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Supporting Scouting Programme



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STRATEGY

The six strategic goals that Scouting Ireland will aim to achieve over the next five years are:

1. Scouting Ireland is the leading youth-centered organisation on the island of Ireland.
2. Scouting Ireland provides safe, positive Scouting in line with legislation and best practice ensuring our young people are safe while Scouting.
3. Scouting Ireland's volunteers are the best in Ireland to deliver safe, positive, quality Scouting to all our young people.
4. Scouting Ireland's work and decision-making is underpinned by research, evaluation and impact measurement permitting it to maintaining relevance and position itself externally.
5. Scouting Ireland's membership is reflective of the diversity of the communities on the island of Ireland.
6. Scouting Ireland develops and maintains a wide range of funding and income sources to ensure it can deliver 'Strategy 2025'.

Key Actions related to programme

Develop and launch a new youth leadership programme so youth members are offered leadership opportunities.

Offer youth members opportunities to actively participate in the development of new programmes and to help shape new initiatives delivered by Scouting Ireland.

Explore how Scouting Ireland's platform can be used to raise awareness of issues facing our youth members and how our youth members can best use this platform to advocate on these issues.

Develop a new initiative to support local Scout Groups with empowering young people to co-develop events or get involved in social and environmental issues at both a local and national level.

Encourage and capture the impact of youth members to take leadership in local, community and national structure as youth representatives.

Develop training and resources for our national, provincial and county support teams to assist with the recruitment of new young people and promotion of Scouting in local communities.

Develop a communication strategy to improve the public understanding of what we do and why we do it and ensure that the benefits of Scouting are more visibly promoted in the media.

Identify new ways for Scouting to be diverse and inclusive for young people and grow the number of Scout Groups in Ireland.

Develop resources and training for our national, provincial and county support teams.

Develop and rollout a series of workshops and resources to support inclusivity and diversity in Scout Groups.

As part of the 'Quality Scouting Experience' mechanisms, Scout Groups will carry out a inclusivity self-assessment.

Continue to implement the use of digital technology to facilitate training where appropriate and make our training more accessible and inclusive for volunteers.

Develop new online training and easy-to-use resources for volunteers.

Increase number of adults completing their Woodbadge Training.

Development of a Membership Management System for Groups and a new website to provide better access to programme information and resources, training, policy and procedures, and general supports.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING



A key objective of the Scouting Ireland's strategic plan is to provide leadership training to young people as a valuable life skill.

There are 2300 13 year olds within the Scout Section. We are providing leadership skills training to these young people. These will be offered annually to 13 year olds. The young person will be invited to attend a leadership skills training session at our National Scout Centers.

This is an ambitious plan and will require the support and assistance of Provincial and County teams to be realised. The training session will be provided in a practical way over a weekend. It will be further supported by on-line interactions and on-the-job inputs after the training session.

The aim of this initiative is to develop life skills that can be used in and outside Scouting. Those young people who attend will obtain the vital skills necessary to undertake Patrol Leadership and other roles within Scouting. These new

life skills can be carried with them long after they leave Scouting. Initially, there will be a number of pilot training sessions to refine the approach and interaction. This will be followed by 'train the trainer' sessions so that there is consistency of presentation and approach. Provinces and County team will then be invited to use the course materials to provide training session in their areas.

Venture Scouts

The Venture Scout Section will also be offered a personal development course which will incorporate the leadership skills training and also explore the development of 21st century skills to assist in their personal development and future opportunities. The course content will be linked to the government and youth sector sponsored skills summary website www.skillssummary.ie. This will support them identify and map the learnings to a set of competencies and articulate the competencies they have acquired, both for themselves and potential employers.

GLOBAL YOUTH WORK

For 2021/22 Programme we are delighted to have received funding under Irish Aid and Youth Climate Justice Fund to continue our global youth work. Using the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as a framework for non-formal education and action, programme will engage youth members today on causes that are important to them. In a nut shell "Global youth work aims to empower young people to develop the knowledge and skills to tackle global issues and explore their own values, beliefs, and connections with the wider world. Young people are supported to see themselves as agents of change and empowered to be active global citizens" (NYCI, 2021). Scouting Ireland are members of NYCI and can avail of opportunities to upskill in global youth work. Please get in touch to get involved.

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
The UN SDGs are set of 17 interdependent goals that serve as a blueprint for how we can all work together to scout towards a better world. The SDGs bring us all together to consider what we can each do to leave this world a little better than we found it.



Youth Climate Justice

What is climate justice? Climate Justice recognises that those who are least responsible for climate change suffer its gravest consequences. Climate change affects people differently, depending on the following factors:

- LOCATION**
- INCOME**
- GENDER**
- CLASS**
- RACE**
- AGE**
- LEVEL OF EDUCATION.**

The Youth Climate Justice Fund gives Scouting Ireland the opportunity to come together as an organisation to achieve practical, long-term change so that those in our communities who need our support the most are not left behind.



Ireland's development cooperation programme aims to reduce poverty, hunger and humanitarian need, with a particular focus on sub-Saharan Africa.

By supporting long term development and providing humanitarian assistance in over eighty countries, on behalf of the Irish people, Irish Aid help build better futures for some of the world's poorest communities.

Irish Aid have given Scouting Ireland the opportunity to expand their leadership training for all young people so that all youth members in Scouting can have the opportunity to become our societies future leaders for diversity, inclusion and equality.

If we are to seek for a better world, we must ensure that nobody is left behind and make leadership opportunities accessible for all. This is a pilot programme in development and will be further expanded to all young people shortly.

The Scouting programme is an apprenticeship in leadership development and provides young people with key and important life skills that can assist in their future careers and life challenges.



DUBLIN BIOSPHERE BADGE

Inspire a positive future by connecting people and nature today.



Dublin Bay Biosphere is an awesome playground, right on our doorstep.

Biospheres are places where nature and culture connect. Places where people can discover and connect directly with nature.

The Dublin Biosphere Badge is a challenge to young people to enter these wild and special places and discover and connect with nature. To map your discoveries and take action to preserve it for all.

BIOSPHERE BADGE

The Biodiversity badge has been developed by Scouting Ireland in partnership with Dublin Bay Biosphere and is open to all sections. Visit www.dublinbaybiosphere.ie

- Spend Time - Spend at least 1 hour in a wild location - open your senses to your surrounding and experience the awe and wonder of nature.
- Discover the wildlife in your chosen wild place and identify species and diversity. (2 hours)
- Discover unique features and habitats and Man's impact on your chosen wild place. Make a map of the area and mark your discoveries. (2 hours)
- Make a preservation and conservation action plan and undertake your action. (1 hour and action time)
- Log your action on the Better World website and log identified species on the citizen science site via their app.

Action plans are team and section based and undertaken in consultation with local park officials and Biosphere rangers.



DUBLIN BAY BIOSPHERE AWARD



This badge opportunity is primarily directed towards Groups in the Greater Dublin Area but the requirements can be adapted to suit many other biospheres around our country. The badge requirements can also be applied to other badges within the progress system.

BEAVER SCOUTS



Presently, we don't have a Beaver Scout Support Team in place but we will be having an open call shortly for a Team Lead. The Team Lead will then form their team through a general open call for members.

If your section team needs any assistance in the meantime they can contact the Programme Services Department at programmeservices@scouts.ie.

We would like to draw your Beaver Scout Scouters attention to the wide variety of resources available in our resource library which will be of interest to Beaver Sections.

Please explore the following:-

- The How to book for the Beaver Scout Section
- Beaver Scout Idea bank
- The Better World - Nature resource
- Bike Care
- Bike Rodeo
- Backyard Cooking
- Kite flying
- Explore Missions
- Make a sundial
- Treasure hunt
- Whizz planes
- The Fishing Handbook
- Some of the survival exercises are suitable for Beaver Scouts.
- Warrior Adventure
- Spycraft
- Essential knots
- Make and do skills
- Get moving - street games
- Tinkering
- Native American Nations
- Tracking and trailing poster
- The STEM resources also contain a wealth of ideas to explore of particular interest would be the
- Action Heroes,
- Air
- Energise resources

Opportunities for the development of an exciting programme for Beaver Scouts abound, it just requires the imagination of your Scouter team and the Beaver Scout members.

Overtime more resources will be produced and the team welcome suggestions for new and future resources that we can produce.



CUB SCOUTS



The primary focus of the Cub Scout Programme Team is to ensure that Cub Scouts and Scouters across the island have the tools and resources to deliver effective Cub Scout Programme to the over 12,000 Cub Scouts that make up Scouting Ireland's membership. As one of the larger sections within Scouting Ireland we are committed to providing support to Programme Scouters, County and Provincial Teams and more...

Since January 2021, the Cub Scout Programme Team has met five times, with one in person meeting held in August 2021 in Larch Hill.

This year we hope to have a very successful year in Cub Scouting; we hope to see JamÓige and the National Cub Challenge go ahead and can't wait to see Cubs back in action after the pandemic.

Some aspects of the Cub Scout Programme that we as a team will be looking into this year are, leadership training for Cub, section specific programme training for Scouters; an evolution of the 'Bead System' known as

the 'Cub Passport' which we aim to pilot with a number of Groups from January 2022 and also how better we can use the Cub Scout Programme to empower our young people.

The Team and I have also reinforced our commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals and our recent workshop that the Programme Services Department participated in with Irish Aid. It gave us fantastic new insights into sustainability and the Team and I look forward to working with the Sustainability Team to further sustainability within Cub Scout Programme.

The integration of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement's 'Better World Framework' and activities and resources to



support Cub Packs in working within this framework is also of high priority to the team.

Back to the 'Cub Passport' - The Team have discussed on many occasions the use of the Beads and Learning Objective/SPICES Cards at the back of the Cub Book. We understand that not all packs can provide for each Cub to have a book and a set of SPICES Cards. We looked to find a cost effective way of reintegrating the Cards into the programme for more effective use.

The idea of the 'Cub Passport' was born. The Cub Programme is all about travelling through the Lands of Adventure and the idea of a passport that contains a map, the SPICES cards and other key programme tools was born. The Team and I are

currently investigating several ideas for the Cub Passport and hope to have trials running with several packs before the end of the year. If your group would be interested in trying this new programme tool let us know at cubscouts@scouts.ie.

The Team and I are committed to delivering support that Cub Packs really need. If you or your Cub Pack would like to raise specific problems with the team we will endeavour to give as much support as we possibly can.

You can contact me by emailing cubscouts@scouts.ie or messaging the Cub Scout Page on Facebook.

Keep Cub Scouting,
Evan O'Connell
Team Lead Cub Scouts





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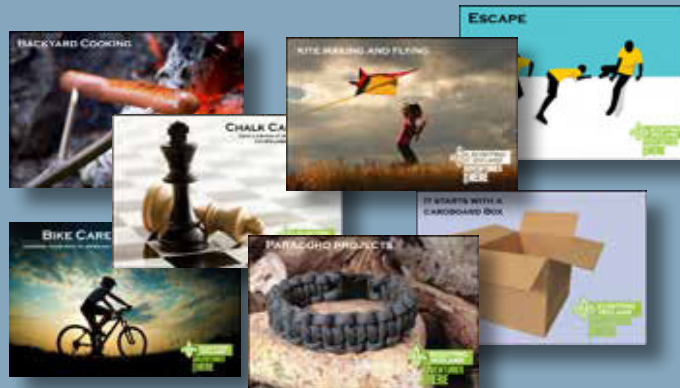
EXPLORE

Idea banks



Better World

Resources



RESOURCES COLLECTION

Programme Building

Beaver adventures
Cub Scout adventures
Scout adventures
Venture Adventures
Activities
Themes
Explore Missions
Team Challenges
Team Building
ONE programme resources

How to Books

Beaver Scout section
Cub Scout Section
Scout Section
Venture Section
Rover Section
ONE Programme handbooks

Idea banks

Beaver Scout Ideas
Cub Scout Ideas
Scout Ideas
Venture Ideas
Rover Ideas

Better World

Emergency Plan
Sustainability
Nature
Community Survey
Project management
Scouts for STG'S

Poster collection

Basic Knots
Bridge building
Common Birds
Fire lighting
Patrol site layout
Tower building
The compass
Tracking and trailing
Packing a rucksack
Fires and stoves
Campsite living
Badge chart
Your Scout knife
Tent pitching
Personal kits
Shelter building
Basic first aid

General programme resources

Bike care
Bike rodeo event
Camping
Backyard Cooking
Cardboard boxes
Chalk Carving
Climbers maze
Escape adventure
Crane booklet
Kite flying
Leonardo structures
Make a sundial
Treasure hunt
Paper bag experience
Paracord brackets
Signaling
Quest for Tir na nÓg
Whittling

Whizz planes
Fishing handbook
Survival exercises
Leave no trace
Life handbook
Living on the edge handbook
Spycraft
Tinkering
Native American Nations
Warrior adventure
Fun Boats
Back and hobo stoves
Essential knots
Useful knot
Stretchers
Scout History
Nature

STEM Resources

Action Heroes
Air
Breakout
Energise
Leonardo De Vinci
Space
Earth Explorer
Its all about me
Inventor Workshop

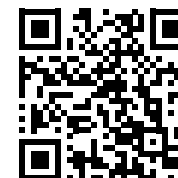
Scout Skills

Scout skills interface to video based instruction

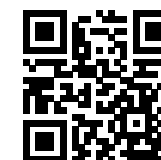
**We are adding
useful resources
for you and your
Scouts everyday**

The programme teams have been busy and have created and updated a vast collection of resources to help you and your section to create great programme adventures and Scouting experiences.

[The resource collection can be found here.](#)



The resources are arranged in stacks which allow you discover all related resources quickly.



Visit www.scouting360.ie and www.betterworld.ie to discover the other collections and resources

SCOUTS



“Our primary goal was to focus on helpful resources for online Scouting and the return to Scouting following the pandemic. To date, resources for such things as ‘Hillwalking @ home’, ‘Tom Creans Story - Terraclues’, ‘Operation Determination’, the Anti-Bullying programme card, and more have been created and published on Scouting360 with the help and contributions from volunteers on the ground working with our team.

A significant effort was made to both partake in, and push as much as possible, this years (2021) Hike4Hope. This event is organised by a group of volunteers and has been a huge success in our opinion and was something that many groups were able to participate in while dealing with restrictions. Our own team took part with the current youth representatives so as to encourage others to do the same.

Further efforts have been made since then in reviewing how groups have been handling returning to campsites

and outdoor activities. Our team took part in a programme department gathering and returned to Scouting ourselves so as we may have better information to provide to all. At this gathering we followed a programme ourselves and even made use of the programme developed by the Sustainability Team (cooking a meal with limited ingredients was one we definitely recommend to include in a meal over any sections weekend away).

Our team has also been involved in the update of ‘First Six Weeks’ programme, so as to make it Covid-19 ‘friendly’, and to provide a support for 6 weeks where adult scouters may have help in returning too, while tackling the many admin tasks and other roles.

At the time of writing, We are currently in the process of pushing the many activities now available to sections to take part in for the end of their ‘first six weeks’. Members of the team have been pushing the already available resources for such things as JOTA/ JOTI, and Survivor: Shipwrecked.

Members of our team will also be present at Survivor: Shipwrecked so as to gain further insight directly from youth members returning to Scouting themselves.

In the background to the above work, we have been tipping away at some larger projects and working on the requests made from both the previous youth representative team (This team had requests which were unable to be met during covid-19 which we felt would be unfair not to take on board), and the current youth representative team. From meeting with these teams we have identified areas which require work and have been collaborating with outside organisations to provide help. An example of this, was our work with an organisation called ‘Shannons Hopeline’. Our scout section youth reps had requested that due to the hardships of lockdowns, and the further understanding in current times of how we need to keep our mental health at it’s best, we should work on providing a resource for youth members to get the benefit of. As this

was something we identified as being only possible if we found the correct help, we reached out to ‘Shannons Hopeline’ who were happy to trial an online course for our organisation which focused on youths mindfulness and confidence. This project requires further volunteer help to get off the ground and running correctly and frequently enough. This has been included in a larger department project focused at youth training to be released over the coming year.

The above have been the key areas worked on in our first 8/9 months but as time progresses we will identify areas to focus on and grow our team to provide work on same. We have been delighted to receive help from many volunteers throughout this process and will be calling on more and more as our term continues. Thank you.”

The Scout Programme Team



SEA SCOUTING



Our aim is to support each Sea Scout Group but also to ensure that each Scout Group can avail of a water based programme in an efficient way.

The Sea Scouting Team provides Scout training with and through water-borne activities to Sea Scout Groups and non-Sea Scout Groups.

Sea Scouting is a balanced programme of land and sea activities, where the water content is essential, not optional, and where maritime tradition and atmosphere is maintained. In the Sea Scout Programme water is as important a training and activity area as woodland and mountain.

We want each and every Scout Group to enjoy the benefits of the Sea Scout Programme, that is why over the coming months we will be launching a substantial review of the Nautical Programme. This review will help us to bring the programme in line with the needs of our members, it will also allow for more members to partake than ever has before.

Along with a review of the Nautical Programme we will be looking at the various water based qualifications such as the Charge Certificate Scheme to ensure the Scouting Ireland qualifications match up with external qualifications. The boating guidelines will also be looked at to ensure the safety of all is being complied with while partaking in water based activities.

The Sea Scouting Team is made up of members from all over the island ensuring we have a grasp of the needs and wants of groups from all levels of scouting. We will be working hand in hand with the other Programme Teams to help deliver exciting resources and opportunities for all youth and adult members.

We hope you will support us as we embark on this journey and look forward to working with you.

The Sea Scouting Team



VENTURE SCOUTS



The main focus of the Venture Scout Programme Team this year is to undertake a review of the Venture Programme. We want to make Venturing as fun as possible for Ventures. We are working with our National Venture Representatives for this review. We also hope that the refreshed programme will help with recruitment, as the Venture Scout section has been hit hard by Covid-19 and the closure of groups. Another big aim of the team is the reintroduction of some past National Events, with the help of the Corporate Services Team. too many Ventures have missed out, so we want to run as many events and workshops as possible for them.

We will release a survey to both Venture Scouts and Venture Scouters. We believe it is important to know what parts do and don't work of the current programme from both the Ventures and the Scouters. Once this is completed we hope to trail several programme resources, and gain feedback on them. This programme refresh will ultimately will be done by the Ventures themselves for Ventures, the Venture Team are just the facilitators of the refresh.

The team has been working on returning to Venturing resources and investiture resources. The team is made of members who all had extremely different Venture experiences and we intend to bring all of those experiences with us. We will do this by adding options and suggestion on how to use all resources no matter what kind of Venture Crew a Scout Group has. The team worked with the Sustainable Scouting team earlier this year to create an on-line workshop for Fashion Revolution Week. Before the event, resources and activities were shared on social media for the Ventures. The workshop itself had a talk about the fashion industry, tips on how to be more sustainable when buying fast fashion and the Ventures who were in attendance got to have a talk with Aoife O'Dwyer, a sustainable fashion designer. We plan on running another Fashion Revolution event, this time in person, were the ventures will learn practical skills.

The Venture Scout Programme Team



ROVER



The primary focus of the team this year is to re-invigorate Rovers to go out Scouting post-pandemic. We realise Rovers means different things to different people and no person's needs are the same and we aim to evolve the section to be a self-sustaining section which allows everyone to receive the benefit which they best require for them personally.

To accomplish this, we are asking for feedback regularly and allow Rovers to have their voice heard on the changes we need to put in place. We are trying to learn from the experiences we gained in lockdown and encourage those with similar interests to use online to communicate to plan events and activities which they can attend and support each other and share expertise and experience and turn Rovers from a section which exists locally into one which encourages collaboration amongst members no matter where they are located.

Another hope is to link in with causes external to Scouting Ireland to assist Rovers in completion in awards which will benefit them in employability, access to tertiary education courses

or gain life skills which they will use inside and outside their scouting career.

The team has linked in with groups hoping to open a new Rover Section and discussed what resources they would see as key to their preparation of a successful opening of a new section including a "First 8 Weeks" document, how a Rover section functions and makes decisions and how they interact with their Group, county, etc.

The team aided the Explorer Belt Project Team and worked with them to see where they require help, as well as what the participants felt are areas where the award could be improved to make it more suitable for the objectives it aims to achieve. From this we are hoping to reach out to other award and event teams to see where we can assist them. In discussion with other sections, we share the passion to encourage a clear path that members are encouraged to take regarding events to participate in to build their skills and prepare for large awards such as the Explorer Belt or completion of Rover Chief Scout Award.

Many issues faced by young people today have been discussed by the membership and the team feel it important that they take an active part in assisting a solution to these through their work as Scouts. For this reason, a dedicated member for Empowerment and Equality has been chosen whose focus is to work with members and teams to provide input and assistance where required as well as finding ways to tie it into our program or provide opportunities for Rovers to participate

in projects. All members on the team have been given an area of focus including Program, Development, Communication & Events and are all working away on tasks in relation to these.

As Rover Scouts exist in Scout Groups as well as University Clubs & Societies, we have been working in improving relationships between them and Scouting Ireland to allow

us to support each other as well as share resources and encourage activities to be open to all. Work in going on in the background to build a team to oversee this and providing them a seat on the support team has begun. This team is hoping to expand in future as areas of improvement are identified but currently plans to advertise for 2 more members in the works.

Rover Scout Support Team



SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainable Scouting Team

Our mission is to increase awareness of and participation to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across our membership. The aim of this programme is to ensure that Scouting Ireland is at the forefront and trendsetters in society in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and overall creating a positive impact on the world around us.



The project team is at a third phase. The first phase was hampered by Covid. Understanding constraints and SI member needs the team pivoted to develop and roll out 'Sustainable Scouting from Home 2021' (#SSFH21). The program was completed by more than 3,000 youth members and Scouters.

With that momentum we issued an Open Call in August to find new members to create and steer new projects. Our current form is broken into four projects. Our focus is on awareness, participation and example. We divided the scope of the projects into People and Planet.

Projects 1 & 2

Projects 1 & 2 are designing training and awareness programs to develop an appreciation of the human elements of the SDGs such as equality, health and wellbeing, among youth members (1) and scouters (2). These projects are led, by youth members.

Project 3

Project 3 – the planet project is developing new program to engage youth members with the planet. The resources will focus on interaction and promotion of nature above and below water. The first program will be a national community clean up in April 2022. The event will align to Earth Clean Up month.

Project 4

Project 4 takes a different approach to the Planet pillar. The team, made up mostly of industry experts, are exploring carbon production across Scouting Ireland, how to reduce energy consumption and creating public facing examples of sustainable infrastructure across Scouting Ireland sites.

At the same time we are finishing some projects from phase 1 including awareness of Sustainable Scouting in our Dens.



DIVERSITY

Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Team Projects

The aim of the Diversity, Equality & Inclusion team will be to provide advice and support to keep equality & inclusion at the heart of Scouting. The team will support the development of a new policy for equality & inclusion along with supporting documents to implement the policy. The Team will also act as an advisory body for the technical support of other teams within the department but outside the department.

Our aim is

- To develop a new policy for Equality & Inclusion and supporting documents to implement the policy using the 8 steps to Inclusive Youth Work.
- To collate suitable resources to raise the awareness of Equality & Inclusion in Scouting.
- Develop Equality & Inclusion Youth Programme resources.

- To identify opportunities for members of Scouting Ireland to get involved in.
- To support other teams in being more inclusive.

While we are currently working together with the NYCI on the “8 Steps to Inclusive Youth Work”, there are three projects that we are currently working on. These are as follows:

Community Survey- Understanding External Barriers to getting involved in Scouting

Currently members of the DEI Team are creating a survey which we hope will help us identify the main and lesser known barriers that exist for non-members who wish to join Scouting Ireland. We also want to identify if the membership of a Scout group reflects that of the make-up of their local community. Once we have completed this we can then start to look at how we can go about breaking down some of these barriers to entry for new potential members. We are excited to see how

we can help widen our reach into non- traditional Scouting communities whilst helping groups to become more reflective of the communities they are in.

Disability Awareness Campaign International Day of Disabilities 3rd December

We are currently liaising with all Programme Sections with the aim of developing resources for all sections to increase awareness of disability issues culminating in a mapping of disabled friendly locations in each group's locality. This is to coincide with International Day of Disabilities on the 3rd December. The purpose of this activity is to have scout groups/ sections undertake activities that gather information about accessible parking, pavement ramps and buildings open to the public in their local community. The activity will run till late January 2022 to enable scheduling of activities within sections and take into account the Christmas break

Access All Areas Audit

We are currently working on a survey for Groups to identify the facilities they currently have and the barriers they may present to members that have disabilities. The aim is to liaise with the owners to see what improvements they may make. Our goal is to improve the environment of activities held by Scouting Ireland nationwide and to be as inclusive as possible to those with physical disabilities but also make members aware of the obstacles that members with disabilities might face.



During our short time as a team, we have identified other areas that we would like to work on. In time, we hope to grow our team and we welcome any ideas and suggestions from members on areas they would like to see addressed or assisted with.

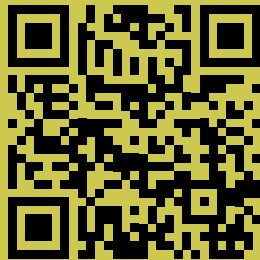


NYCI COURSES



The National Youth Council of Ireland provide a collection of training courses related to all aspects of working with youth. The audience for these courses will be across the wider spectrum of the youth sector.

Your section leaders or members of your Venture and Rover Sections might be interested in exploring their website to discover interesting and relevant courses and workshops that in turn will improve the programmes we offer to young people



NYCI Training Workshop Webpage

NATIONAL SCOUT CENTRES AND LOCAL CAMPSITES

Scouting Ireland has an extensive network of County and Local campsites. There are over 25 spread throughout the Island of Ireland and this number is constantly on the increase. Every campsite whether owned and operated nationally or locally is made operate to an exacting standard of excellence. Scouting Ireland directly supports four National Scout centers - Larch Hill, Lough Dan, Killaloe and Castle Saunderson.

Campsites are our playgrounds and vital for the implementation of the Scout programme. During Covid some Scout Groups were able to use these facilities and now with the relaxation of restrictions they will be looking forward to an active season of Scout adventure and challenge.

Our campsites provide Scouts with a safe environment to participate in some of the outdoor elements of our Programme. Some of the campsites provide indoor accommodation in addition to their camping areas.

A lot of them provide a varied range of activities on site, including kayaking, rock climbing, archery, orienteering and so much more.

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