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1. TRAVELLING ABROAD – OBTAINING VISAS FOR THE UK

Members of many NSOs have encountered difficulties in the past obtaining visas to travel abroad to attend legitimate Scouting events.

While the ultimate decision whether or not to grant a visa lies with the appropriate government authorities in the country to be visited, there are some general principles which, if followed, will normally facilitate the process. The Chief Executive of WAGGGS, acting on behalf of the Alliance of Youth CEOs, recently met with senior officials for the immigration authorities in the UK to discuss specific concern, which have arisen with respect to attendance at events in that country.

Circular No 10 gives tips on applying for a visa:

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0610visas_e.pdf

The following links are useful when applying for a visa.

<http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk>

<http://www.medivisa.net>

<http://www.eurovisa.info>

2. ANNUAL REPORT 2006 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Circular No.5/2006 was distributed recently and contained a request for information on your census figures and the list of contacts in your NSO.

To progress the work identified at the Conference and provide appropriate support to NSOs, the World Scout Committee has set up sub-committees and task forces to work on items related to the strategy for the current triennium to 2008.

Please fill out the questionnaire which requests information from NSOs in areas related to the work of the sub-committees and task forces. Your answers will help them to more accurately target the support which they will provide.

The questionnaire may be completed by an individual Scout Association or by a Federation, whichever is considered to be most appropriate. Please return the completed forms to the World Scout Bureau as soon as possible- in no case later than 30 June 2006. They can be emailed to worldbureau@world.scout.org

To see Circular No 11 in full click below:

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0611AR_e.pdf

3. THE STRATEGY FOR SCOUTING

The World Scout Conference in Tunisia adopted Resolution 8/2005 relating to the Strategy for Scouting which:

- 'adopts the process, outlined in Conference Document 6B: The Strategy for Scouting- Setting Targets and Measuring Impact, to measure progress in the Strategy for Scouting through setting targets and measuring the impact in society.'

Circular No 12 has been sent in the last ScoutPak and requires the person who is responsible for managing the strategy in your NSO to respond. It is important that he or she reads the information sheet first and then provides answers for the targets identified in strategic planning and all the strategic priorities. The information which you provide will give an indication of how work on the strategy is progressing and it will help WOSM to measure the impact of the strategy in 2008.

To see Circular No 12 in full click below:

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0612stratarg_e.pdf

At the recent meeting of the World Scout Committee, members also spent time agreeing the targets which set out the support that will be provided to NSOs and identifying some actions relating to the work of the World Scout Committee and World Scout Bureau to make sure that each is working efficiently and effectively. These targets were then adopted by the Committee in their meeting.

NSOs are encouraged to use the Centenary of Scouting strategically, focusing on actions which will support their development.

A document setting out all the targets for all the strategic priorities will be prepared and distributed

to NSOs in the coming months. A full report on the impact of the strategy will be prepared for the World Scout Conference in Korea, 2008.

4. NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE WORLD SCOUT BUREAU, ARAB REGIONAL OFFICE

In agreement with the Arab Regional Scout Committee, Eduardo Missoni has appointed Dr. Atif Abdelmageed Abdelrahman Ahmed, from Sudan, as new Regional Director of the World Scout Bureau, Arab Regional Office.

Atif is 43 years old, married with two children, and is well known both personally and professionally throughout the Arab Scout Region and beyond. He has attended and/or organised and run several national, regional and international Scout events.

He is a medical doctor by profession. He also holds a certificate in International Law & Economical Multi-Sectoral Relations, a Masters degree in Disaster Management and Refugees as well as other diplomas in Emergency Medicine, Humanitarian Action and Tropical Health.

We are certain that Atif will capitalize on the work achieved so far and will have the necessary ambition and able leadership to further strengthen Scouting in the Arab Region while looking for excellence in the management of our Arab Regional Office.

World Scouting wishes Atif every success in his endeavors and happiness in his new position.

To see Circular No 13 in full click below:

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/0613AR_director_e.pdf

5. THE MILLENNIUM CAMPAIGN

Following their partnership agreement signed in April 2005, WOSM and the UN Millennium Campaign have produced a joint letter identifying ways World Scouting can contribute to the Millennium Campaign.

NSOs can help strengthen this global partnership by supporting the Campaign and adopting the Scouts of the World Award as part of their programme for the Rover Section.

We look forward to your cooperation to reach the objectives of the Millennium Campaign.

PLEASE NOTE: Circular No 14, which was mailed in the latest ScoutPak, has been printed with a factual error. It states that the MOU signed between WOSM and the Millennium Campaign was signed in April 2004, when in fact it was April 2005. Apologies for any confusion caused by this mistake.

To read the correct Circular No 14 (including a list of national and regional Millennium Campaign partners) click below

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0614MDG_e.pdf

6. UPDATED FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS LIST 2006-2011

An updated version of forthcoming international events has been sent out in the ScoutPak and can also be found at <http://www.scout.org>. Accompanying the list is a form to be filled out if there are any events

that have since been planned so they can be added to the list.

7. EDUCATIONAL METHODS COMMITTEE

The Educational Methods Committee, established by the World Scout Committee following the Conference in Tunisia, comprises around 60 volunteers from the various regions of World Scouting. The Core Team of this Committee met for the first time on 27-28 April 2006, in Geneva. Gualtiero Zanolini chairs this Committee, supported by Ana-Elisa Piubello as Vice-Chairman. Both Gualtiero and Ana-Elisa are members of the World Scout Committee.

The Committee advises the World Scout Committee in the fields of youth programme and adult resources, supports the educational programme of World Scout events and provides guidance on research and development. Five task teams have been established to progress work in the following areas:

Adolescents and Young Adults – task team chaired by João Armando Gonçalves, Portugal

Adult Volunteers, task team – chaired by Maeliosa de Buitlear, Ireland

Education for All – task team chaired by Peter Blatch, Australia

Spiritual Development – task team chaired by Jean-Pascal Diame, Senegal

Environment Education – task team chaired by Mark Shephard, Australia

Each of the task teams comprises a network of volunteers with knowledge and expertise on the different topics.

Members of the Core Team include: John May (UK), Marie Nakano (Japan), Mustafa Salem (Libya), Dr Bruce Trefz (USA), Craig Turpie (Youth Advisor) and Tamara Shukakidze who is a link with the Strategy Task Force.

The agenda of the first meeting included discussions on the following topics:

- the working methods and the challenge of working predominately through the internet

- the development of a global plan for all the work in Educational Methods

- co-ordinating with the work and current priorities in each of the Regional Offices

- an update on the plans for the Centenary for Scouting, with particular emphasis on the educational aspects of the various elements of the celebrations

- information on the educational dimension of large projects which have the potential to receive external funding

- a discussion on communications – both within the teams and with the Movement

Members of the Committee have already been involved in preparing and delivering the International Seminar on Youth Programme Development which took place recently in the Maldives and the second World Scout Interreligious Symposium which took place recently at the Fo Guang Shan Temple, Kaoshiung, Taiwan.

8. VACANCY – MANAGER, STRATEGIC PLANNING UNIT

There is a vacancy in the World Scout Bureau Central Office (Geneva) for the post of Unit Manager, Strategic Planning Unit. The post involves supporting a planning process to produce a triennial plan for all Offices of the World Scout Bureau, managing the information received in the process of monitoring and evaluating the strategy and supporting the work of the Strategy Task Force and Membership Development Task Force. The job description is available on <http://www.scout.org> and applications from non-Europeans and women are particularly welcome.

9. PROMISING PRACTICES IN ALGERIA AND PAKISTAN

Scouts Musulmans Algériens

Scouting in Algeria has put a strategy in place to help it build on its strengths and focus on achieving growth over the next 10 years. The strategy covers all aspects of Scouting: the programme for young people, support for volunteers who are the backbone of the Movement, developing institutional capacity and finances and communication. The full story is set out in the Promising Practice 'Strategy for Growth in Scouts Musulmans Algériens'.

http://www.scout.org/strat/docs/pp6algeria_e.pdf

Boy Scouts in Pakistan support girls' education

40,000 Scouts in Balochistan have joined forces with UNICEF to help improve the situation for girls in one of the least developed regions of the Pakistan. Scouts have been trained to help local communities understand the importance of educating girls. This result has been an increase in the female literacy rate, an increase in the immunisation rate and a reduction in diseases caused by a lack of hygiene. The full story is set out in the Promising Practice 'Boy Scouts in Pakistan support girls' education'.

http://www.scout.org/strat/docs/pp3pakistan_e.pdf

10. AFRICA REPORT

Major (Rtd) Kinuthia Murugu, 44, Regional Director, World Scout Bureau-Africa Regional Office in Nairobi, has been appointed by H.E.Mwai Kibaki, The President of the Republic of Kenya, to the position of Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Youth Affairs of Kenya.

This is a new exciting and challenging position for Kinuthia and we wish him all the best in his new assignment. A tribute by the World Organization of the Scout Movement to Kinuthia can be viewed at <http://www.scout.org/front/news.shtml>

Jacobs leadership project launched in Seychelles & Angola

The Youth Leadership Development Project for Africa Scout Region, was launched in the Seychelles Scout Association during the last week of February and in Angola on 4th to 8th May 2006.

The project will run for the next 18 months and the Scout Association of Angola has planned for a 50% growth through programmes and activities within

that time. The project is implemented by National Scout Associations in Africa, with coordination from the World Scout Bureau, Africa Regional Office and financial support from the Jacobs Foundation in Switzerland.

To learn more about the Jacobs Foundation visit:

<http://www.jacobsfoundation.org>

Africa Region Website:

<http://www.scout.org/africa/>

11. 2ND WORLD INTERRELIGIOUS SYMPOSIUM

The 2nd World Interreligious Symposium took place in Taiwan on 5-8 May, where participants were welcomed by Venerable Master Hsing Yun, founder of the Fo Guang Shan temple.

90 leaders from National Scout Organizations and Scout Religious Alliances (CPGS, DESMOS, ICCS, IFJS, IUMS, WBSB, Won Buddhism), from 15 countries, came together near Kaoshiung to reinforce the value of Scouting as an institution promoting interreligious dialogue. The World Scout Interreligious Symposium is an event organised every three years with the aim of fostering co-operation and understanding between Scouts from various denominations. The vision of Scouting is that spirituality should bring people together instead of dividing them, in order to work together for a better world.

The theme of this 2nd World Scout Interreligious Symposium – "Together for Harmony and Peace" – is particularly significant in today's world.

During the four days, the participants were invited to develop better mutual knowledge and understanding of others; to clarify the links between religions and the social impact of Scouting; and to identify methods for better spiritual development in Scouting through the exchange of experiences and educational and training tools.

12. PEACE PROJECTS: LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE

Scouts from El Salvador, Hong Kong, Ireland, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia and South Africa were brought together recently to analyse their Gifts for Peace projects in order to share their learning and success with others.

These six Associations have been running successful projects in their countries for a great number of years, and whilst the projects are very different, they have much in common. Each association has identified a problem in their society and managed to tackle it face on through Scouting. They have all encountered problems and overcome them to make a real difference to the lives of the Scouts and young people in their countries.

The Associations worked together with an external facilitator and support from the World Scout Bureau to extract the useful learning from their projects so that other Scout Organizations can learn from their experiences. The event was only possible due to a most generous donation from the King of Saudi Arabia, to whom we are most grateful. The follow up work will consist of a report as well as peace models

and adult training materials. The in-depth details of these projects will also supplement the content of the Gifts for Peace database/website which is currently under construction.

For more information on the projects being undertaken by these key National Scout Organizations, please see the news article on <http://www.scout.org>

13. SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL GIFTS FOR PEACE PROJECTS

The Gifts for Peace centennial initiative has received a great deal of support from the King of Saudi Arabia, who has donated money to support this key programme for our Centenary of Scouting. The 2007 Sub-Committee allocated financial assistance to be distributed directly to six key national Gifts for Peace projects. The following Scout Organizations will receive support following an open call for projects:

- Malawi (Africa Region) - a project working with street children, other vulnerable and marginalised children and focusing on fighting HIV/AIDS
- Namibia (Africa Region) - a project to combat domestic violence and the abuse of women and children
- Egypt (Arab Region) - a project to educate and promote understanding and awareness of child labour.
- Pakistan (Asia-Pacific Region) - a project to support the reconstruction and rehabilitation in the areas of Pakistan that were affected by the major earthquake in October 2005, working with others to provide emergency relief aid and leading health awareness campaigns.
- Russia (Eurasia Region) - a project reaching out to under-privileged children, in particular orphans, physically handicapped children and street children.
- Slovenia (European Region) - a project to actively promote peace education in Slovenia, and especially in the border areas with neighbouring countries such as Croatia, through workshops and key activities.

In total, over thirty projects applied for this financial assistance and the 2007 Sub-Committee was very impressed with the very high quality of the projects and the issues that they are dealing with. For more information on the Gifts for Peace see <http://www.scout.org/giftsforpeace/index.shtml.en>

14. REUNION FOR 1957 JAMBOREE ATTENDEES 27 JUL - 5 AUGUST 2007

All former Scouts, Rovers and Leaders who participated in the 1957 World Scout Jamboree, Indaba and Moot at Sutton Coldfield are invited to return to the UK in the summer of 2007, for a trip "down memory lane".

"Reunion 57" will offer opportunities to meet old friends from around the world, visit the 1957 Jamboree site at Sutton Park, and see how Scouting is flourishing today at the 21st World Scout Jamboree at Hylands Park and at Gilwell Park, the home of UK Scouting.

Based around a series of three-day coach tours in late July and early August 2007, Reunion 57 includes accommodation in colleges at Cambridge University and a gala dinner, and is being organised by Dave Andrews - a former Patrol Leader at the 1957 Jamboree.

For more information or to make a booking, visit <http://www.scouting2007.org/reunion57> or phone the UK Scout Information Centre at Gilwell Park on +44-20-8433-7100

15. TOWARDS A FUTURE SCOUT.ORG / ON-LINE MEDIA CENTRE

As a result of the responses to the questionnaires on the new scout.org and the recruitment of a Unit Manager responsible for the development of the Web, the World Scout Bureau has been working since the beginning of this year on defining a new format for World Scouting communications on the Internet. This work has been carried out in two phases:

Phase 1: Intermediate solution of scout.org now online.

Phase 2: Opening of a new site, which will bring together all the Regional sites, the World Scout Foundation and the World Scout Shop from the beginning of October 2006.

This exercise is being coordinated by the Communications and Media section of the World Scout Bureau in cooperation with its Regional Offices.

The first phase includes an important step for the work with the media, which is the opening of a bilingual (English/French) On-line Media Centre. It includes among other things:

- updated press releases
- follow-up to press conferences
- access to press briefing files
- a complete list of media contacts in the headquarters and the Regional Offices of the World Scout Bureau
- a thematic photo gallery, including a key-word search facility
- a downloadable audio-visual library
- the communication package "Creating a better Image," entirely downloadable.

This area will be improved in the coming weeks until the unveiling of the new scout.org at the beginning of October 2006.

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- you will receive an email message to verify your address and asking you to confirm your request.