



Areas of Work

Educational Methods

The Lands of Adventure Activity Day, almost here...

8-9 March 2008, all around Europe on the Web

The Adventure Day around Europe for all LoA patrols is almost upon us! The Lands of Adventure Activity Day will take place on 8-9 March 2008.

There will be one task (a mini video clip of a Scout song in their language) to be completed on Saturday 8 or Sunday 9 of March 2008. Details will be available on the website on Friday 7th March after 7.00pm.

All LoA patrol members who complete the task will receive a LoA Day Pin from the WSB – European Regional Office.

Find out more at: www.loaday.landsofadventure.eu



RoverNet 3.0 for Rover Commissioners

From 3-6 April 2008, Commissioners for the last age section from associations all over Europe will come together at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre for the 3rd RoverNet meeting.

RoverNet3.0 is designed to help National Scout Associations fulfill their mission. The event will focus on:

- Creating a platform to share experiences on last age section in Europe
- Increasing knowledge of the best approach for the last age section
- Helping to enhance the quality of the service provided by Rover Commissioners

RoverNet 3.0 is the ultimate event for Rover Commissioners who want to share and learn and develop tools together.

More details, including application forms for this event will reach International Commissioners in February 2008.

Agora

Agora is an event for Rovers, run by Rovers, that will take place in Kandersteg International Scout Centre from 3-6 April 2008. Agora will be a dynamic force - bringing together, enlightening and empowering young people from all parts of Europe.

This event is a follow-up on the success of 'Dare to Dream', a similar event in 2007 with great results for all who took part. Two Rovers from each National Scout Association in Europe are invited to attend. Invitations will be sent to International Commissioners in February 2008. More details are also available here: www.rovernet.eu.

Relationships and Funding

New Youth in Action Guide

A new version of the Youth In Action Programme Guide, valid as of 1st January 2008, to replace the older version is now available.

The Programme Guide is a tool to participate in the Youth in Action Programme. It includes the necessary information about the priorities, actions and main features of the Programme as well as the criteria and conditions on how to participate.

If you are planning to submit an application for funding, it is a good idea to read the Guide carefully in order to understand the Programme's objectives and criteria, and to identify the types of projects that are supported by the Programme.

The new version is currently available in English only. You can find the Guide and future translations in all other official languages here,

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.htm

Of course the Youth in Action is not the only instrument available to support youth participation and Scouting. If you would like to learn more please contact mwalker@scout.org.

External Funding Unit Meeting

22-25 November 2007 in KISC, Switzerland

The newly established External Funding Unit had its first meeting at Kandersteg on 22nd to 25th November 2007. During the meeting the Unit's aim and its functions were defined as well as the working methods.

The principal aim is to support NSOs in enabling them to attract funds from various sources. In order to achieve this, support will be provided on awareness raising, assessment tools and methods to develop a competitive advantage.

The Unit will work with NSOs to achieve this by:

1. A *clearing-house function* providing information, communicating success and failure stories and facilitating a web-based open space for networking and alerts of upcoming opportunities.
2. A *support function* providing direct support to interested NSOs through varied means (tailored, clustered and peer support as well as seminars/workshops).

More details of this support follow in the coming months. In the meantime please feel free to contact

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Africa-Europe Youth Summit
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Euro-Africa Youth Summit

5-7 December 2007 in Lisbon, Portugal

The 2nd Africa-Europe Youth Summit took place in Lisbon (Portugal), from 5-7 December 2007.

It was a historic bringing together of 250 youth representatives from Europe and Africa and 60 observers, representing governments, regional and international organisations and the media. All committed to exploring how better Europe and Africa can co-operate.

They produced a final declaration; www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/Youth/Youth_Summit/Final_Declaration_YouthSummit_en.pdf which was delivered to the 2nd EU-Africa Heads of State Summit (8 – 9 December 2007).

Tom Kievit (*Scouting Nederland and the North-South Network*) represented the European Region and was joined by Scout and Guides, (mostly representing their National Youth Council) from Romania, the Czech Republic, Finland, South Africa, France, Germany, Portugal, the Netherlands, Italy, Madagascar, Burundi, the Central African Republic and Sweden.

Eight themes of greatest concern to young people in Africa and Europe were covered during the summit:

- Employment
- Migration and mobility
- Good governance and democracy
- Peace and conflict
- The Millennium Development Goals
- The environment and climate change
- Globalisation
- World Trade

The fact that many Scouts and Guides participated illustrates the deep commitment Scouting has to international solidarity and partnership. The Marrakech Charter provides the framework for this partnership while the North-South Network (www.northsouth-network.net) provides a forum for NSOs to share experience and best practice.

If you would like to know more about the Summit please contact Giuseppe Porcaro giuseppe.porcaro@youthforum.org.

A Handbook for Democracy

The Council of Europe Directorate of Culture has recently presented a handbook on values for life in a democracy. You might find it a useful handbook for training citizenship and participation:

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/Source/Aware/Identities/PLB_E.pdf

For more info contact Georg Boldt, georg@obessu.org.

Committee Contacts

Steering Group

The Steering Group of the European Scout Committee met in Nicosia, Cyprus, from 4-6 January. The agenda covered a number of items including preparations for the Kandersteg Weekend when volunteers working on behalf of the European Scout Region will meet together. In addition, the Steering Group discussed the Governance of WOSM and possible Regional actions before, during and after the next World Scout Conference.

Importantly, the Regional Scout Plan 2007-2010 was finalised and it was agreed to circulate via the next Europak.

Together with the Steering Committee of the Europe Committee WAGGGS, the Co-ordinating Group met on Saturday afternoon and finalised the joint actions that will be delivered through the respective regional plans of both WOSM and WAGGGS.

The WOSM Teams, Groups and Units will meet with the WAGGGS Working Groups for a joint session at Kandersteg International Scout Centre on Saturday, 26 January. Although much work has already been done, this gathering will be an important step forward in connecting people from both WOSM and WAGGGS and will help to redefine the practical process of doing joint work.

Field Visit to Latvia

Craig Turpie, Committee Contact for Latvia, visited Riga over the weekend of 11-13 January and met with various representatives of the Latvian association as part of a joint mission.

Rosemary Hindle and Evgenia Beliakova from the Europe Region WAGGGS were present, as was Dieter De Court from Belgium who has agreed to assist in the mentoring of the association's development.

Joint Visit to Israel

David McKee visited the Israel Boy Scout and Girl Scout Federation with Heather Roy from 4 – 9 December 2007 to renew contacts and build further understanding of the programmes operated. A lot of intercultural work is done at leader and young leader level, which provides for greater understanding and commitment to peace.

Relationships within the Federation are cordial and there is a lot of mutual support in what, for many, could be a challenging environment.

Heather and David will now prepare detailed recommendations to share with the Regions and the Federation to ensure that relationships can expand and experiences be shared.

Life of the Movement

2008 Jamboree in Quebec

The 400th Anniversary of the Quebec Foundation coincides with the 50th Anniversary of the Scouts of St-Loise-de-France. This rare occasion appeared to be an excellent opportunity to help as many people as possible come and visit our city and our Scout groups. We have invited 200 Pioneers (girls and boys between 14-17 yrs old) from all over the French-speaking area to a big Jamboree where we wish to underline French in America.

The Jamboree will spread over a period of twelve days, from 4-15 August inclusive. All of the activities will have the same goal, to permit each participant to open up to the cultures of each other.

For the closing ceremony, all the Scouts of the Quebec Region will gather together, the official activities will then be determined for the last celebration day. Afterwards, the groups will then go back to their respective countries.

To celebrate 400 years of history by offering an opening on the world to young people full of initiative is a strong investment for the future, a first positive step towards the next 400 years. Join us for this unique event, 400 years can only be celebrated once!

To contact the organising committee, write to; jamboree400quebec@yahoo.com or check out their website at: <http://qeocities.com/jamboree400quebec>

Management of the Region

With a New Year, I am pleased to send you the best wishes of the entire team – staff and volunteers – and hope that in this second century of Scouting we can move

forwards to meet the challenges that a new year, a new century and new situations may bring.

Part of the changes in the Office has been the resignation of Blaise Bachmann after 8 years dedicated service to the Region. Blaise will have been known to many of our readers as the administrator of the Centenary Fund, as the promoter of Small Projects of the European Foundation, as an organiser of Finance Workshops or simply when you paid regional fees. I am sure we all wish Blaise, Anne-Sophie and Gael well as they await a new arrival this month, and particularly wish Blaise well in his new role working for the State of Geneva in the Youth Department following issues of health with young people.

I am pleased also to announce the appointment of Annemarie Khetib as my new Director of Administration and Finance. Annemarie most recently worked for a local theatre as its administrator, but has a wide experience with Christie's International and others. Annemarie is married with two grown-up daughters and she lives in Anières, a village on the outskirts of Geneva. Annemarie joined us on 10 December 2007 and has been gathering together as much information of the finances and administration of the Region, spending a few days with Blaise before he formally left on 31 December. I am sure that you will all join me welcoming Annemarie to the team. Her email is: akhetib@scout.org

David McKee, Regional Director

Reminders and Deadlines

Eurosea 9

5-11 May 2008 in Larch Hill, Ireland

Deadline: 31 March 2008

Sponsorship for the 38th World Scout Conference and the 10th World Scout Youth Forum

14-18 July 2008 in Jeju Islands, Korea

Deadline: 31 March 2008

Useful Information

Europak: <http://www.europak-online.net>

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