots more!**



# Communications Commissioner Intro

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Welcome to this month's issue of Inside Out your monthly one stop shop for all that is happening in Scouting Ireland. This month we feature all the details ahead of this months National Council. A really very well written report by a Scout who took part in the recent Crean Challenge. We have details of all the candidates who are standing for election to the various positions available at National Council. The communications team distribute their 2nd batch of newly designed Promotional Posters. Community Celebration week is launched with details on how to get involved inside. As always we have loads of Reports and pictures of events happening all over the country. Remember if you want to submit an article for next month's issue then please forward them to [communications@scouts.ie](mailto:communications@scouts.ie). Please forward this on to all Scouters and Youth Members in your group. Don't presume they have got it. Deadline for next month's issue is 30th April.

See you next month! - The Communications Team

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## Quote of the Month

*"The real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people"*



## National Council 2013

This year the National Council event is taking place in the Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa, Rosses Point, Sligo on the weekend of the 19th – 21st April. The Agenda will run as follows.

### Saturday 20th April 2013

**08:30** Arrival of Delegates & Check In

#### 10.00

- Opening Thought
- Opening Address of the Chief Scout
- Address by Guest Speaker
- Meeting Procedures and Appointment of Tellers
- Approval of Standing Orders
- Approval of the minutes of National Council 2012
- Adoption of the Annual Report
- Adoption of the Audited Accounts and Financial Report of Scouting Ireland

- Appointment of Auditors
- Endorsement of the Annual Report of The Scout Foundation
- Election of Honorary Vice-Presidents

**09:00 – 16.00** Voting for positions on the National Management Committee

**11:30** Vision 2020 Presentation

**12:15** Introduction of National Youth Representatives

**12:30** Adult Awards

**13.00** Meeting adjourned

**14:30 – 15:30** Chief Scout Meeting with Youth

**14:15 – 17:00** Youth Programme Workshop

**14:15 – 17:00** Adult Resources Workshop

**14:15 – 17:00** Spiritual Workshop

**14:15 – 17:00** Compliance Workshop

**18:00** Religious Services

**19.30** Gala Dinner

### Sunday 21st April 2013

**09:00** Arrival of Delegates & Check In

#### 10:00

- National Council Resumes
- Opening Thought
- Opening Address
- World Scout Jamboree 2015 Presentation
- Election Results

**14:00** Closing address by the Chief Scout

For All reports motions and other information about this year's meeting click the link right.





## Saturday Night Events Gala Dinner & Disco

The annual Gala Dinner will take place on Saturday 20th April. The cost for tickets is €40. Booking forms can be found [HERE](#). Book early to avoid disappointment, as places are limited.

Following the meal, you can enjoy the music and dance the night away and for the under 18's there will be a chill-out zone for them to enjoy if they so wish.



# National Council 2013



## Camping Facilities

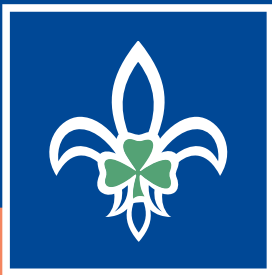
- ✓ Camp Site in Hotel Grounds
- ✓ Toilet facilities
- ✓ Shower Facilities
- ✓ Chillout area
- ✓ Breakfast Roll, Tea or Coffee

**All available @ €5 per person per night**

**Bring Your Own Tent!!!**

Campsite open from 4pm Friday - 12 noon Sunday

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## National Secretaries Notes

“The National Secretary’s says”  
A welcome to National Council 2013 from the  
National Secretary



Dear Scouter,

Welcome to the forthcoming National Council 2013 which takes place within the Yeats Scout County and hosted by the Western Scout Province at the Radison Blu Hotel, Rosse’s Point, Sligo on Saturday and Sunday 20th and 21st April 2013.

I would like to draw your attention to areas that will if adhered to would allow for an effective meeting to be held:

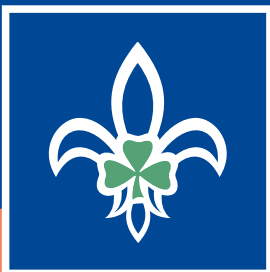
- That Youth Member Representatives are assisted to inform themselves and understand the business and purpose of National Council.



- Those seeking election do not pressurise or intimidate Youth Members regarding the voting process.
- Workshops and Clinics to inform delegates about Youth Programme, Adult Resources, the Spiritual element in Scouting, Association Compliance, Communications and International Scouting will be available.
- To assist Scout Groups relating to property matters, directors of the Scout Foundation, will be on hand to meet and discuss questions delegates may have relating to their Scout Dens or other Properties.
- A programme of events and activities will facilitate delegates to socialise and enjoy the event.
- Delegates are asked to operate in a scoutlike manner, take care of and be responsible for their fellow delegates.
- Please remember that National Council is yours so let us take ownership of it and make it a big success.

### Vision 2020

This project will form a major element of this year’s National Council and I ask everyone to



become fully involved by informing themselves about this important exercise and become part of the Vision 2020 project.

To ensure that the voice and opinions of the Youth Membership is taken on board, I would remind you all that if the full operation of the youth representation and participation by Counties and Groups is fully implemented, there can be a possible presence of over 750 Youth Representatives attending National Council 2013..

At its March meeting the National Management Committee (NMC) dealt with the following matters:

1. A presentation on the World Scout Jamboree in 2015 was made to the meeting by the contingent leader Stephen Carey and the team membership approved.
2. The Adult Awards Policy (SID16.04) was finalised and a third meeting added to the committee's yearly meeting schedule.
3. The National Council 2013 Standing Orders drawn up by a working group of James O'Toole,



Ollie Kehoe, Brian Webster and Christy McCann were presented to the meeting and approved by the NMC.

4. A preliminary report on Jamboree 2013 (Stradbally) was presented to the meeting with a fuller and more detailed report to be prepared and presented to the NMC and the association in the coming weeks.

5. A meeting with NI Scout Council, the Chief Scout and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has taken place and it is planned that this will lead to more interaction and co-operation between the two associations..

6. Preparations are in place for the induction of those who will be elected at National Council 2013.



### Chief Commissioner: Youth Programme



Dear fellow Scout / Adult Scouter

Thank you for the support over the past three years during my current and first term as Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme) which comes to an end at National Council 2013. I have decided to put my name forward for a second term and would like to thank the Scout Groups and Scout Counties who were in a position to nominate me. I am now seeking your support in the election at National Council 2013 for the position of Chief

Commissioner (Youth Programme).

It is my intention to continue a number of projects already in hand along with commencing a review of the support structures for Scouting Ireland's youth programme - ONE Programme. I firmly believe that Scouting Ireland in 2013 now has a Vision for the young people on the island of Ireland greater than ever before; supported by a "single cohesive programme" meeting and supporting the needs of our Youth Members [through facilitation and mentoring by our Adult Scouters] in an effort to develop them not just as the adults of tomorrow but as the Citizens of today through the Scout Method. I intend to build on the supports developed within my current term which include the CPC Manual, Programme Conferences, Venture Scout & Rover Scout start up booklets, LONE Initiatives, the Whole Health Handbook, Youth Programme EXPEDITIONS, 100 Years of Scouting celebrations, Chief Scout Award partnerships, Programme Events, Section specific programme resources, existing and new policy alignment to programme, to mention but a few.

With the transition to ONE Programme almost complete and following on from the success of the Youth Programme & Adult Resource Forum held in Castle Saunderson in February of this year, it is evident that provisions must

be put in place to enable and empower Scout County Programme Teams to support Scout Groups in all areas of Youth Programme. I intend to develop and roll out ONE Programme Awareness Sessions in each Scout Province. These sessions would be delivered to assist Scout County Programme Teams to support Scout Groups based on an assessment of needs. I believe this will ensure consistent support across the Association at the same time as building much needed skills and competencies within Scout County Programme Teams.

It is my hope also to develop a support network for Scout Groups facilitated by the National Programme Teams in conjunction with Scout Provinces; helping with the concept of ONE Programme, ONE Scout Group, ONE Scouter Team. This would be a joint initiative with Adult Resources as I am keen to create the most positive and practical environment possible to assist in the continued development of our youth members.

It has also become apparent to me that as an Association we must reaffirm our position in the community, by supporting and drawing off it at all levels for the greater good of the wider population of young people on the island of Ireland. It is therefore vital for the incoming Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme) to be a positive agent for change and continuous improvement in an effort to support and empower our members to further develop Scouting Ireland into the modern youth organisation of choice; with its approach to the development and non-formal education of young people being recognised as second to none. I believe that with my track record demonstrated as a Programme Commissioner (National Events) [2005 – 2010] and in my current term as Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme) [2010 – 2013] along with my professional role as a Contracts Manager for a major Irish engineering firm; that I have the skills and ability to drive this organisation to achieve this goal. With the transition into ONE Programme almost complete; we now need to use it to its maximum capacity to the benefit of our youth members. I am only too aware that this process must be lead and facilitated by a cross



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### Chief Commissioner: Youth Programme

functional team of volunteer Scouts and Adults in Scouting working within the existing structures. These people must be representative of the Association and it's many traditions, cultures and geographic considerations. It is therefore apparent that the next set of national programme teams will require additional skill sets going forward to achieve this. As a result it will be my intention to review the current youth programme structure at national level with an open call for expressions of interest to ensure inclusiveness, openness, gender equity and diversity in terms of youth programme support and further development.

It will also be my intention in consultation with the National Management Committee to reduce the current number of Programme Commissioners [current set are in place from a previously identified need during the programme development phase] in an effort to focus the National Programme Teams on core programme for the programme frameworks and sections within ONE Programme. All supporting functions including and not limited to activity logistics, adventure skills, scout centre programme, implementation, content review; while essential to the continued support and development of ONE Programme would exist as project specific functions on an assessment of needs basis outside of the specific Programme Commissioner titles/roles.

In addition to the youth programme supporting structure review and in tandem with a review of the Association's Youth & Adult Involvement Policy, it is my desire to move this important area forward ensuring youth member equity by giving the National Youth Representatives more autonomy by taking them out from under the Programme Commissioners and developing a parallel consultative and involvement structure with the correct supports in place to assist them in moving their association forward within Vision 2020. If I am successful in my endeavour to achieve the position of Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme), I promise to give the time and dedication

that I know the role requires. Thank you for taking the time to read my overview, and I would appreciate it if you would consider supporting my candidacy for the position of Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme),

Yours in Scouting

IAN DAVY



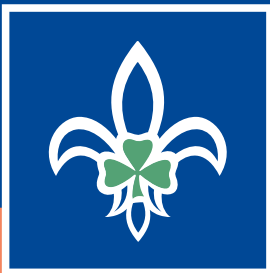
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### Chief Commissioner: Youth Programme



February 2013

Dear Fellow Scouters,

I am writing to you to inform you that I am seeking election for the position of Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme) at National Council in April 2013 and to request that you consider supporting me by voting for me at the meeting of National Council.

I believe that my experience to date, both as an active scouter, County Programme Coordinator and member of the National Management Committee, enhance my candidacy for the recently announced vacancy. I am a strong believer in the small group system which emphasises the importance of team work. I intend to build a strong team featuring Scouters who possess the relevant experience and cognitive skills necessary to ensure that a strong youth programme is delivered throughout the association. The work load of the youth programme department is a large and wide ranging and I will create an enabling environment for the Youth Programme Team that fosters creativity and imagination. In the recent months I have travelled to four out of the six provincial conferences that have taken place and have worked closely with the National Management Committee in this, the early stages of the Transformation; Vision 2020 process. I got a clear message from the conferences that sections and Scout Groups are looking for practical support with the implementation of ONE Programme and I believe I can lead a team to make that happen. Like Modern Society, Scouting Ireland as an Association is like a patchwork blanket with different groups and traditions and it's important that Scouting Ireland embrace that fact rather than try and change it. One Programme is a toolbox to support Groups and Counties to deliver the Scout Programme to Youth Members rather than a rigid formula.

I am available to meet with Scouters, Scout Groups and Scout Counties over the next number of weeks, either in person or over the phone, to outline my plans and ideas for the following:

- National Youth Programme Committee
- Fundamental re-structure and a reappraisal of the role of Programme Commissioners and Programme Teams
- Section Relevant Support
- National Events
- Youth Programme on National Campsites.
- Provincial Programme Teams and Support.
- Working with Adult Resources and Training Team.
- Uniform Review.

I value the vast wealth of experience that exists throughout the association and I encourage all members to contact me with any suggestions or ideas on how improvements can be made to the support that Youth Programme team can deliver.





**Chief Commissioner: Adult Resources**



Dear Friends in Scouting,

I am honoured to accept the nomination of Groups and counties in Scouting Ireland as a candidate for the position of Chief Commissioner Adult Resources. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you how I believe I can make a positive contribution to Irish Scouting over the next three years if I am successful in the election to that position.

It has been a hectic five month's since my interim appointment and I am proud of the fact that I have managed to deliver a number of positive initiatives in that short period. These include:

- The Review of Adult Leader Training commenced with Chris Kearns as the project leader
- New "Adults in Scouting" policy in place
- New Conflict Management policy and Guidelines
- New complaint procedures in place
- Town Hall meeting in November
- First Forum for Youth Programme and Adult Resources in February
- Monday Night Support from 19.00 to 21.00 every Monday evening
- Adult leader Training to be delivered locally to a National Standard

These initiatives could not have been delivered without the support and commitment of very capable fellow scouts. It has been great to work with committed leaders from all provinces and in particular the members of the National Adult Resources Committee and professional support who have embraced the challenges of working with a this new Chief Commissioner. A significant challenge facing Scouting today is to manage, effectively, the changes needed to ensure continued growth of the movement. To achieve

this we need programmes that are attractive and challenging for all young people - this we have in our "One Programme". We also need to ensure that the adults in our movement, who are responsible for supporting the programme, are properly equipped with the necessary skills to do so and are encouraged and supported in their roles. Our Adults must be supported during their journey with us in scouting.

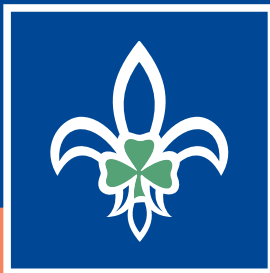
I am committed to delivering that goal and have devoted considerable personal time to that end, not only in my current role as group leader of 103rd Dublin and interim Chief Commissioner, but have in the past as Vice Chairman of the World Scout Committee, Chairman of the European Region and as National Training Commissioner here in Ireland.

With these previous experiences, I trust you can see I have a proven expertise in strategic planning, and change management. I deal with issues in a forthright and considered manner and have the ability to deal constructively with people at all levels of the movement. I am capable of working in the complex political arenas that exist throughout the movement and never lose sight of the fundamental goals of scouting.

For relaxation I sail, an activity not far removed from scouting, particularly when it come to be a member of a small team, working closely with natures forces and harnessing the best of each individual's skill to keep that boat afloat, each time you take to the water the conditions are different, with a different challenge.

With these skills, and working in close co-operation with the Chief Commissioner Youth Programme, I believe that we can make a significant contribution to the work of Scouting Ireland.

Thérèse Bermingham  
ccar@scouts.ie



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### National Treasurer



I was recently asked “why do you Scout?” and while this evoked a trip down memory lane and a reminiscence of my personal journey in guiding and scouting, the experiences, the places I have been and the people that I have met; it brings to mind one of the current buzz statements in the corporate world “are we fit for purpose?”

My name is Annette Byrne. I am a Cub Scouter and Group Treasurer in Naas and Programme Commissioner (Cub Scouts). For the past nine years I have been

very fortunate to work in a place that I both love and have great belief in, Barretstown. To give you a bit of background, Barretstown is a children’s charity based in Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare and provides a programme of therapeutic recreation for children, and the families of children, who have serious illnesses. In order to run our programmes we must raise €4.5m per annum through charitable donations, corporate partnerships and fundraising initiatives. We could not run our programmes without the volunteers who donate their time so generously and the professional manner in which we run our business.

The phrase “fit for purpose” is almost embedded in me as; over the past two years I have been part of the management team in Barretstown who undertook a strategic review of our organisation. This review encompassed all areas of our business; every team and their function within the organisation was reviewed with the overall aim of increasing the numbers of children and families that our programme reaches, through efficient use of finances, people and resources.

My core function as Finance Manager is the production of monthly management accounts, treasury management and cross functional team support. Barretstown has embarked on a number of capital projects over the past five years. I have been the team lead on our IT, Database and Telephony procurement and implementation projects; with due diligence I

ensured that we not only brought the projects in on time and in budget but also ensured that we had “future proof” systems in place – allowing further growth and development.

Barretstown and Scouting Ireland bear many similarities; charities reliant on self funding, volunteers, engaging programmes, training and development of its members and delivery of key objectives to stakeholders.

Scouting Ireland has a Financial Controller, an effective and efficient finance team and one of the top charity auditors in the country (Price Waterhouse Coopers) I feel that we now need a person with a finance, programme and training background, who is a creative, strategic thinker to lead the Finance Function into the next era of Scouting in Ireland.

Scouting Ireland has embarked on a mammoth task of developing a strategic plan for scouting in the 21st Century: 20:20 Transformation. To support this vision, which is the vision of the entire membership, we need to ensure that we take a holistic approach and develop sectional strategies that aim to support the overall vision. If elected to the position of National Treasurer I would seek to put together a Finance and Development Team in order to develop a Financial Strategy to support the strategic vision of Scouting Ireland.

Focus areas of a Finance and Development team would be:

- Finance & Fundraising
- Properties & Campsites
- People & Resources
- Policy & Implementation

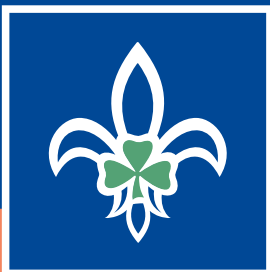
We need to ensure during this period of transformation that we don’t lose sight of the aim of our association; the development of young people so that they may achieve their full potential as responsible citizens, to improve society.

Where does this happen? It is in our Groups and Sections.

I ask you to please consider my proposal for the position of National Treasurer at this National Council.

I remain yours in Scouting,

Annette



### National Treasurer



I was born in Dublin and reared in Walkinstown where I first joined Scouting. A new group had started and I along with another 150 boys queued up to join and fortunately I was one of the 32 successful young boys. After completing my Youth membership in Walkinstown I moved to the 65th Greenhills as one of its founding members. Eventually I ended up in the 103rd Dublin and Saint Mealruan's Region CSI.

I held a number of positions in the 103rd from Cub Leader, Scout Leader, and eventually group Leader. During that time I also acted as Assistant Regional Commissioner to our new Regional Commissioner (Sean Farrell) a position I held for 8 years.

After getting married I moved to Collon Co Louth and thought I had escaped Scouting but after allowing me a few weeks to settle Sean Farrell who was now working for CSI in National Office at the time got me involved in a number of groups in the North East and eventually ending up in St Mary's in Drogheda as Scout Leader and also as Regional Commissioner in the old CSI Boyne Region.

During that period Joe Mc Loughlin who was National Commissioner for Scouts asked me and a couple of others to join his team. I was involved in rewriting the old CSI badge book and also led the organizing of the Melvin in 1994 held on the DART, Ireland Eye and in Larch Hill all at the same time in one of the best summers we had in the last 20 years.

With the founding Scouting Ireland I was appointed County Commissioner in Glean Na Boinne Scout County. That county was a combination of three former SAI districts and one CSI region. The county over the last 9 years

has contributed significantly to the growth of Scouting in the North Eastern Province. Two years into that role a vacancy occurred for National Secretary and I was honoured to be elected by National Council to take up that role, a position I held for six years. During that period I faced a large number of challenges however I feel I have left the position with a strong legacy behind me. During that period I represented Scouting Ireland along with Our International Commissioner at a number of European conferences.

At a professional level I hold a Masters in Business Administration and I am a fellow of the institute of Certified Public Accountants. I am a shareholder and Managing Director of Demesne Electrical Sales Ltd. Prior to that I held the position of Finance Director. The company has grown from strength to strength and has just recently won the prestigious Deloitte Best managed Company award.

In the role of National Treasurer I can bring not only my vast scouting experience but also by commercial and business background gained over many years in business. One of the biggest challenges facing Scouting Ireland will be to ensure that we consolidate our sources of funding to ensure we continue to remain relevant to the young people who are and will be members of Scouting Ireland. I intend if elected to engage fully with the Vision 2020 process and to ensure that we as an Organisation put in place a finance strategy that best fits the needs of Scouting Ireland.

I would also like to set up a finance committee to help give a broader view to our sources of income and to look at any other issues that arise and ensure that Scouting Ireland is well financed into the future.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I would ask you to support me by giving me your vote at National Council

Yours in Scouting

Michael Devins



## National Council Special

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### Provincial Commissioner: Dublin



Fellow Scouter.

My name is Aidan Smith I am 68 years young and I live in Ballymun on the Northside of Dublin I am living here for the last 41 years was married in 1970 and still in love, have five children 3 Daughters 2 Sons and I have 9 grand children. I worked most of my years for Cadbury Ireland and retired early 1999. I was heavily involved in the regeneration of Ballymun and was a representative on one of the five electoral forums up to recently. I have

served as Provincial Commissioner for the Dublin Scout Province for 2010 to current and I am seeking re-election making a little bit of history as no other of my predecessors sought re-election indeed two of them only served two years each, moving on to bigger roles within the Association. I am a firm believer in the Promise, Law and Principles and sincere about "by word and example be a positive influence on those in my care", With the introduction of the One Programme I was hopeful that the youth members would be given a bigger say in the decision making process, and my hope for the next term of three years would be to bring about more co-operation and participation and togetherness between all the Youth Fora in the nine Counties in Dublin.

In my many years of Scouting with (CBSI/CSI). I participated in many roles and much training. CSL Macaoimh. Assitant Unit Leader Unit Trainer. Regional Secretary.

ARC/ Cub Scout Macaoimh, Regional Commissioner.

Field Commissioner to Kiernan Gildea. 1998/2001 Damien Scanlan  
2001/2004 for the Dublin Metropolitan Field and Northeast out to Cavan.

I am a Woodbadge holder Service and Meritorious Awards up to Gold.  
Order Silver Wolfhound Award 2000.

I believe in Training and have said to our County back in 2004 you will always learn something new at training. Now entering a new Association we should all agree to start the Training Path again. I showed by example.

Scouting Ireland 2004 have served as Group/Leader County Commissioner.  
Provincial Commissioner 2010/2013

Yours in Scouting.

Aidan Smith.





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### Provincial Commissioner: Dublin



Dear Colleague in Scouting

My name is Betty Barry and I have been involved in the Scouting movement for over twenty five years. I am currently serving as a Scout Section Leader in the 19th/36th Dublin (Phibsboro) and as the County Programme Coordinator of Tolka County. I am a

candidate for the position of Provincial Commissioner of the Dublin Scout Province. I am running as a candidate because I believe that people should be given a choice. I also believe that with my personal experience both in Scouting as well as in life in general, gives me all the necessary attributes essential to being able to serve and discharge the duties associated with the position.

Central to my approach as Provincial Commissioner, if elected, will be a pro-active philosophy. I will form a new team of likeminded and dedicated individuals each of whom will have a personal expertise that they will bring to this dynamic team. My constant goal throughout my tenure will be my support for scouting at local level particularly within Groups and to look at providing all the necessary resources that is needed, be that for example in the area of training or programme supports. I also wish to raise the profile of Scouting within the Dublin area and would hope to work closely with the events and communication team on this. As an active Group and County

Scouter, I'm acutely aware of the real issues that face Scouting both at a Group and County level today and am committed, if elected, to using means, but not exclusively, such as the current "Transformation" process, the "Review and Renewal of Adult Training" to find solutions to those same issues. I look forward to meeting you, your Group, your County in the near future and am available at any time to clarify any matters of importance to you.

Yours in Scouting,  
Betty Barry





# National Council Special

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### Provincial Commissioner: South East



My 3 year term as Provincial Commissioner South East (PCSE) has flown by and will soon end at National Council in Sligo this April. It is a role I have enjoyed greatly, principally because it is the vital link between national and local management of our association. The position is unique in Scouting Ireland as Provincial Commissioners are the only members of the National Management Committee (the association) and directors of Scouting Ireland Limited (the company) to represent a localized electorate; the province. It is this dual mandate

that provides the local support to national policies which are often initiated by the requirements of the scouts and scouters comprising our provincial membership.

I have done my best to meet all the challenges that the role of PCSE demands with equanimity and a scouting ethos whilst maintaining a purposeful, business-like approach to achieve results. The only 'election promise' I will make is to propose to continue in this manner. I hope this management style meets with your approval and that I will get your continuing, invaluable support in doing so.

If I am re-elected, the South East Provincial Management/Support Team (SE PM/ST) in liaison with the Provincial Management Support Group (PMSG, a sub-committee of the National Management Committee comprising all 6 PC's and all 6 Provincial Support Officers plus the Chief Scout) will compile a 3 year development and strategy plan for our province incorporating relevant elements from your counties and groups plans, augmenting them as necessary to try to meet the current and future needs of the South East within a national framework.

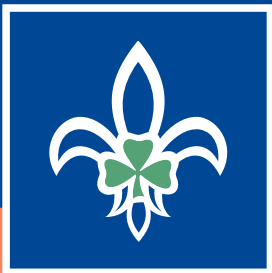
The PMSG monitors and develops national standard operational procedures to roll out to local requirements and makes strategy and policy proposals to the NMC. It would be my view that, as we have so far, we would continue our leading edge approach to scouting in the South East making it a model to encourage change and create influence, through the PMSG, at the National Management Committee.

I look forward to meeting my friends in scouting at our National Council in Sligo and hope you will see fit to allow me continue in the role of Provincial Commissioner for the South East supporting that aim by casting your vote in my favour. Thank you.

Yours in Scouting,

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## National Council Special

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#### Provincial Commissioner: West



Dear Fellow Scouter,

As my term of office as Provincial Commissioner draws to a close, I am seeking your Scout Groups vote for a second term at this year's National Council in Rosses Point, Sligo in April.

We have had some big changes in our province over the intervening three years – with the introduction of the ONE Programme being the biggest challenge to face us all. In addition Joe Doherty our PSO retired after 26 years of service and our GSF Danny Habermann returned to his native Germany. Both individuals will be missed in their roles. I was delighted to welcome Noel Leahy and Dubheasa Kelly as their replacements during the course of the past year and I know they will provide you with a very professional support service for years to come. We have two new County Commissioners, Chris Roche in Galway and Eilis Molamphy in Clare taking over from Noel Leahy and Fiona Staunton respectively and I wish them both well in their new appointments. In the Western Province, we can all be extremely proud of what we have accomplished together over the past three years. Together we have:

- Transitioned all but two Scout Groups to ONE Programme. Well ahead of target and ahead of most other provinces
- Put more Scouters through Wood Badge training
- Achieved more Wood Badge holders
- Enlarged our Provincial Training Team
- Increased the number of Youth Reps attending national events
- Created additional youth-based provincial events and increased attendance at youth forums
- Added new Scout Groups, additional programme sections and new members - both youth and adult all leading to a nearly 10% increase in

membership over the past 12 months.

- Ran a successful provincial conference.

Many of these are things that I set out in my manifesto three years ago, things that I believed we could achieve together.

Do we have more to do? Yes we do. We need to bed-down the ONE Programme in all our groups. This can be achieved with hands-on training and support for each of the programme sections, and which is currently being planned by our national Youth Programme teams. We need to provide additional skills training support to our members. While we have improved communications, we need to go that bit further to ensure that every Scout and Scouter gets the information they need. We need to support Scout Counties with the structures and finances necessary to “bring scouting to every part of their county” and we need ensure that Scout Groups get proper PR recognition for their achievements both locally and nationally.

I want to pay thanks to all the members of my Provincial Management Support Team who over the past three years have worked tirelessly in ensuring that support is available to all in areas of programme; training; adult resources; financial and international.

Over the past three years, I have provided a strong voice at National Management Committee meetings and ensured that issues relating to the Western Province are heard. I have always been available to answer questions and give support and representation when and where needed. I would like to continue the good work we started together and I am looking for your vote in order to continue to represent and serve scouting in the West. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Yours in Scouting,  
Brian Webster





# National Council Special

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Dear Fellow Scouters,

My name is Joe Boland and I am a Cub Scout Leader and Group Leader with 19th Donegal (Lifford/Clonleigh) Scout Group where I have been an active Scouter for 20 years. I am writing to you in the hope that you would consider giving me your vote for the vacant position of Ordinary Member of the National Management Committee at the forthcoming National Council Elections

in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Rosses Point, Sligo from the 20th – 21st April 2013.

During my time in scouts I have shown that I am a dedicated Scouter and give freely of my time and energy to whatever role I undertake. While I have been a member of a number of scouting committees my main passion is providing programme and activities for as many Scouts and Scouters as possible. I am frequently charged with running Group, County and Provincial camps, challenge days and scouter events. I also thoroughly enjoy being a member of the National Training Team and have led and facilitated at countless adult training days throughout the country. While I regularly provide wood badge training, I am also a child protection trainer and transition trainer. Furthermore I was invited to be part of the Train the Trainer team for the course recently held in Navan.

I am fortunate to have had so many remarkable scouting experiences. My personal highlights include, being a Team Lead for Scouting Ireland's Jamboree in 2008 providing activities for over 6000 youth members on "Neon Monday"; and more recently being Camp Chief for Camp Carnival where my goal was to work with multiple agencies to provide a diverse programme for 1500 Scouts over the weekend.

In 2010 I undertook the role of Communications Commissioner and was

given three key objectives by the National Officers. These included; a complete revamp of the scouts.ie website, to develop a web-based newsletter to be circulated nationally, and to produce and edit a magazine for Scouters. Each of these tasks was completed within the given timeframe and to the best of my ability. I have attached my Scouting CV which includes some of my other scouting achievements/roles.

I am confident that the skills I have acquired through Scouting, my professional role as a photojournalist, and as a result of the numerous other community roles I have undertaken in the Lifford/Clonleigh area, that I have the capabilities required to represent my fellow Scouters and give them a strong voice at National Level. I promise should I be fortunate enough to be elected an Ordinary Member of the National Management Committee, to bring your issues, concerns and questions to the table and seek appropriate answers.

Yours in Scouting,

Joe Boland





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As you may be aware I have put my name forward at this Year's National Council In Sligo for the Position of Ordinary Member of The National Management Committee. I feel that the experience of working on both County and Provincial management teams has given me a foundation for the next level within the association, my continuing work as a Beaver Leader will keep me grounded in what makes this association great and a reminder as to why I am involved.

- To carry out any Role Given to Me as A Member of The National Management Committee with due responsibility and diligence.

Yours in Scouting

Mary O'Regan

Every role that I have undertaken in Scouting, I have given my time freely, through my commitment, and my dedication in completing the task or role that I have undertaken.

If I am elected to the Ordinary member of the National Management Committee at this year's

National Council I will endeavour:

- To help develop Scouting Ireland Development Plan " Vision 20/20" by ensuring that the methods and policies that come from the Plan have the "Local Scout Group" interests are always at the forefront.
- To engage in debates and policy making decisions at the National Management Committee Meetings to ensure that the whatever decisions are made are relevant to the Groups within Scouting Ireland.
- From my own business experience, any concerns that I have in the running of Scouting Ireland, I will highlight to the National Management Committee and make recommendations based on my own experiences and best practice.





### Ordinary Member NMC



Dear colleagues,

After much consideration over the last number of months I have decided to put my name forward for the position of Ordinary Member of the National Management Committee. I see this role as being very important in terms of providing balance in a national context within the Association which I believe I can provide particularly as being both a Scouter and Rover Scout, I have a unique insight into the needs of our membership as a

whole but most importantly the needs of our Youth Members. As a Youth Movement I think it is vital that we do all we can to empower young people at all levels within Scouting Ireland.

In fulfilling this role I hope to bring my scouting experiences, at all levels of the association, to the table which have given me a great insight into the workings of Scouting Ireland as well as giving me the opportunity to work with my fantastic brothers and sisters in Scouting from whom I have learned so much. With this experience, I hope to be able to represent the views and interests of the entire membership. More than this, I will strive to ensure that the highest ethical and governance standards are upheld in decision making, in keeping with the Scout Promise and Law.

I believe that my conferral with a degree in Irish Law (Hons) will be of tremendous benefit to me in exercising an Ordinary Member's function as a director of Scouting Ireland as well as that of the management committee of Scouting Ireland. I believe that this training is something that will be of great benefit to me in this role.

One of the advantages of sitting on the NMC as an Ordinary Member is that you are elected by and therefore accountable directly to National Council. This means that I would be able to act in the best interests of, and work for Scouting Ireland as a whole, in accordance with the policies, rules and constitution of the Association.

From speaking to Scouters and Youth Members from all over the country over the last few weeks, there seem to be a number of recurring challenges facing us within Scouting Ireland. Issues like the recruitment and retention of Scouters, retaining Youth Members who are involved in other extra-curricular activities, communicating what we do, and more importantly communicating why we do it to a new audience as well as improving our overall public image are all challenges which we are facing at the moment. If elected I would like to make sure some of these challenges are examined in a national context and indeed I would welcome feedback directly from any members on how we can improve what we do within Scouting Ireland.

I would kindly ask you to consider giving me your number 1 vote for the position of Ordinary Member of the National Management Committee so that by working together we can give all of our Youth Members a journey along the Scouting Trail that they will cherish.

Many thanks for your time and your consideration.

Yours in Scouting,

Tom Clarke  
52nd Dublin (Shankill)



## Member of Scout Foundation



Charlie Mc Guinness

Why am I standing for election ?

I feel that we need to continue the tradition of strong representation as Directors of the Scout Foundation, from the membership of Scouting Ireland.

I have a proven track record in Scouting of delivery in roles I have held, or been assigned to undertake.

What can I bring to the position if elected ?

My experience gained both within and without Scouting including my work and my prior and current directorships of charities, I believe leaves me in a position where I can contribute to development of the Scout Foundation in its service to Scout Groups in particular.

If elected I commit to support and continue the current work that is undertaken by the Scout Foundation in matters involving corporate governance, legislation, including that relating to charities, companies, properties and trusts as well as other such matters. I will continue to strive for evolving communication between the Scout Foundation and the membership of Scouting Ireland.

What else can I say ?

Lots and lots, but at this point I'll close by thanking you for your time in reading this article. I hope that I can secure your support in the election at National Council this year and if elected, I undertake to do my best to reward that support by serving you and Scouting as a Director of the Scout Foundation.





### Member of Scout Foundation



Many scout groups and scout counties own, or rent scout den's or campsites all around the country. A lot of these properties are held in trust by the scout foundation. However many are not at this time.

My name is Peter Garrad and I currently enjoy the role of Group Leader in the 8th Kildare Maynooth Scout Group. I want to explain a little about my experience in the area of development of a scout den in order to help you to make an informed decision at the upcoming National Council in

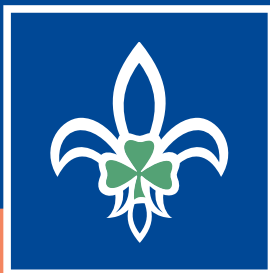
relation to the position of director of the Scout Foundation.

The group commenced their den development project in 2002. At that time the scout group was under threat of closing, as the school where they met were putting pressure on them to vacate the prefab that they had been using for the previous 30 years. The school needed to demolish the old prefab and replace it with new class rooms to accommodate the growth of the school. We negotiated an agreement to get the use of a hall within the school until the den was built. Work commenced on the project by getting the proposed scout den included in the Maynooth local area development plan in 2005. I joined the group in 2007 specifically to help develop the den having gained similar development experience in the late 70's in the 54th/88th Scout Group in Dun Laoghaire. In September 2007 we attempted to set up a parents and friends group – this took 2 meetings with the parents before we were successful. This group worked hard to develop a plan for fundraising and immediately set about organising some events, a pub quiz and some small bag packs in Boot's.

We then commenced to organise a large event to be held in 2008. We decided to run an event "Who Wants to be a Thousandaire". This event posed huge challenges on the group and it stretched the P&F group in

many different ways. However as one we decided to proceed and we booked the company who would run the event on the night. This was a financial commitment of €6,000 for the scout group. This cost was to be covered by getting sponsorship. So the P&F set about trying to get the sponsorship. We were successful in getting €2,000 within a few weeks however the rest proved to be extremely difficult and many months passed. Until one day we received a phone call to let us know we had successfully got the full sponsorship. The P&F group worked very hard over the next 3 months selling advertising and preparing the booklet. One month before the night was to be run there was a press launch and in the final 4 weeks we sold tickets for the event itself. Finally on 31st May 2008 the Thousandaire took place in the Glenroyal Hotel Maynooth. There were over 400 people in attendance and an amazing event took place. A total amount of €31,000 was raised, and we were on the road to the new scout den.

This event taught us a lot about organising fund-raising and how to manage our own expectations and keep ourselves focused and motivated to work to the end target – even though that may be in the distant future. We set up a Den Development group to focus on the building design details. This group along with the P&F group all reported to Group Council. It is the Group Council that fully controls all of the decisions taken in relation to the project, especially the expenditure of monies which would be required. Our next challenge was to inform the local community of our intentions. This was helped when we joined the Maynooth Community Council and in 2009. As part of the summer festival we organised a large event in the harbour field in Maynooth. This was a family fun day where we built a scout site and set up many different bases which the community could experience and enjoy. We continue to work hard in and for the community, and increase the public awareness of scouting in Maynooth.



### Member of Scout Foundation

As the local elections had just been contested we invited all of the local elected county councillors and TD's to join us on the day. They all came along and this allowed us the opportunity to brief them all on our development plans.

One month later we had a very successful meeting with Kildare County Council, where we were supported again by the local councillors and we discussed the details of our plans. Over the coming 18 months and after several more meetings we lodged our planning application in January 2011. During this time we were continually working on the fundraising side with a new and re-energised P&F Group all the time building the funds for the development. Over time the types of events changed along with the financial environment we were all experiencing.

Working in small groups and having an excellent team of volunteer scouters and parents and friends all working to a common goal is extremely challenging and most enjoyable.

In November 2011 we received our grant of planning and another major hurdle had been jumped along the journey.

During early 2012 we established our final "Patrol" for our project, a focused Grants Group. This group were specifically tasked to seek all available grants for the building development project. This group consists of just 4 people. In May 2012 we had an initial meeting with the Kildare Leader Partnership and over the next 6 months we worked extremely hard and in October we made our application for funding.

During this time we successfully completed the e-tendering process and compiled our full business plan and set up a management company to oversee the financial elements of the project. The company structure is set

up to ensure that the group officers (elected positions) are elected as directors of the company and that all members of the company must be registered members of Scouting Ireland. The company will also seeking charitable status. The scout group council fully controls the company – especially in terms of all monies spent and to be spent. These must all be approved by group council. We are currently awaiting feedback in relation to our grant application. If the feedback is positive we will commence construction this year....

My objective in seeking your support to join the scout foundation as a director is that I am willing to offer my help to local scout groups who are developing or working to vest properties in the foundation. I will do my best to help as many groups as I can.

I strongly believe that as much help as possible should be offered centrally to all scout groups / counties trying to develop or vest their properties. This central help is not in existence and it has meant that we have had to learn as we go and seek as much advice as we could ourselves.

I look forward to your support and to working with you where possible.





## Communications Team Unveil new Promotional Posters

The Communications team are delighted to launch the 2nd in our sequence of 6 unique posters.

All group Leaders should have received these in the post recently. The posters we are including are printed on two sides. On one side you have a section of the Annual Report, which when all six posters are put together cover the entire Annual Report for 2012.

On the other side are six Promotional posters and another Extra one dedicated to the National Scout Centres. It would be our intention that when the members of your group have finished reading the Annual Report, that these sectional posters would be placed in your Scout dens as the 2nd in

a series of posters which we have produced to aid the promotion of Scouting in your group. You should Now have a total of 13 Posters for Use to Promote Scouting In your Group

Each poster has a theme running through it.



### The Power of Fun!

A very important part of Scouting for all both Scout and Scouter. This poster is one of 3 posters in this collection that the concept was developed at the National Youth Fora in conjunction with the Scout, Venture Scout and Rover Scout Reps.



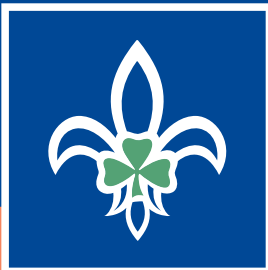


**Eat life with a big spoon!**  
Another Joint Venture with the Youth Reps with the theme of Live life to the max. Take it all in and Enjoy.



**It's wild up here!**  
This poster gives us a sense of the world of instant communications. Scouting is no different than any other part of Society in giving instant feedback on an Event. It is the Youth version of letting everyone know "look what you are missing"!





**You had to be there!**

Another of the Posters that started out Life at the National Youth Fora. This sends out a very clear message you should have been There! You missed it! It was Brilliant!



**No sittin' on the bench in Scouts!**

Another Powerful message to the Public at large. There is no substitutes on the Scout Team. Everyone takes part. Our Playing pitch is the great outdoors. Real teamwork is the name of the game.



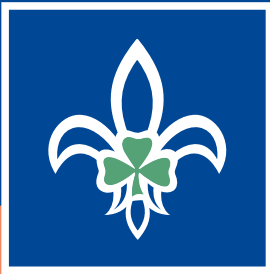
**Architects of our own future!**

Scouting is about building up your Personal Skills in whatever Sphere that you prefer. But we don't just stop there we strive to do our best and to Achieve our best and you never Know where that can take you!



**National Scout Centres!**

We know have a brilliant Network of National Scout Centres in Ireland. Places that you would be proud to take your Scouts and to Invite Scouts from all over the world. Let's use them!



We do hope that these posters would help each group in two ways.

1. By placing these posters on the wall of your den for the month leading up to National Council with the Annual Report side facing out will allow all our membership both youth and adult to have a chance to view the entire Annual Report in hard copy.

2. After National Council these posters can be turned around and then be used for the next 12 months as posters for use to promote Scouting Ireland.

I would suggest that it might be an Idea to invest in 6 cheap picture frames and mount these posters on the walls of your Scout Den. Also if you haven't got your Own Den then by having them framed you can transport them to any event you are having anywhere.

We hope you find these posters of use to your Group and that we see them adorn the walls of all the Scout dens in the Country.

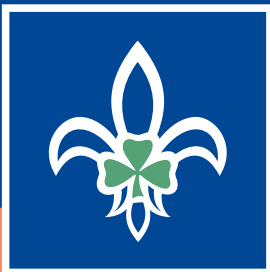
Communication Team



## Zero Harm

This Code of Behaviour is applicable to all Scouting Ireland Activities (Youth Members, Adults in Scouting, NonMembers [external providers])• As Scouts / Adults in Scouting / People working with and for the benefit of Young People we must ensure that the Scout Law & the Scout Promise is observed at all times





## Community Celebration Week

Community Celebration week is our opportunity to show the world what you have done or will do for your community. There are lots of ways that you can help but sometimes what you are lacking is the resources to make it happen. The week will showcase the projects that are done or yet to be done and not just your window of opportunity to do something. You can do your project anytime in this scouting year as long as you meet the criteria below. In the week you can show what you are doing that meets the criteria or what you plan to do.

In this week we give you the resources to support you. From How to pick a project to seeing how you got on, it all here. We are also recommending that you use new technology to embrace this new age of Scouting where we take a better look at how we can be a real part of the community. By using Story boards in an app called "Directr" you can record your community story and share it with others.

The steps to getting involved are:

### Register on line

Click here for the link to register  
By registering on line you will record your work with us. You will also be in with a chance to win an Community Celebration award

### Community Celebration Week Criteria

The two simple ingredients that you need in your project are:

- Youth Involvement
  - o In the Scouting way, Scouts of all ages should be involved in the project. Whether it is from Beaver Scouts helping in the plans to Rover Scouts leading the involvement, the involvement should be appropriate to their level

# community celebration week



- Community Involvement
  - o It goes without saying that a Community project has to involve others in the community. If you have never got involved with others in your community before, now is the chance to change that.

### Community Celebration Week Resources

There are very useful resources available on my.scouts.ie that will support you in your project. These include:

- Awareness Tools
  - o Survey toolkit – this will help you design a survey that you can run in your community
  - o Empathy Games – these will help you to understand the issues that people face
- Promotion Tools
  - o The video clip – this will help promote what you are doing to others in the group
  - o Poster to advertise – this can be put up in your community to let people know what you want to do.



- Action Tools
  - o PM Guide – This is a useful tool to help understand how you can project manage the project.
  - o Directr\* – This is a free app on iPhone that can help you document your project so that you can share your results with others.
  - o Review – This will help you find out how you got on.

### Community Celebration awards

There are 10 Awards in the week. These are to recognise the work that groups of people put into the community. The award can go to a team, a section or a group. The awards are:

- Best award in each of the Provinces (6 awards in total)
- Most creative project
- Most people involved in the Scout Group (based on %)
- The Community Scouting Spirit
- Commissioner's Choice

The judging of the projects will be done 70% by a panel and 30% by membership through social media

### The Prizes are:

The ten recipients of the award will get a specially commissioned artistic piece to recognise your work.

### Closing date

The closing date for your entry is the 21st May 2013.

\* - Directr is a free app that can be downloaded from the appstore. It will automatically edit/sync videos on your phone and make moving sharing easy for everyone. Once you download and install the app there is a very simple step by step process to create a simple video using scripts. These scripts help you direct your movie.

For more information on Community Celebration Week click on the link below.



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## Beaver Camp 2013

Gathering of the Tribes - 21st -22nd - 23rd June 2013

This year's beaver camp is a national initiative run by local groups or by scout counties.

This is to encourage as many beaver scouts in the country to get out camping on the same weekend .

The theme for the weekend is Gathering of the Tribes and the national beaver team will provide programme ideas to support this through articles in inside out over the next few months.

### A Message from the Beaver Commissioner

Greetings , I would like to introduce you to an idea that I have but first I have a few questions for the beaver scouts?

Do you like Adventure ?

Do you like to Camp ?

Do you like to meet other beaver Scouts ?

Do you want a chance to earn the badge for the scout year of Friendship ?

I am guessing that the answers to

the above questions are all - Yes !!  
If so, let's put all of the above together and let's help make Beaver Camp 2013 great. My idea is that we get as many beavers in the Country, camping on the same weekend in June. The camps will be organised at a local level but groups will take part in some pre-camp programme ideas .

The theme is the gathering of the tribes; with this in mind each camp must include at least another group or section to share the camp with. As this is the year of world friendship each beaver scout that takes part in a beaver camp and completes the personal challenge will earn the special badge.





The personal challenge could be to become a pen pal to another beaver scout in another country. Some of the things that you could learn from beaver scouts in another country include :

Learn a dance or a song from that country, find out about the food in another country and to cook a meal from that Country. Find some new words or words that have different meanings. Explore the different language and see if you can learn some words. It would also be great if it could be organised that someone from a different Country could visit the beaver camp.

Yours in Scouting,  
Stephen Halpin

## To take part in this adventure the following challenges are set out below :

- Social :** Camp overnight in a setting with at least another group or section.
- Physical :** Help design a suitable healthy menu for the weekend.
- Intellectual:** Take part in some of the pre camp programme.
- Character :** Help with the cooking of one of the meals
- Emotional :** Have fun – take part in a group photo.
- Spiritual :** Take part in a log chew outside.

## Pre Camp Programme

The pre- camp programme encourages beaver scouts to interact with other scouts from another Country.

This can be done in various methods. Beaver scouts can contact groups via pen pals , set up a Skype night or whatever your imagination can contrive. Many groups will already have

made links with overseas groups and we would encourage groups to foster these links. However , we would like to be able to know what groups are getting involved and who they are linking up with. If you do not have any links to a group you may have suggestions as to where you would like to communicate with.

With this in mind Fiona Mc Cann from the international team and Fiona Finn from the beaver team will be helping coordinate this innovative idea. Please fill out the application form and email to [beaverscouts@scouts.ie](mailto:beaverscouts@scouts.ie) or post to Beaver Commissioner, Larch Hill , Tribbaden , Dublin 16.

## Application Form

Group : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Scout County: \_\_\_\_\_ Scouter Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Province : \_\_\_\_\_ Scouter Contact Phone : \_\_\_\_\_  
Scouter Email : \_\_\_\_\_ Scouter Address : \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have an overseas group to communicate with ?  
If yes . Please provide Overseas Group Name, Contact Name and Contact No.  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you an preference for a Country or Region to communicate with?  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you going to partake in a beaver camp ?  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Welcome to Cubs Corner

As my second term as Programme Commissioner (Cub Scouts) comes to an end at National Council I am sad to say this edition of Cubs Corner will be my last

I would like to take the opportunity to thank people for their support and input over the past five or so years; for contributions to Cubs Corner, work on the Programme Team, the Programme Unit in National Office and of course the Communications Team.

In no particular order my sincere thanks also go to:

Adrian Brown  
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Cub Scouts and Leaders of the Mac Tire Cub Pack (Naas)

And of course to all of the Cub Scouts and Scouters who read Cubs Corner and who have taken part in the many Cub Scout events and workshops.

I hope that you enjoy this version and that it might give you some programme ideas.

You will also find links to the National Sunrise Hike and Leadership Day Programme.

Keep living it large!!

I remain, Yours in Scouting

Annette Byrne  
Programme Commissioner (Cub Scouts)

## The Crystal Maze

(adapted from Programmes OnLine © The Scout Association 2006)

### Activity Instructions

1. Split the Section into small groups or sixes, each with a leader
2. Each six spends 20-30 minutes in a 'world.' Each 'world' has several activities described as Mental, Physical, Skill, or Knowledge (or others that you devise)
3. The Six/team leader chooses what type of activity to do, then who is to do it
4. If the activity is completed in the allotted time then a crystal is earned (use a ping pong ball / golf ball)
5. Teams visit as many 'worlds' as they have time for
6. At the end each crystal earned equates to 10 seconds in the Collecting Ring
7. In the collecting ring, two packs of playing cards are thrown onto the floor and the Six has 10 seconds per crystal to collect ONLY RED CARDS
8. The six with the highest score after deductions is the overall winner

### Additional Information

- This is a fully worked version of the game, with four Worlds and 5-6 activities for each. It can be adapted to make your own specialised version, especially if you want to cover particular skills
- You may need to check out how to complete some activities e.g.morse / wiring a plug etc
- The game needs to be explained before-hand and a leader allocated to each six/team
- Set up the worlds in different areas of the den/ hall before the game begins
- Each activity must be risk-assessed in the location you are using

### Suggested duration From 1 hour to 2 hours

More information on The Crystal Maze can be found on







## The Crystal Maze - SCIENCE WORLD

Game Type	Name	Number of persons in game	Time limit (mins)	Description	Equipment
<b>Skill</b>	Fire Lighter	1	1	Light a candle. The match must be struck 3 metres away from the candle and be carried under a chair. 2 attempts	
<b>Physical</b>	Darts	2	2	1 person makes a paper dart, the other must catch the dart in flight in a bucket after 6 metres flight	2 Sheets paper 1 Bucket Tape measure
<b>Knowledge</b>	All Wired Up	1	2	Correctly wire up an electric plug (make sure you check this beforehand)	Plug Small screwdriver Wire + bare ends
<b>Physical</b>	Shocks	2	2	Using paperclips light up a torch bulb using a battery 1 metre away  (leaders should try this beforehand)	Battery Box of paperclips Bulb in holder 1 metre rule
<b>Mental</b>	Remote Control	2	1 + 3	1 person directs the other who is blindfolded through a maze using a whistle only. 1 minute discussion only, 3 mins in maze. 5 sec reduction in time if edge of maze touched	Blindfold Whistle Maze = pairs of chairs to form a 'M' shape



## The Crystal Maze - CAMPING WORLD

Game Type	Name	Number of persons in game	Time limit (mins)	Description	Equipment
<b>Skill</b>	Life Saver	1	2	Using a coil of rope, knock over 4 pins forming a 1 metre square located 8 metres away	Coil of rope 4 pins (lemonade bottles) Tape measure
<b>Skill</b>	Bowline	4	3	All 4 persons face away from each other. Each ties a bowline around themselves without help. 2 practise runs permitted	4 ropes
<b>Mental</b>	Morse	4	5	Transmit two 5-letter words by Morse code using a torch. Silence throughout the game or the crystal is forfeited	Torch Morse code tables Pencil and Paper
<b>Skill</b>	Sling	2	2	Tie an arm-sling correctly on the other person	Triangular Bandage (or Uniform Scarf)



## The Crystal Maze - HOME WORLD

Game Type	Name	Number of persons in game	Time limit (mins)	Description	Equipment
<b>Physical</b>	Cracker	1	1	Eat 3 cream crackers in 1 minute, leaving no crumbs	3 Cream Crackers Sheet of clean paper to collect crumbs
<b>Skill</b>	Cards	2	3	Build a tower of playing cards at least 3 levels high	Pack of playing cards Stable table
<b>Knowledge</b>	Iron - Brew	1	3	Iron a shirt completely, including collar + cuffs	Hot Iron Ironing board Damp shirt
<b>Knowledge</b>	So?	1	3	Sew on a button in 3 minutes	Needle + cotton (already threaded) Button Cloth
<b>Mental</b>	A Close Shave	1	2	Shave a balloon without bursting it	Inflated balloon stuck to table Shaving foam Razor



## The Crystal Maze - TECHNICAL WORLD

Game Type	Name	Number of persons in game	Time limit (mins)	Description	Equipment
<b>Mental</b>	Pairs	2	3	2 packs of playing cards are laid face down. Each player turns over 1 card. If they match then they remain upturned. Otherwise they are turned face down again before the next go. 6 pairs needed to win	2 packs of cards shuffled (use decks with different designs on the back to make this challenge slightly easier)
<b>Skill</b>	Chain	5	5	Make a 3 metre long paper chain. Each link must be 8 cm or less	Old newspaper Scissors Paper glue
<b>Physical</b>	Roller Bottle	5	5	Transport a person in the six for 5 metres on a short plank, using lemonade bottles as rollers	Short plank 5 lemonade bottles 5 metre rule
<b>Mental</b>	Kim's Game	1	3	15 items are viewed on a tray for 1 minute. The tray is removed and a list of at least 12 of the items to be written in 2 minutes. Silence to be kept	15 items on a tray Pencil Paper
<b>Mental</b>	Matches	1	3	Move 3 matches to make 3 squares only 12 matches arranged into 4 box pattern	Try this beforehand!
<b>Skill</b>	The Crossing	5	3	Using <b>4 chairs only</b> move the 8 metres to collect a tent + return. Nothing to touch the floor	4 chairs Tent 8 metres measured by 8 large paces.



### Rover Report

Hey there, we're the New National Rover Reps for 2013/14

We like to drink tea and talk a lot oh and we LOVE popcorn  
We're just had our first Rover Rep meeting at this meeting we've learning all about what happening with rovers and believe me there's quite a lot going on, with Conferences taking place this month alone in Saudi Arabia which Andy Garrad from the rover team is attending and Steven Linihan

from the rover team and Máire Fitzgerald a National Rover Rep will be traveling to the Philippines, Karen Bradley National Rover Rep will be attending Agora in Switzerland, so these guys will be bring lots of very useful information to the rover team on how we can increase rover membership in Ireland and also bring lots of new and interesting programme ideas back.

One of the main things we reps really want to work on is getting all the rovers in the country connected so we can keep in

touch. So if you're in a rover crew check out the Rover Facebook page (Rover Scouts) just to say hi and that you're interested in what we're up to. Come on let's get everyone liking the Rover Face book page.

Rover Chill will be going ahead again this September in Larch Hill the last weekend in September, we're hoping to double the numbers attending so rovers start spreading the word it's going to be a fun fantastic weekend, mark the date and watch this space! As well as that we have LOADS of other ideas in the pipeline so keep

an eye out on the Facebook page and even give us any suggestions for things you're up to or would like to do.

- 2013/2014 Rover Reps
- Máire Fitzgerald
  - Gary Gaughan
  - Jack Denning
  - Zahaira Caffrey Esmau
  - Niamh Donnelly
  - Diarmuid Finnan
  - Karen Bradley
  - Denise Delaney
  - Ali Maher



If you have any questions, queries please e-mail [roverscouts@scouts.ie](mailto:roverscouts@scouts.ie) any time and our Rover Commissioner Lucy Kay will answer all.





### Crean Challenge

Below is an excellent Article Written by Molly Nevin one of the Scouts who took part in the recent "Crean Challenge Expedition"

### The experience of a life time

In life people usually dream of an experience of a life time for example climbing Mt Everest or travelling the world. People usually go on in life wishing they had followed through with their dream, and they let it pass them by. But when the experience of a life time revealed itself to Aisling Boland , Ciara kealy, Shane Casey, Paddy Hutchinson, Cian Boylan ,Eoin Cassidy, Emily Hartley , Shane Doherty, Emily Quann, Amy McGrath, Dylan Ryan ,Aoife Howard and myself Molly Nevin. The chance to take part in the 'Crean Challenge expedition' was something these Irish scouts definitely couldn't turn down.

The Crean Challenge is an expedition which allows young teenage scouts to travel to Iceland and to experience the events Tom Crean had experienced on his travels for example the severely cold weather and learning to live in the wilderness. This expedition also teaches you the importance of team work, trust and pushing your self to best of your abilities.

Now this expedition wasn't just get on a plane and fly to Iceland, oh no! These thirteen scouts had to take part in months of training to prepare physically and mentally for this expedition. The training started in Lough Dan on the 28th of September 2012. At this training weekend we met our fellow scouts and leaders. Lets just say we were not the best at socialising or teamwork at the beginning, and that resulted in our uncooked meal on Saturday night.

At all the training weekends we had to keep a log which recorded what we did on the training weekends. We also had to pick two spices either social, physical,intellectual,character,emotional,or spiritual. I chose physical which involved me keeping a food diary for a month and going for a run once or twice a week I also chose character and the task in this was to clean my local park with some much needed help from other scouts in my troop. I had to record all of this in my log book, which I didn't mind because I have had experience with logbooks in competitions, but other people found it difficult to write in their logs which added to the challenge.

Training was tough as the leaders were forever throwing tasks at us so that we could prepare for the worst this involved lots of hikes , map work, logbook inspections to make sure you were keeping up to date, team work exercises , gear inspections , lots of first aid , and a lot of slideshows about weather conditions,food,gear,and first aid. But we were looked after well thanks to our amazing leaders who were always looking out for us and making sure we were well fed, and that we got the most out of every training weekend.





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Before we knew it Iceland had arrived and we were all nervous but excited as we boarded the flight the Reykjavik knowing that we would view the world in a different way when we got home. We arrived in Iceland tired after a long day of travelling, we met up with seventeen Icelandic scouts who were so nice and welcoming and they loved to sing and play guitar not something I was extremely pleased about after a day of travelling but as the week went on I began to enjoy their love for music, the Icelandic scouts were

really good at speaking English but on the other hand their names were really hard to pronounce. When we were in Iceland we had a different patrol each day that was half Icelandic half Irish we did this so that we could get to the know each other.

Everyday was full with activities on the second night we camped in a frozen field and it was about minus five degrees. I was so cold I slept at the end of my sleeping bag the whole night so I wasn't completely exposed to the freezing

temperatures. We also had to make a chariot and carry the lightest person in your patrol one kilometre to the campsite we were staying at, I was being carried so I didn't mind it but I had to trust my patrol that they wouldn't drop the chariot so I wouldn't hit the icy ground. We also did abseiling and rock climbing which was extremely hard because you couldn't wear gloves and at one stage I couldn't move because my fingers had gone numb.

Another great attraction was the northern lights, and we were so unbelievably lucky to see the northern lights twice in the one week, words cant describe how amazing they were they were white the first time we saw them and they were green the second time we saw them. We also got a visit from a lady who races competitively with husky's and we heard about how they formate the dogs in races and we also got to pet the husky's. An evening activity was orienteering Ciara and I were not too concerned about collecting all the points no we liked taking in all the beautiful scenery. Iceland's majestic mountains and beautiful nature is breathtaking. On the evening activity

we also touched the second coldest lake and yes they were freezing. Then when we had free time in the evenings we either did our log our stood in a big queue for the shower. Lets just say the showers were not the warmest and the beds not the most comfortable but it was amazing the little things that would help and what we take for granted in life.

The Icelandic scouts celebrated a lot of traditions when we were there such as explosion day this was a celebration where they ate so much food that they would explode they didn't actually though. They also celebrated bun day which is where they eat this éclair sort of thing. And lastly they celebrated ash day which is like Halloween here they all dressed up and sang for sweets.

One day we went on a hike to caves and once we reached the caves we had lunch which was vegetable soup. Once we got into the cave which wasn't easy because you had to sidestep around an icy wall holding on but we were wearing harnesses but it was still scary, when we got inside we sat down and ate our soup looking out onto the coldest lake in Iceland which





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is called pingvallavatn and it was completely frozen over. Then we got speedboats back to the camp.

Then we sat down and did route cards for the big hike we would be doing the next day. This hike was eleven hours long and we would hike to the huts in the mountains this was the main part of the Crean challenge expedition. After the route cards we packed our rucksacks with all the gear we needed for the hike we needed to pack light as you wouldn't want to take too much and have to carry it for eleven hours.

The day of the big hike arrived and we headed off early in the morning because we needed as much light as we could get. This hike was very long and we were tired but it struck me that it was so important to have someone to talk to and to lend a hand. We hiked and stopped for lunch it was so peaceful and vast you were really in the middle of nowhere. I took lots of pictures because I was probably never going to see or do this again. It was great fun when you came across a rare downhill and instead of walking down it we would slide. We also got

to go to the thermal pools because our leader Shalloo was dying to see them, so he made us walk at a fast enough pace and banned me from taking pictures. The thermal pools were amazing I didn't get in because there were consequences for it because you would freeze to death once you tried to get out of the warm water, but I dipped my feet in.

The last stretch was hard but when the huts came into view I almost ran to them. When we reached the huts I couldn't believe we had actually hiked for eleven hours. The hike was really enjoyable and I would like to thank everyone who helped me through it including my leaders Kelley and Shalloo.

We built an igloo in the mountains with Aisling, Dylan, Shalloo, Dermot and most of the other leaders. The igloo was so successful that some of the leaders slept in it. That day we also went cross country skiing it was fun and everyone enjoyed it.

The next day we just cleaned up the huts and got ready to go to the scout centre in Reykjavik. Iceland was coming to an end and we all wished that it hadn't of went so fast. We

had a ceremony and we all achieved what we wanted we all got a medal! We had an extremely emotional ceremony and even the leaders were crying and we all didn't want to go home and it was so sad saying goodbye to the Icelandic scouts.

This was the most amazing week in all of our lives and we will never ever forget it. Thanks to all the leaders who made this possible without Shalloo, Kelley, Eoghan, Dermot, Brian, and Connor we wouldn't have learned important lessons that we will take with us all the way through our lives without all of you we wouldn't have grown as scouts or ever pushed ourselves to reach our goals in life thanks so much.

Thanks to all the Irish scouts and leaders for creating memories that will never be forgotten.

And to all you dreamers out there go and get your experience of a lifetime don't wait for it to come to you.

To see more images of this event click on the link below

Written by Molly Nevin.





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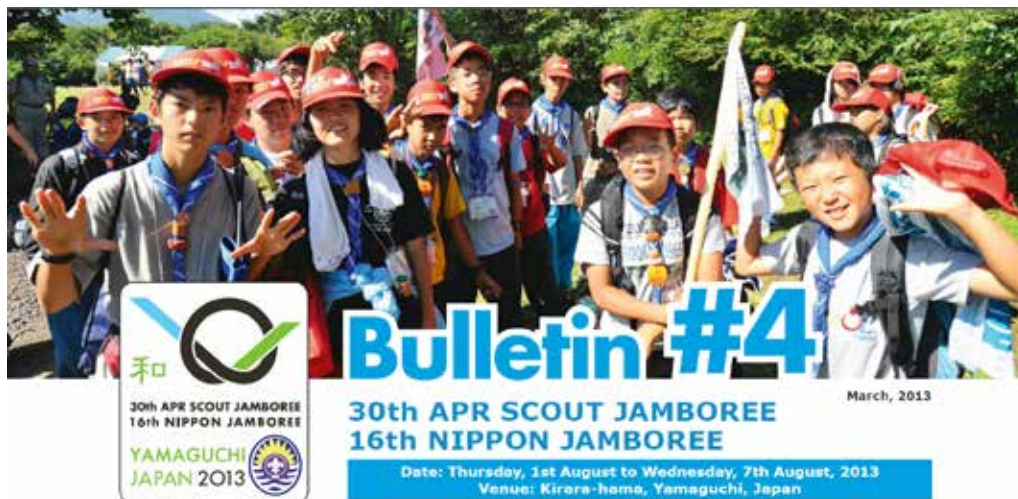




## Japan 2015

In our build up to the World Scout Jamboree in Japan in 2015 we continue coverage of the Pre event the 30th APR Scout Jamboree/16th Nippon Jamboree.

The fourth bulletin (March 2013) has been released in respect to this event which is scheduled to take place in Japan later this year, this event is a pre event for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree, scheduled to take place at the same venue in 2015



## Website Of The Month

This Month's website of the month is a website create by the 5th Wicklow Wednesday Night Cub Scouts. Below is some of the reasons that Rory Murphy leader with the Section set up the site and some of the benefits of having this form of Communication in your section. I set the Website up just short of a year ago and we've found it a great way of communication with the Cubs and Parents alike. Each week I do a blog of what we did in Cubs that week, there's also a blog on any activities we do, hikes, camps etc. We have an upcoming events section to give everyone an idea

what we have planned for the coming months.

We post photos to the site but only with consent from the parents and if they want a photo removed it's removed no questions asked. We also feature all issues of the Inside out so that all the Cub Scouts, Scouters and Parents can see the national Monthly Communication Magazine from Scouting Ireland.

The best thing about the site I think is that the parents can read and see what the kids are doing and enjoying as part of the Cubs.

To view this site click on the link below

## 5th Wicklow Sea Scouts

Wednesday Night Cubs

HOME ABOUT CUBS ONE PROGRAMME LEADERS STUFF UPCOMING EVENTS GALLERY





## The Star Scout Show 2013

Congratulations to all who took part in The Star Scout Show 2013 Which took place in St Patricks College Drumcondra Dublin on 23rd/24th March

The Star Scout Show Team would like to thank our Chief Scout Michael John Shinnick his guests and members of the NMC for their Support and attendance on Saturday night and also Provincial Commissioner Dublin Aidan Smith, Deputy Lord Mayor Dublin Dermot Lacey and members of the Dublin Province for their support and attendance on Sunday afternoon and to all the parents, family and friends that came to support the cast you were great.



We congratulate the 200 Cast of 2013 42nd Limerick ,25th Limerick, 58th/85th Donnycarney , 5th Kildare Athy , 66th Naoimh Baiste, 19th/36th Phibsboro, 70th Poterstown , 98th Skerries 38th Wexford on their brilliant performance . We like to thank the 40 cast leaders and 45 crew for their hard work and help during the event.

The atmosphere was fantastic it was full of energy, delivered with passion, exceptional behaviour and FUN It's was Scouting at its best doing its best Don't miss out the next time

Declan Heaney  
Chairperson The Star Scout Show Team





## Scouting Ireland Twitter Page

Scouting Irelands presence of Twitter goes from strength. We now have over 3,700 followers.

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To the right are some samples of recent tweets

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Eoin Kelly (DLS Rovers) skylining the Hags Glen Horseshoe in the Reeks on Easter Saturday. Photo by @colenn #ScoutsIE  
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## Ireland and the World Scout Moot

With thanks to Brian Meyer for research conducted in Scouting Ireland archive in Mount Melleray

Irish Scouts have a long and rich history of attending international Rover Scout events. In August 2013 a small group of Irish Rover Scouts will travel to Awacamenj Mino in Canada to the 14th World Moot to continue that tradition and put Ireland back on the map of Roving and indeed Mooting after a short absence.



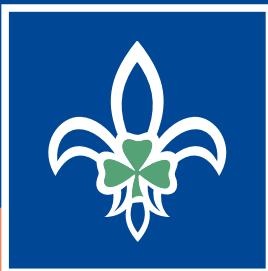
Long before the first World Rover Moot in 1931, Irish Rovers were packing their bags and heading overseas to international gatherings of their peers. In August 1924 Great Britain held an Imperial Jamboree at Wembley, in connection with the British Empire Exhibition. Over 1,000 Scouts from 25 parts of the Commonwealth and Empire accepted the invitation including 30 Rovers from the Dublin Boy Scouts Association. They were joined by 10,000 Scouts from the United Kingdom, with all



camping in cramped conditions in Wembley Paddocks. This spirit of camping at large events, in contrast to the first World Jamboree at the Olympia in London, continued at the second World Jamboree in Denmark later that year.

Irish Rovers would again cross the Irish Sea to the London Rover Moot in 1926 (28 Irish Rovers in attendance) and the Yorks Wood Moot in Birmingham in 1928 (27 Irish Rovers in attendance).

In 1931 the first World Rover Moot took place in Kandersteg in Switzerland, just a year after BP's first visit to the site. 2,500 hundred Rovers from 23 countries attended the event. 30 Rovers from Ireland travelled to the event. Despite the foundation of the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland in 1927, the organisation would not be in a position to send representatives to international events such as this until the foundation of the Federation of Irish Scout Associations in 1965.



Irish Scouts would go on to attend the next two World Moots in Ingaro in Sweden in 1935 (12 Irish Rovers in attendance) and in Monzie Castle in Scotland in 1939 (24 Irish Rovers in attendance). The Greystones Scout Pipe Band played a prominent role in many of the ceremonies in the 1939 event which gathered 3,500 Rovers from 42 countries. With the coming of age of Rover Scouting, with 21 years having passed since the establishment

of the “brotherhood of open air and service” in 1919, came the onset of the Second World War. A smaller World Moot was held in 1949 in Skjåk in Norway. Ireland was once again represented among the 42 countries in attendance. A depleted contingent of 12 Rover Scouts attended the fifth World Moot in 1953 which returned to Kandersteg, the spiritual home of Rovering. It was to be the last significant standalone Moot for decades.

To be continued!



## Scouting Ireland guests at Launch of Mind Our Men Programme.

Scouting Ireland were guests at the Launch of the Mind Our Men Programme which was developed by Pieta House. RTE's Kathryn Thomas along with other Celebrities were on hand to officially Launch the Programme.

Scouting Ireland have been working alongside Pieta house in developing Suicide awareness Programmes over the last few years. Last year Scouting Ireland were to the forefront of organising the logistics for a number of the Walking into Darkness events that took place all over Ireland.

For More information on this Programme check out [mindourmen.ie](http://mindourmen.ie)



The 1st Greystones, Lord Powerscourt's Own, Scout Pipe Band, Scotland 1939.  
Front LH: Arthur Andrews, W. Lehan, Bobbie Mitchell, Howard Ferns,  
Des Turnbull, Noel Ferns.  
Back LH: Dennis Mitchell, Billy Ait, Bobby McCarthy, Rodney Hastings,  
Tommy Hamilton, Willy Redmond



## Scouting Ireland Facebook Page

Scouting Ireland Face book page has been really active since 2013. We now have over 2,300 likes on the page from all over the world. Why now join in? Click on the link below and Like us.





## SNS 2013 - Summer Climb-AX

If you're a Venture Scout, Rover Scout or Leader interested in expanding your experience of hillwalking / mountaineering then this event should be of great interest to you. It may also take you a few notches up the Hillskills Award ladder.

Running on the coming May Bank holiday weekend (3rd-6th) we will be heading to Scotland to again tackle Ben Nevis via the Carn Mor Dearg arete - a superb cirque route which takes in the highest peak in Britain -



on Saturday and then the neighbouring Ring of Steall on Sunday which is a magnificent horseshoe walk taking in no less than 4 peaks over 3000ft. If you would like more information click on the link below.

[https://my.scouts.ie/calendar/national\\_events/2013/05/03](https://my.scouts.ie/calendar/national_events/2013/05/03)







## Willington Cub Scouts win National Cub Scout Challenge

Some photos of the 103rd Willington cubs who won the national challenge last Sunday in Maynooth.

## 12th Roscommon Ballyboro Scouts MPC Benbulbin





## 2nd Carlow Scouts Bagenalstown

### Cub chief scout award

As part of their community badge the chief scouts planted daffodils in early January and watched them over the coming weeks until Thursday the 21st of March when they picked them and presented them to a local representative of the Carlow/Kilkenny home care team to be sold for daffodil day. The cubs were very proud of the work they had achieved and had all the daffodils tied and ready to go, they also baked for all the volunteers that were selling them in our area.



# Strictly Scout Dancing

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## Community Relations Equality & Diversity (CRED) programme.

Recently 29th Belfast venture scouts along with their partner group the 37th Belfast explorer group visited Berlin as part of their Community Relations Equality & Diversity (CRED) programme. Both group stayed overnight in the Carryduff Den before heading to Dublin and then on to Berlin via Easyjet. With a fairly short journey to the airport to the Generator hostel [www.generatorhostels.com/en/destinations/berlin-east/](http://www.generatorhostels.com/en/destinations/berlin-east/) the group was visiting its first of many sights by mid afternoon. Over the next few days the group visited a variety of Berlin tourist

attractions and was given a special guided tour of the famous Reichstag German Parliament. All around the city, there were reminders of a turbulent past with evidence of the Berlin Wall still standing in several places. The trip to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp and the massive underground bunker was particularly poignant. Each evenings the two groups on an individual basis took time to record personal reflections and later came together to work through their CRED programme

writing up learning outcomes, lessons learned and designing new activities for the months ahead.

All too soon the 4 day trip ended and it was time to return to Ireland. A fantastic experience and some great memories.





## Cois Farraigne and Dun Laoghaire Scout Counties.

Yo ho ho me hearties!! The 2nd of March 2013 was a special day as cubs and scouts from Cois Farraigne and Dun Laoghaire were transported back to the year 1804. They were summoned to the Martello Tower on Killiney Hill Rd and given a tour of the installation which included aiming the canon. From here their quest took them on a tour of Killiney and Dalkey searching for clues about the mysterious ship spotted in the bay. The soldiers at the Martello tower were convinced it was spies working for Napoleon but it turned out to be the notorious Irish pirate Luke Ryan, back from the dead! Our plucky cubs and scouts managed to track him down and earn a share of his booty, which turned out to be chocolate coins! A good day was had by all





## Gleann Na Bóinne County Beaver Crannóg Challenge 2013

On Saturday Mar 9th, the first County Beaver Crannóg Challenge took place. 39 Tribes of Beavers (over 200 individual warriors) representing 11 Scout Groups from Gleann Na Bóinne converged on Ratoath Scout Den where they were treated to a fun-filled day of games and challenges. In events which ranged from a simple javelin throw to challenges based on level 1 of some of the adventure skills (Hillwalking, Pioneering, Backwoods and Emergencies), the Tribes' skills, teamwork and participation were tested.

The event was jointly run by 7th Meath Dunshaughlin and 9th Meath Ratoath Beaver Colonies. The cold and damp day failed to dampen the spirits of these Eager Beavers and smiles and squeals of excitement – or disgust in the case of the mushy bucket base!! – were the order of the day.

All of the 23 bases set out to incorporate the SPICES and as many of our Tribal Challenges as possible. From “Ways of the Tribe” we had “warrior training”



in the form of tyre runs, horizontal crate stacking and shooting with bows and arrows. We made tribal woggles from “arts and totems”. We used our knowledge of the reef knot to tie together lengths of rope in a knot race from “bridge building” and put our “tree house” skills to the test when we built bivvies! From “Forces of nature” we explored “ropes and fibres” and “secrets of healing” in our knot race and 1st aid bases. From “Forest Life” we were challenged in “Backwoods Cooking” where we learnt how to safely light a match, how to make S’mores and cake pops. Our knowledge of what to do in an emergency helped us in “Help! Rescue”. Games such as balls and pipe, fishing, javelin throw, scooter race and sandpit challenge were all inspired by “field sports”. This was one of the first occasions in the County where the Beavers’ knowledge of the One Programme Tribal Challenges and Adventure Skills were put to the test and all of the Scouters remarked on the Beavers’ (and Tribal Elders’!) enthusiasm, willingness to learn and try something new if they hadn’t come across it before.



A special word of Congratulations goes to 9th Meath Ratoath Foxes who were the overall winners and took home the Crannóg Challenge Shield and to 16th Meath Kildalkey Tribe A and 8th Meath Athboy Tribe B who came joint 2nd. A final “thank you” to all the Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Scouters from around the County who willingly gave up their day to help out!



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## Galway Clean Up

"A group of 13th Galway (Renmore) and 29th Galway (Knocknacarra) cubs spent their saturday afternoon cleaning up a local beach in Galway recently as part of their Chief Scout Award community badge work"





## 1st Hillsborough Cubs

Hi Folks, with our senior citizens show this Friday evening we would like to see as many boys as possible attending rehearsals tomorrow, Tuesday from 7-8pm and on Wednesday from 7:30- 8:30 pm. We do however realise that some of our older Cubs are also taking part in the school production this week so would like to see the others attending rehearsals as best as and for as long as they can. These rehearsals will make a big difference to quality of the show.

The show takes place this coming Friday, the 22nd and would therefore ask the boys to be at the Scout Hall no later than 7pm, we realise owing to the school show it will have been a busy week for some of you but "The show must go on" We would also, if at all possible, appreciate the boys attending with a striped top (burglar) or as a policeman.

Next Monday is the Holy Week Service at the parish church, the service begins at 6:45 pm

and we will finish at 7:30pm sharp as there is another service after ours, boys may be picked up at the church after the service. Next week we will advise you about the range of exciting activities we have planned for our summer camp. Watch this space!

Yours in Scouting

The Leaders

## Urban Challenge for Macaoimh

Last weekend the Lee Valley County held an Urban Challenge for the Macaoimh/Cub Scouts for the County organised by Pat Spillane and Claire Nichols. The groups started at Pairc Ui Chaoimh and took the route along the Old Cork to Crosshaven Rail Line before branching off to the Blackrock Observatory and coming back along the Marina. It was very much a scavenger hunt where all the groups had to collect items and find out information along the way about nature and their surroundings.





# Newry Scouts St. Patrick's weekend camp

**Insideout**

**Newry Scouts, from Home Avenue, Newry, spent St Patrick's weekend in the grounds of Dromantine College, when their Cubs, Scouts and Venturers participated in three different types of camping, backwoods, lightweight and patrol. It was excellently organised by Venturer Scouts under the guidance of scouter Barry Kinney.**

**It started on Friday night with the scouts arriving and setting up their bivvy shelters and hammocks in -4° and getting a fire going to cook supper.**

**One half Cubs went to the patrol camp and setup the Icelantic tents and fire to cook and the rest went to the lightweight camp in Vango Force Ten's and Banshee's beside the lake and cooked on trangles.**

**All the cubs and scouts were rotated between the three sites during the weekend.**

**Although at times it was cold and wet everyone enjoyed the camp and went home on Monday very happy.**



1st Dromore, St Colman's, Newry, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Scouters who camped in Dromantine College over St Patrick's weekend.



Fr Peter Thompson was presented with a bowl of shamrock on St Patrick's Day by a cub and scout to acknowledge his Golden Jubilee in the priesthood, watched by Venturers and Terry Duffy, Group Leader.



Newry Scout Leaders Barry Kinney (camp organiser) John Duffy, Paul Murphy, Gerard Duffy, Terry Duffy (group leader) Paul Murphy, Damien McDonald and some Venture Scouts pictured with Fr Paddy O'Rourke who celebrated Mass for the group on St Patrick's Day.



Two Cub Scouts try out the hammocks which they slept in on their night at the Backwoods camp.



1st Dromore Cub Scouts prepare a ham for smoking on the fire on the Backwoods site, it will take about three hours for the ham to cook in the smoker but the boys had lots of other things to prepare before they could eat their ham.





# Newry Scouts St. Patrick's weekend camp

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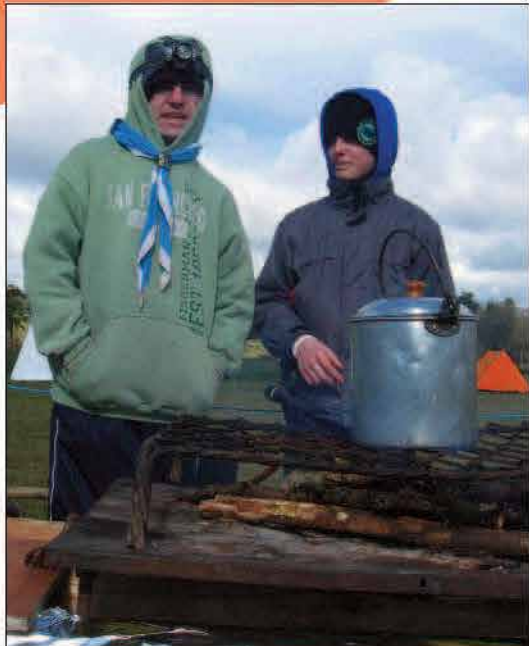
Scouter Barry helps with the woodpile gadget.



Cub and Scouts work together to get the fire going.



Scouts do a sketch at the campfire on the Sunday night.



Scouts think about how to get the fire started.



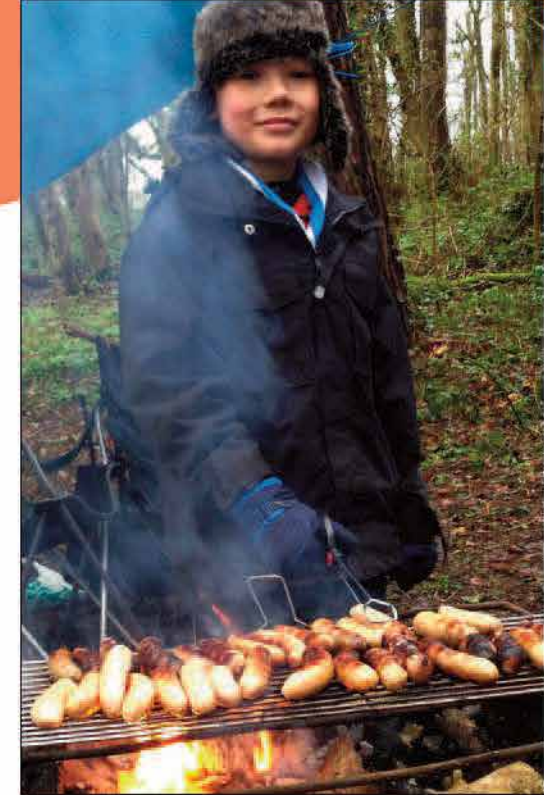
That old saying "A watched kettle never boils" but these Scouts seem happy enough to wait.



Time for marshmallows at the campfire.



Scouts eating dinner on the table and chairs the made on the patrol campsite.



A Newry Cub cooks the sausages on the backwoods site in the forest.



The finished patrol campsite.



## Lugnaquilla- dancing upon the mountains

Wicklow Mountains are well known to all those who live and work in Dublin. We – the scouts and leaders of 87th Dublin Polish Group – have walked many times, many days and nights following its wild paths, putting up the tents, admiring the natural beauty of this place. Yet another time we've decided to come back and celebrate St. Patrick's National Day high in the mountains, far away from the crowded pubs and craziness of Paddy's festival.

Our aim was as simple as possible: climb the peak, come back, spend some time with the others at BandB, come back home. All the cameras loaded, raincoats packed, chocolate bars and energy drinks tucked handy in the pockets. There were eight of us, leaders of our Group and friends who are still considering joining us. Sad to say for our scouts, we only invited adults for this trip.

We were very lucky that day, jumping into an amazing window of a great weather. It was far



from being nice the day before and pouring cats and dogs the next day. But for our Lugnaquilla trip, the weather was more than friendly. Clear air and blue, blue skies were caught hundreds times by our cameras as well as our a little bit sun- and windburnt faces. The route started in Drumgoff, Glenmalure Valey and followed more wild paths of Wicklow Mountains. The Sun was shining still we've found many signs of escaping Winter: icicles, frozen puddles, beautiful transparent drops of ice on the grass straws. There was foggy in the morning and we were walking through the forest at the foot of the mountains like zombies who don't really know were their destination is. (Or maybe

it was my impression only as more resonable members of our team had proper maps and compasses ...)

We were talking about everything just as any of wanderers does while in the mountains. It is always a matter of fact that we memorise our Polish mountains and landscapes and compare them to the Irish hills. Coming from one country to another means for majority of migrants some kind of longiness that can never be fully comforted. Once in Ireland, we miss Poland, going back for holidays even, we keep thinking of The Emerald Isle. Beautiful, windy hills of Wicklow help us all to settle and calm down after





long, busy, filled with work weeks in a big city and come as close as possible to the very desired state called 'a peace of mind'. We got up early that day therefore we had plenty of time to search for the unusual plants, hidden under the rocks, checking our reflection in the crystalic waters of Kelly's Lake, climbing up the steep walls of the ridge. As if someone held the huge ribbon with a writing on it, we almost could read in between the clouds one of the most romantic phrases of W.B. Yeats:

"Faeries, come take me out of this dull world,

For I would ride with you upon the wind,  
Run on the top of the dishevelled tide,  
And dance upon the mountains like a flame."

Walking hills with the others always means some kind of a test. One may be a great friend in the valley but doesn't pass in the mountains. It's a stretched arm that helps you to jump across the wide hole, it is

a chocolate square or a sandwich shared with someone you barely know to make you feel secure. To make you feel like with friends you have known since ages.

Lugnaquilla is a wild mountain what we really appreciated. No wooden paths, no benches for the tired tourists. You must walk up and breath in the cold air of your own tiredness. That day Lugnaquilla welcomed us with snow. Crunchy, glistening white once again made us to recollect the routes of hillwalking in different than Ireland countries. The show was perfect: standing

on the snowy top of Lugnaquilla, waving our flag, we could see some other peaks far away from us and a dark shadow of heavy rain upon them. We were coming back to the valey trying to find some shortcuts in a wilderness of bare moorlands. Lugnaquilla, though hard to pronounce and not that easy to climb up, let us complete another stunning day close to the nature and gave us strenght to face our challenges, to climb new mountains every day.

Jola Lenkiewicz  
87th Dublin Polish Group





## Macroom Scouts

Below are 2 photos of 28th Cork Macroom Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts marching in this year's St.Patricks day parade in Macroom.

The theme for the Beaver Scouts was Irelands link to world exploration and adventure. They were paying homage to the Irish greats of exploration from Tom Crean and Ernest Shackleton to the modern day explorers Pat Falvey and Mike o'Shea. The flags they were carrying represented some of the more recent Irish expeditions to Everest, Antarctica and the North pole. The Cub were highlighting all the wonderful adventures which are freely available on our own doorstep. These include Kayaking, Mountaineering,

Hiking and Mountain biking( to name but a few) all of which are the building blocks to greater worldwide adventures



## Melleray Weekend for Mayfield Group

Last weekend saw a large contingent from the Mayfield Scout Group heading to the Scout Centre at Mount Melleray for what was to be a most enjoyable weekend. Andrew Dunlea reports that the Macaoimh/Cub Scouts, Scouts, Ventures and Rovers along with Leaders from the 21st/ 71st Cork (Mayfield) attended what has now become an annual event for the group. All the Macaoimh, Scouts, Ventures and Rovers left on Friday night and they were joined by the Beavers on Saturday.

On Saturday morning the Beavers and Macaoimh/Cub Scouts went on a hike while the Scouts took part in bases run by the Venture Scouts. The bases varied from tent pitching to backwoods cooking, first aid and team challenges. Once the cub scouts returned from their hike they participated in an orienteering competition. In the meantime the Beavers played some challenge games where there was great excitement.

Any weekend would not be complete without a campfire and here the Rover Scouts came into their own with great community songs, chants and repeat line songs that were just great. Everyone was in full uniform on Sunday as new members of the scout troop were invested. All the other Scouts received their respective next stage badges. Everyone agreed that it was a great week-end, even some of the leaders got a night s sleep.





## Scouts Bridge Twin Peaks in Three Weeks

Their average age is 15 years and what an achievement to all who took on the challenge to climb Croagh Patrick (2507 ft.) in Co. Mayo in early March and Carrantuohill (1038 Mts.) in Co. Kerry over the Easter weekend .Here the members and leaders of the Wednesday night troop of Malahide Sea Scout Group trekked their way over the several kilometre climb to achieve their goals.

Along the way they also achieved dizzy heights by climbing Caher Mtn (1001 meters), Purple Mountain (832m) and Tomies (735m) in the narrow time frame over the Easter weekend. Set in Macgillycuddy's Reeks range of mountains, the climb up Carrantuohill has its challenges and is frequently used by International climbers for training before they ascend higher altitudes in the Himalayas.

The scouts overnighted in hostels and took in the most picturesque situated hostel in the Black Valley of the Macgillycuddy's Reeks mountain range. Scouts, you are on your way to be able complete any task .Happy Easter and Happy Scouting.





## Newbridge Scouts

The St Patrick's Day Parade in Newbridge was lead by the 2nd Kildare Scout Troop. There was a fantastic representation from the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures and Scouters. The tri-colour was carried by one of our senior scouts. While ventures and senior scouts carried flags for the Ocla, Florida (twinned with Newbridge) police department. Well done to all involved. Everybody looked great on the day.



## Rathcormac Scouts

Congratulations to Herlihy Centra Fermoy, Co. Cork who were presented with Scouting Ireland's Community Award today by the Rathcormac Scout Group in recognition of their continued support, Manager Kate O'Brien accepted this prestigious award from Group Leader Finbarr Quirke. The group would like to thank the customers, staff and management of Herlihy's Centra Fermoy for all their generous support over the years.





## Piercestown Scout Group

These photos showing our winning St Patrick's Day group who were on our Float which won a prize in the Wexford Parade. Well done to them.

The group is growing and delighted to have our own Den/Site after 30 years of scouting using local School. The group now has beavers (28), cubs (25) and 17 scouts with 15 leaders. We are of course recruiting leaders all the time, isn't everyone!

Scouts are busy now preparing for the Sionnach and all sections are getting ready to host a special Scouting Ireland Celebratory Community Day on 14 April at the hall, putting on display a full camp layout and lots more with refreshments served to all parents, friends and scouters on the day.

The group are also taking part in the local Community Clean up Day in conjunction with other parish groups in early May as being a part of our community which will be included in their Community Badgework.



Our Scout Hall and campsite in Piercestown hosting a Cub County Event last Sept

Beavers, cubs and scouts taking part in all County Activities this year so a very active year is planned and cubs taking part in the National Cub Weekend in Larch Hill on June weekend. Beavers heading to Woodstown, Co Waterford for their overnight and Scouts also heading to Larch Hill for 4 day camp.



The float



The group with the Organisers and dignitaries at the presentation in Mackens of Bull Ring on Monday 18th March, 2013.



The group taken at the Bull Ring just after receiving their trophy



## Scouts / Ventures CSA Hike Weekend in Kerry

On the weekend of March 23rd to March 26th – 13 hardy Scouts and Ventures from Roscrea joined other Scouts & Ventures from Durrow and Tullamore to undertake their Chief Scout Award Hikes in Kerry. The Scouts challenge was to hike between 25kms and 35kms with the Ventures to hike at least 50kms.

The Scouts who took part in the Expedition were Padraic Marks; Ben Spencer; John Galbraith; Rebecca Toohey; Ciara Moloney; David Williams and the Ventures participating were Derbhal Reid; Lauren Cooney; Niamh

Marks; Shane Culleton; Eoin Cooke; Ciara Lupton and Alanna Rigney. Home for the weekend was the 1st Kerry Den in the centre of Tralee.

On Saturday the Scouts/Ventures were split into four teams / hiking parties for the weekend and were set their first challenge hiking in the beautiful surroundings of the Gap of Dunloe. The teams covered various distances on Day 1 between 10kms and 17kms; meeting scouts on their hikes



from Cork and Limerick who were also out enjoying the beautiful Irish Spring weather!!

Sunday saw a change of location to Dingle (or An Daingean) with the teams hiking between 20kms and 28kms around the spectacular Sleah Head Drive. Monday; whilst the shortest hiking day in many ways for the Venture teams was the most challenging with the difficult beach conditions for the walk along Brandon Beach by Stradbally out to the Maharees.

Tired and exhausted; but pleased with their achievements it was time at Monday lunchtime to head for home with a well deserved stop in KFC in Limerick on route home.

A big congrats to all who took part but in particular Derbhal Reid; whom with the completion of this challenge has now completed the last element of her Scout Chief Scout / Bronze Gaisce Award. Well done Derbhal.





## 8th Meath Athboy

8th Meath Athboy Beavers, cubs and leaders continued the tradition of the Good Friday sleepover in their scout den - A great night was had by all! This year the troop did the National Sunrise hike on the Saturday morning. The children were up early and got themselves dressed in warm clothes and their hi viz vests. The sun at not risen yet so there was great excitement about going out with torches! The beavers and cubs walked through the very quiet streets of Athboy and off through fields. The hike ended at the new park, where the groups camp site is! Congratulations to all who took part. Well done to all the new beavers on completing their first sleep over.

Karen Masterson GL.





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